

# NEWSLETTER

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*INSPIRE, EDUCATE, SUCCEED*



Issue 8

From the Principal's Pen

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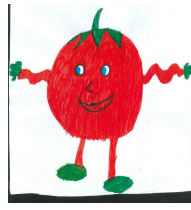
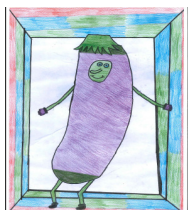
Dear Parents/Carers

### PERFORMANCE ENQUIRY REPORT

Mr Ken Perris, Goldfields Executive Director, has been visiting our school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss with the Administration Team the Enquiry Report into teaching and learning, and to support the planning and accountability process for sustainable improvement. Parents are encouraged to read this report on the school. The report is available through the office for viewing.

### ASSEMBLY ITEM

Congratulations to Ms Kidd's Year 4 class for their original song on "Castletown Primary's Vegetable Garden" in which we were all informed about the wonderful vegetables being grown in the garden such as onions, cauliflowers and carrots. The children have been weeding and dig, dig, digging, preparing beds and then planting their seedlings. This is a very exciting project which we are all watching with interest. The students have ideas of vegetables for the stew, but Mrs Spencer from the canteen might also have her eye on fresh vegetables for menus! Very impressive, tuneful and clear singing of the words to "Old MacDonald had a Farm." Dressed in appropriate gardening clothes, accompanied with their tools and colourful drawings of favourite vegetables as a background, made this item very popular and entertaining.



Year 3 students presented their "Out of This World" projects to the assembly. We were all amazed at the variation and range of projects, and the clever ideas students had brought to reality through technology. Congratulations to Year 3 students and thank you Mr Moss for your ever enthusiastic support and encouragement to our students with technology.



### STAFFING

Mrs Caroline McCallum has been appointed for the remainder of the year as support teacher in the Early Childhood and Junior years with literacy and numeracy. In the afternoons Mrs McCallum will resume our Accelerated Reading Program (evidence based reading mastery program) to support students in the middle school.

Mrs Taryn Linden has been appointed for the remainder of the year. In term 3 Mrs Linden will replace Mr Moss who will be on leave, and in term 4 Mrs Linden will be working with students on targeted programs in literacy and numeracy.

Mr John Sullivan has been appointed for the remainder of the year. Mr Sullivan will be supporting our students in the middle and upper grades.

Welcome to our three new staff members.

Virtue for the Fortnight - Flexibility

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Face book:

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

Or click on the link on the webpage.

## REPORTS

Reports will be issued to students on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Parents are encouraged to arrange interviews with their child's teacher if there are any concerns.

## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Recently, 12 students competed in the Interschool Cross Country events winning overall second place. We had some outstanding stars and champions, with two fastest times. Congratulations to all who participated and to Mr Weckert for his zest and energy supporting the team.

## YEAR 6 CAMP

We all wish our Year 6 students a happy and successful week long camp at Dwellingup and hope the weather is not too cold. Teachers have been preparing for the camp over an extended period of time to ensure students will have maximum benefit from the range of educational and social activities organised. We know our students will return with many stories to tell of their adventures.

## ECE BUILDING

The ECE building on the oval will be removed to a permanent site near the corner of the tennis courts within the next 10 weeks. The garden plans for this area will be on hold until the building is in place.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY

Esperance Primary School and Castletown Primary School have combined as Teacher Development Schools to present to the district sessions on Maths and English on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, first day back of Term 3. Castletown teachers will present in the afternoon concurrent sessions which will include Junior, Middle and Upper School presentations. The Canteen has kindly agreed to cater for lunch.

## DEBATING

Mrs Jill Fitzpatrick has recently worked with senior school PEAC on their debating skills. I was privileged to hear a wonderful debate from these children on "Students should be able to vote at age 12." Well done students.

*Pauline Grewar, Principal*



### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

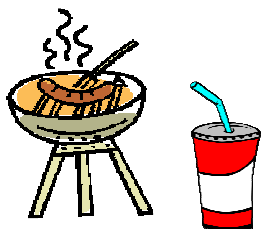
*Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Well done!!*



<b>EC1</b>	Benji	Mia		<b>EC2</b>	Holly	Rachel
<b>Room 00</b>	Sally	Anna	Monisha	<b>Room 1</b>	Rani	Amber
<b>Room 2</b>	Lauren	Madison		<b>Room 3</b>	Arabella	Max
<b>Room 4</b>	Ellie	Fraser		<b>Room 5</b>	Sydney	Layne
<b>Room 6</b>	Daphne	Jeremy	Holly	<b>Room 7</b>	Ella	Harrison
<b>Room 9</b>	Tamah	Aylah		<b>Room 10</b>	Emily	Harvey
<b>Room 11</b>	Ben	Druce		<b>Room 12</b>	Hayley	Taj
<b>Room 15</b>	Lachlan	Elle		<b>Room 22</b>	Rosco	Jarek
<b>T &amp; E Award</b>	Room 11					
<b>Sports Star Award</b>		Isaac	Jaya			



## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENT .....



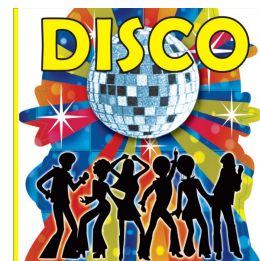
The Year 6 students are organising a disco to be held in the undercover area on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**.

Theme: Casual

Junior Disco (PP to Year 3)	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Senior Disco (Years 4,5,6)	6pm – 7.30pm

Cost: \$5 includes entry, sausage sizzle and drink  
OR \$2 entry, \$2 sausage sizzle, \$2 drink

**COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN**



### Dates to Remember .....



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 6 Camp students return approximately 4pm  
Disco  
Reports Home  
Last day of Term  
**First day back for students Term 3**



# Cross Country – Consistent Castletown Conquer Cross Country!!!

Last Friday, 12 students represented Castletown Primary at the Interschool Cross Country event, hosted by EACS at Twilight beach. The Boys and Girls teams were treated to near perfect conditions at the beautiful beach location, where the 2km course travelled over sand, footpath, beach and stairs. Although the teams were competing in the Primary School division (5 schools), they ran against High School students. This added to the nerves and excitement of the race. All of our runners performed well, running very consistent times. Overall, we placed second, behind Esperance PS, with both boys and girls teams second across the finish line. Juliette was our lead girl and she ran the fastest time of 9.03min in the Primary girls division, with Jordan 5th (9.32min). Kaden led the boys and finished with the second fastest time in the Primary division of 7.54min. Both Juliette and Kaden received medals for their efforts. Our students acquitted themselves well with little preparation. Special thanks to our parent helpers, Terri, Paula and Justin for getting the students to the venue and supporting throughout the race.

Mr Ashley Weckert



## Reading In Bed Is Terrific **RIBIT** The Home Reading Program

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

EC3 : Alby, Chloe, Emelia, Hayley, Jasper, Lachie, Lilly, Luke, Oliver, Rachel, Jazmin

Rm 3: Ruby, Imogen, Joel Rm 5: Jaiden Rm 6: TeAtaahua, Jeremy

Rm 9: Hayden Rm 10: Emily Rm 15: Tarelle

### Congratulations to the following children who have read for 50 Nights:

Rm 3: Imogen Rm 4: Thalia, Lilly

Rm 7: Rebecca, Teliah, Harrison Rm 9: Joshua, Tamati, Dane

Rm 10: Megan, Will, Sarah, Ashton

Rm 12: Liesl, Jake, Eden, Georgia Rm 22: Bailey, Riley

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

Rm 2: Cassandra Rm 3: Imogen, Seraya

Rm 7: Madison Rm 9: Lylah Rm 10: Makenzie, Mia, Harvey

Rm 22: Blayden, Hayden, Nate, Ben, Benjumen, Isaac

### Congratulations to the following children who have read for 100 Nights:

Rm 2: Aiden, Cassandra Rm 3: Seraya, Imogen Rm 4: Yasmin

Rm 5: Montanah Rm 6: John Rm 7: Isabelle Rm 9: Meela

Rm 15: Marissa, Ari, Riley, Paige Rm 22: Claire, Xavier, Kyndra, Blayden

### Congratulations to the following children who have read for 120 Nights:

Rm 3: Bailey Rm 4: Eloise, Katie, Tailah

Rm 5: Layne Rm 6: Cooper



### Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James	Travis
reads 20 minutes per night, 5 times per week	reads only 4 minutes per night...or not at all
<b>In one week:</b>	
100 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading
<b>In one month:</b>	
400 minutes of reading	80 minutes of reading
<b>In one school year (9 months):</b>	
3600 minutes of reading	720 minutes of reading
<b>By the end of sixth grade:</b>	
21,600 minutes of reading	4320 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?  
 Which student would you expect to know more?  
 Which student would you expect to write better?  
 Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
 Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?  
 How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?

**GREER GENIUS**



## THE VIRTUES PROJECT – FLEXIBILITY

### WHAT IS FLEXIBILITY?

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn't work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

### WHY PRACTISE FLEXIBILITY?

Without flexibility, people keep doing things the same old way when new ways are needed. They become rigid. They get angry and upset when things don't go their way and try and control others. When you are flexible, you adjust and adapt. You bend like a tree in the wind. You keep making positive changes.

### HOW DO YOU PRACTISE FLEXIBILITY?

When you practise flexibility you let go of bad habits and learn new ones. When you see a need for change, look inside and find the virtue you need. Then practise a little by little, day by day. Try new, creative ways to get things done. Accept the things you cannot change. Go with the flow. When you are flexible, you enjoy surprises.

### SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **flexibility** when you.....

- Learn from your mistakes
- Are willing to change bad habits
- Try imaginative new ways to do things
- Don't insist on always getting your own way
- Can adjust when something unexpected happens
- Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected



**Put some CRUNCH into the day!** Western Australian kids are not eating enough vegetables – with primary school aged children needing between 4 and 5 serves every day. Eating vegetables will benefit:

bones and joints	brain and nervous system	immunity	digestive system
heart and circulation	hydration	energy and metabolism	skin
vision	<b>AND they taste great!</b>		



Why not pack some fresh vegetables for Crunch&Sip? Try carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, snow peas, broccoli and cauliflower pieces, celery or cucumber.

[www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://www.crunchandsip.com.au)



**SCHOOL CANTEEN**  
**Volunteers are always needed**  
**To assist in our Canteen.**

Please contact Janice at the Canteen or phone 9071 31 48  
**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

### ESPERANCE DENTAL CLINIC

The dental therapy centre will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will be open Tuesday to Friday on both weeks of the school holidays. If you have an appointment during the holidays and are unable to attend please notify the clinic on 9071 1781. All appointments are now sent to the given home address. If you have recently changed address or would like to check the address that we have on record please give us a call.

As we are coming into cold and flu season parents/guardians are reminded that if your child has a cough, blocked nose, cold or is just unwell please call and reschedule their appointment.

We now accept the Medicare child dental benefits scheme, so if you have received a letter from Centrelink, please bring your Medicare card to your dental appointment. *Thanks, Belinda, Sue and Deb ☺*



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