NEWSLETTER CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 7

From the Principal's Pen

13th June 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our talented students from Year 2 in Mr Moss's class who delighted us with their assembly item, reciting a poem called "Alexander Beetle". Such a long poem, demanding concentration plus and yet all the students were able to remember all the words and tell us the story with enthusiasm and expression! The diction was excellent, so we heard every word clearly and concisely and were able to sympathise with poor Alexander Beetle in his travels and misfortunes. Beautifully decorated beetle heads made by the students added to the atmosphere of the item.

We also heard about WA Week and some important facts to remember. Most impressive was the fact the children conducted the assembly with confidence and maturity. Super stars all of you! Thank you for leading our assembly.

The whole school sang a WA Week song conducted by Mrs Stevens who ensured all the extras were added to make this a powerful reminder that we live in the great state of Western Australia with all its advantages. Thank you, Mrs Stevens, for your efforts to make the assembly very special.

Ministers' Visit

Year 6/7 students enjoyed a morning session with four State Cabinet Ministers at their student forum. Joining Castletown, we had the pleasure of Councillors from Condingup and their teacher for this special occasion. Students asked a range of questions of the Ministers who also gave background information of their particular portfolios and their roles. The Ministers were very impressed with our students and thoroughly enjoyed their time with them. Students learnt that being a Minister is available to everyone and that opportunities to become one are boundless.

Transition Visit

Teachers from Esperance Senior High School visited our Year 6/7 students this week to address them on Transition for 2015. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any points of concern. **Book Fair Success**

Thank you to all our parents and students who were able to support the recent Book Fair organised by Mrs Fiona Nadason and assisted by parent volunteers. It was a great opportunity to promote reading and love of books with such a spectacular display and array of books. Funds raised were \$5902 with \$2064 of books being apportioned to the school. What an amazing achievement! Thank you to our parents.

Pauline Grewar, Principal 2015 Enrolments – Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are now open. Current Kindergarten students who are attending Castletown Primary School for Pre-Primary in 2015 do not need to re-enrol. However, if you have had any change of details, please update these at the office. ***If your child is not attending in 2015, please let the office know as soon as possible***				
Dates to Remember	Monday 16 th June Thursday 19 th June Friday 20 th June Thursday 3 rd July Friday 4 th July	P&C Meeting 7pm Assembly (Rm 6) Swimming Carnival Yr 6-7 Uniform Shop closed Last day of Term 2		
EC 1, 2 & 5: 9071 7861 Website: <u>www.Castletown</u>	Ph: 9071 5599 Fax: 9071 4852 EC 3 & 4: 9071 7862 primaryschool.wa.edu.au book.com/pages/Castletown-Pri	2 Canteen: 9071 3148 Email: Castletown.PS@education.wa	a.edu.a	



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Or click on the link on the webpage.



Drink Water and eat 5 veg 'n' 2 fruit each day for a healthy diet. The Canteen proudly uses Brumby's preservative free bread.

WHAT IS COMMITMENT?

Commitment is Caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.

WHY PRACTISE COMMITMENT?

Without **commitment**, we just drift along, with no idea where we are going. We Change our minds. We give up easily if things get too hard. We break our word. We give up on people we Care about if they disappoint us or make a mistake. When we are **committed**, people Can Count on us to keep our promises. With **commitment** we Can achieve great things.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE COMMITMENT?

Commitment is thinking Carefully about what you want to do, deciding to do it, then giving it 100%, holding nothing back. You don't allow problems to stop you. You go the extra mile. You only make promises you can keep. Being a **committed** friend is Choosing your friends wisely, then sticking together through good times or bad. **Commitment** makes you trustworthy. It leads you to success.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising commitment when you.....

- Think before you make a promise
- Keep every agreement you make
- Make decisions confidently
- Go the extra mile
- Give 100% to everything you do
- Are faithful to people you Care about

Mrs Lesley Mather, Associate Principal

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was a huge success with \$5,902 worth of books sold during the week. As a result, our school will receive \$2,064 worth of books back from Scholastic.

Thank you to the parents who generously donated some books to our school, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Rachel McGrinder, Sally Cox, Jenny Sage, Deb Shearer, Alison Green, Belinda Jones, Melissa Longville, Pam Stewart, Marnie Fels, Treena Cook, Emma Green, Kiri Campbell and Leah Hodges who volunteered their time to help out with the Book Fair.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We hope you are enjoying reading your new books. Ordered books will be arriving soon.

Fiona Nadason, Book Fair Coordinator

CANTEEN HELPERS

If you would like to help in the canteen, please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen as soon as possible. We are a little short on helpers, so please think about putting your name on the roster. If you can help it would be great. You have fun, your kids love seeing their family in the canteen and you get a free lunch too!

Volunteers are required Monday to Friday between 9.30am and approx 12.45pm. You can volunteer for one, two or however many times you would like each term. Some people choose to come in on a weekly basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at the canteen, on 90713148.

Thank you.

Janice Spencer, Canteen Manager

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PREFERRED DAYS:		
TIMES PER TERM: weekly / fortnightly / one / two / three times	s per term (please circle)	







Last week on Thursday the 5th of June, WA Day, councillors held rotation games and activities for all students such as bush crafts, boot throwing, knuckles and marbles plus more. All years from Kindy to Year 7 attended and had a great time. The students got to experience what games they played in the olden days. Many dressed up and it took us back in time. A massive thank you to everyone involved.

By Ruby Hodges, Room 1

EC5 and EC6 had fun dressing up on our WA Day and participating in hopscotch and oldfashioned games, old style dancing, making damper and hand washing clothes.







EC1 and EC2 are learning all about Australia. We have learnt about many Australian animals, such as echidnas, platypus, wombats and many more.

A lot of the children dressed up in olden day clothing to celebrate WA Week and we had many parents in to help us on the day. Mrs Weckert showed us lots of new dances and "Knees up Mother Brown" was a clear favourite!

This week EC1 and EC2 had a very exciting visitor to our classes. Mrs Locke brought an echidna in to show us. Thankyou Mrs Locke, it was the first time many children had seen a live echidna.



Wow, we have had an extremely busy term!

WANTED - Milk Bottle Tops

Room 3 are making class sets of games and would be very grateful for any recycled clean milk bottle tops. Any colour will be gratefully received. Please drop them to the office or Room 3. Thanking you.

Just a reminder...

WA Wee

Now that the cold and cough season is upon Us, I would encourage everyone to use the Breathe Blow Cough technique to help clear the airways, improve ventilation to the middle ear and perhaps lessen the risk or length of an ear infection.

Need more information. Check out these websites: kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/fact-sheets/ears/otitismedia...

www.rch.org.au > Kids Health Info Aussie Deaf Kids - www.aussiedeafkids.org.au or contact Ronnie Young Castletown Primary 90715599 mobile 0428714887

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Breathe Blow Cough

1. Empty your nose (with a tissue) Take a big breath. Blow through one nostril. Take a deep breath. Blow through the other nostril. Put the tissues in the bin. Keep blowing if you think you can clear your nose. 2. Have a big yawn Open your mouth wide and take a big, long breath. Breathe out slowly. 3. Empty your chest Take 5 deep breaths. Breathe air in. Cover your mouth and do 2 big coughs. 4. Wash your hands and face.

Finished. Ah that feels better!

