

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 5

From the Principal's Pen

11th May 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY ITEM

Mrs Garvey's Year 3 class were wonderful ambassadors for Mother's Day reminding us through their poems and song of how special our Mothers are to us all. Sweet singing with words about Mothers' being a friend and companion, being there for me and someone I can depend upon touched our hearts and brought a tear or two. Delightful Mothers' Day love poems from the children, sincere and beautifully composed, completed this Assembly item. Thank you Year 3 for your item and for conducting the Assembly so confidently.

STEM

On Friday May 8th selected children from Year 6 attended a special workshop organised by Mr Geoff Chambers from Esperance Primary School on STEM (a combination of science, technology, engineering and maths.)

TERM 2

Term 2 is well underway with students settling into the busy term, focussing on positive goals and targets to make improvements in their learning. Year 3 and 5 children are particularly focussed with NAPLAN testing in literacy and numeracy on the agenda for this week.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chairperson Mr Les Crawley welcomed members to the meeting. Agenda items included a report on the school's termly SMART targets from Mr Laurie Palmer, 50th Anniversary plans update, Line of Enquiry update and National Quality Standards update. Swimming costs were discussed and clarified, with requests for details to be placed in the newsletter.

Next meeting, members will be discussing the Chaplaincy position now available as a result of funding from The Department of Education and will be informed of the report from the Line of Enquiry.

SWIMMING COSTS

There has been some variation of costs originally published in the contributions list for parents. The cost for swimming is as follows: Pool entry \$45.00 and bus fare \$13.50. Total cost \$58.50. Students with a pool pass pay \$13.50 only. The actual cost of the swimming lessons is free as wages for swimming teachers are paid by the Department of Education. There will be a Faction Swimming Carnival held with no extra costs as 6 lanes will be used instead of 8. Spectators at swimming lessons and the swimming carnival will pay an entry fee of \$1.00.

CULTURAL EVENT

Constable Care will be visiting Castletown on Thursday May 28th presenting two shows to students from K-3. The performance is free. The theme is on pedestrian, road and bike safety which will reinforce road rules and safety for our younger students.

FUN RUN NEWS

The Fun Run was a great success with children participating actively in running as many times as possible around the oval in a set time. The sun came out to make the day rather special. The Fun Run is part of our Healthy Schools project with funds raised going to the Year 6 camp and sports equipment. We had many parents contributing their time cutting up the delicious fruit ready for our children at the end of the run. Thank you parents and special thanks to Mr Weckert for the superb organisation of the day.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

Thank you to our generous parents from Year 6 who donated items for the magnificent Mother's Day raffle. Another success story with a fantastic result of \$2,000.00 being raised. Many thanks to our hard working parents who sold the tickets. It wasn't so hard with such a beautiful raffle!

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Virtue for the Fortnight - Thankfulness

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Face book:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Castletown-Primary-School/303902659738629>

Or click on the link on the webpage.

Dates to Remember

Reminder!

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th May NAPLAN
 Monday 25th – Friday 29th May Book Fair Week
 Thursday 28th May ESHS Visit to CPS Year 6 Students



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 7th May 2015. Well done!!



EC1	Mikaela	Milou	
Room 00	Henco	Tabien	Hartley
Room 2	Xavier	Finlay	
Room 4	Logan	Lily	
Room 6	Cooper	Chloe	James
Room 9	Isabella	Taj	
Room 11	Landon	Harlan	
Room 15	Paige	Alanna	Shaquille

T & E Award – Room 9



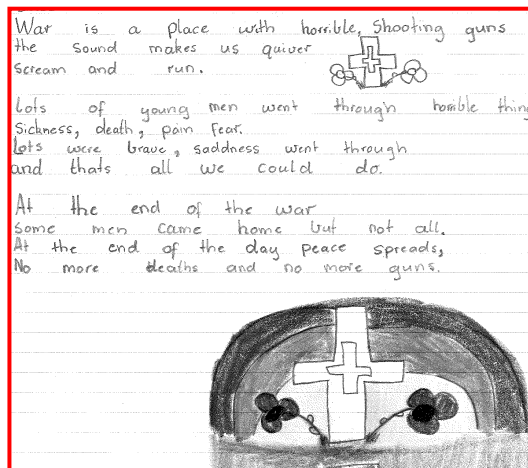
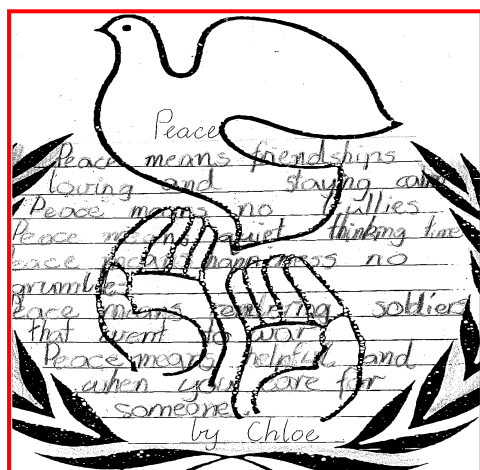
EC2	Bo	Keeley
Room 1	Jack	Jessica
Room 3	Taliah	Torin
Room 5	Nicholas	Izaak
Room 7	Poppy	Jayden
Room 10	Will	Ollie
Room 12	Darcy	Logan
Room 22	Stephen	Jake

Around the School.....

ANZAC Day Ceremony



ANZAC Poems by
Room 4
and
Room 6



BOOK FAIR – “Enter the Kingdom of Books” Book Fair will take place in the Library Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May. The hours are Monday to Thursday 8.15am – 3.30pm and Friday 8.15am – 1pm. Helpers are needed to make it a success.
Please contact Belinda Jones if you are able to help out on 0427 865 981.



**Congratulations to the following children who have read for 20 Nights:**

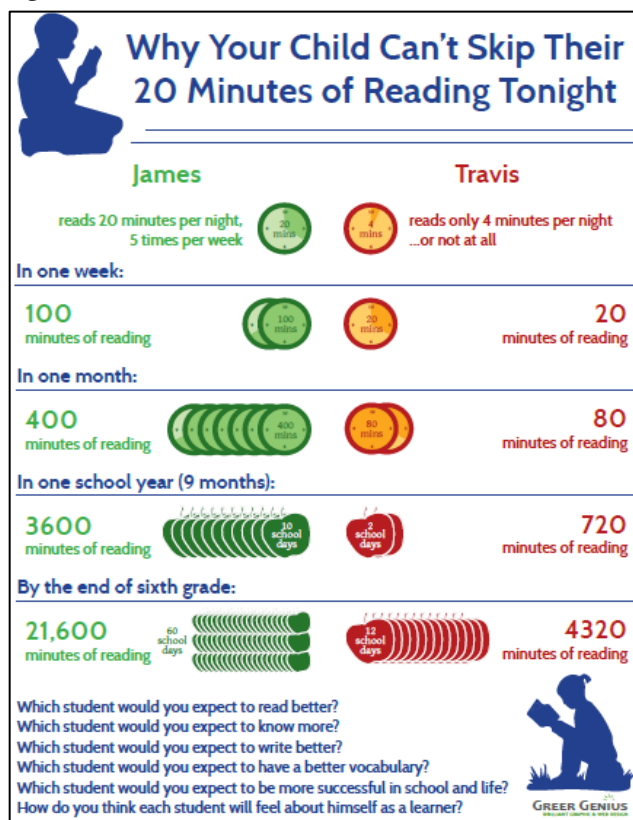
- Rm 2: Ryan, Lauren, Xavier, Christopher, Zahraa
 Rm 3: Sienna, Katelyn, Dylan, Blake, Matilda, Rhylan
 Rm 4: Sophie, Lily, Amber, Anella, George, Fraser, Andrew
 Rm 5: Ryan, Cayde, Emmalee, Spencer, Alexander
 Rm 6: Ryan, Hayley, Jackson, Tim, Alicia, TeAtaahua, Jack, Abby, James
 Rm 7: Seth, Jada, Teliah, Ella, Vaughan, Cambel, Rebecca, Jayme, Tahkiya, Jaxson
 Rm 9: Taj, Jaxon, Meela, Joshua, Cyrus, Tyler, A.J, Rustana, Bree, Joshua, Riley, Dane
 Rm 10: Makenzie, Harry, Evie, Will, Lauritz, Logan, Jai, Jake
 Rm 12: Chance, Bradley, Holly, Hamish
 Rm 15: Elle, Alanna, Paige, Tina, Isabelle, Jordan, Isha, Braden, Issy
 Rm 22: Riley, Holly

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 50 Nights

- Rm 2: Sydney, Brianna, Cherry, Holly
 Rm 3: Ruby, Bailey, Molly
 Rm 4: Lachie, Yasmin, Sophie, Eloise, Ellie, Tailah, George, Jaya, Fraser, Katie
 Rm 5: Taliah, Layne, Charlie, Alys, Izaak, Montanah
 Rm 6: Dylan, Cooper, John, Holly
 Rm 7: Bree, Alicia, Alicia, Poppy
 Rm 9: Coen, Jack
 Rm 10: Evie, Mia
 Rm 15: Paige, Ari, Riley
 Rm 22: Hayden, Xavier, Claire, Kyndra, Rosco

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights:

- Rm 2: Brianna, Cherry
 Rm 3: Bailey, Ruby
 Rm 4: Lachie, Sophie, Yasmin, Tailah, Eloise
 Rm 5: Taliah, Layne
 Rm 6: Cooper, Dylan
 Rm 7: Bree
 Rm 10: Emily

**Mother's Day Raffle**

Congratulations to the following winners of the Year 6 Fundraising Mother's Day Raffle.

- 1st – Amanda
 2nd – Stacey Sharpe
 3rd – G Bell
 4th – Kim Taylor
 5th – Kaylene
 6th – Paula Howell



CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER – A reminder to all Year 6 families that camp payment is due to the office no later than June 12th.

ABSENCES - The impact of persistent absences

Regular attendance is a learned behaviour. Children learn from an early age that punctuality and 'showing up' are expectations that people have of us in various social circumstances. When children engage in activities outside of school - such as sport, employment or even going to the movies - arriving on time is regarded as essential.

Attendance patterns are established in the early years of school. Disparities in attendance rates are carried into and become wider in secondary school. These patterns are evident in the early years of schooling and are established or set by Year 3.

Many parents hold the belief that children will not be adversely affected by missing school. Every day that your child misses school will have consequences for their learning and achievement.

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

The following highlights non-attendance over time. The cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling.

Days absent	Total days	Number of terms	Number of years missed
1 day / week	451	9	2yrs 1 term
3 days / week	1353	27	6yrs 3 terms
Ave 5 days per term	220	5.5	1yr 1.5 terms
Ave 10 days per term	440	11	2yrs 3 terms



WHAT IS THANKFULNESS?

It is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of our world. It is being aware of the wonderful things in your life.

WHY PRACTISE THANKFULNESS?

Thankfulness brings contentment. It helps you find the good things in whatever happens. Without thankfulness people can become negative. They wish things were different. They whine and complain when they don't have everything their own way. They envy other people. With thankfulness, we keep a positive outlook. We can see the good in our lives and in whatever happens.

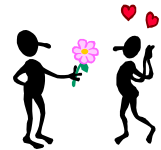
HOW DO YOU PRACTISE THANKFULNESS?

Being thankful is appreciation the things you have and the people you care about. Show your appreciation when someone does something kind for you. Focus on the good things about your life and count your blessings often. Even when things go wrong, you can be thankful if you find the lessons to be learned. Let others give to you. Expect the best in every situation.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **thankfulness** when you:

- Have an attitude of gratitude
- Are receptive to gifts and appreciations
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Appreciate the beauty of this world
- Count your blessings every day



"Every morning, when we wake up, we have 24 brand new hours to live. What a precious gift."

Thich Nhat Hanh

Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



SCHOOL CANTEEN
Volunteers are always needed
to assist in our Canteen.



Please contact Janice at the Canteen on phone 9071 3148

Remember to Crunch'n'Sip

Drink Water and eat 5 veg'n' 2 fruit each day for a healthy diet.

The Canteen proudly uses Brumby's preservative free bread.

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school
with food containing nuts or nut products.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents>

For more information please contact
Kate Derry at 6488 3259.



ESPERANCE SHS EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

PO BOX 695 PINK LAKE ROAD ESPERANCE WA 6450

Invitation to an Information Evening

The principals of the Education Support Centre would like to invite all interested parents and carers to join us for coffee and cake. We would love to share information with you regarding the wonderful educational opportunities we can provide to a child with a disability in the secondary years of schooling. We are happy to answer any questions you may have as you begin to consider the educational options available for your child.

Venue: Esperance SHS Education Support Centre
(Shared campus – Esperance Senior High School)

Time: 5:30pm Date: Wednesday, 13th of May, 2015

RSVP: 9071 9560



National Families Week

15-21 MAY 2015

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BUILDING - EXPLORATION & SHARING



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FRIDAY 15TH MAY

0-4 YRS & FAMILIES - 10-11.30AM

9-12 YRS - 3.30-5.00PM

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

5-8 YRS & FAMILIES - 2.00 - 3.30PM

1 GEORGE STREET, ESPERANCE
(CORNER OF BACKLAND STREET, ESPERANCE
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE)

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