

# NEWSLETTER

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 1 – Term 1

21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Councillors



**WELL DONE**

to our

**2018**

**School Leaders**

**Faction Captains**



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Dear Parents

We have had a very smooth and successful transition back to school and all look forward to an exciting, safe and happy 2018. To date we have enrolled 88 new students (including 67 Kindy) and farewelled about the same number (including 54 Year 6 students). Currently, we have 558 students enrolled. A very big welcome to all new families to the school.

Many thanks to all staff for the many hours worked to set up classrooms, realign resource centres, set out timetables and to be so well prepared for the start of the year. It really has been a smooth start.

Exciting things happening:

- French – Mrs Lee-Steere has commenced formal French lessons with all Year 3 students.
- Friday sport – each and every Friday we have timetabled sport for both Years 1 – 3 and the Years 4 – 6 students.
- 31 Applicants for Student Leader positions were received. The selection panel of Principal, Deputy Principal, School Board Chair and a parent representative on the School Board short listed 10 successful applicants. The Student Leadership group was selected from this process and will be formally announced at our first assembly. Many of the applications were outstanding and I thank every student who nominated and their parents for supporting them so well.
- New furniture for Rooms 6, 7 & 8 has been delivered and it looks terrific.
- Nominations for School Board positions becoming vacant have been called for. There are 5 vacant positions for parents with nominations closing at 3pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- We have had our first incursion. School Performance Tours presented 'Too Cool for Bullies'. This will complement the work we are doing to further develop resilience in a student cohort.
- Our new STEM room is set up and fully functioning. Mrs Fetherston is providing significant opportunities for students to use technology to both create and solve problems.
- Instrumental music is again being offered and a special room has been set up to both support students and the Instrumental Music teachers.

Staffing Update:

- Welcome to Miss Bertola teaching Year 1 in Room 9 and welcome back to Mrs Rose (Year 4 Room 2) and Mrs Maguire (PP on Wednesdays).
- Mrs Kidd and Mr Barter are on long service leave.
- Mr Palmer is on sick leave and currently so too is Mrs Ainsworth.

Assemblies:

- At Castletown Primary School, assemblies provide a valuable opportunity for our school community to come together to share, reflect and celebrate.
- Assemblies will be held fortnightly, alternating with Years 4-6 and P-3.
- Each class is afforded the opportunity to organise and present one assembly throughout the year.
- At a whole school assembly, at the end of each term, 2 x Outstanding Achievement Certificates will be presented for the most academically outstanding students in each class.

Attendance:

Attending school is very important for student success. Students with an attendance less than 90% are at risk. At each assembly we will acknowledge the class with the highest attendance rate for the period between each assembly. Also students with 100% attendance will be recognised at the whole school assembly each term.

## School Structure Term 1, 2018:

- Principal – Colin Brand
- Associate Principals – Lesley Mather, Ash Weckert, Teresa Brand (0.4)
- Administration – Stephanie Wierobieje, Sally Castledine, Katrina Palmer, Tania Barnes
- Year 6 – Mrs Garvey (Room 8) Ms Tonkin (Room 7)
- Year 5/6 – Mr Chamberlain (Room 6)
- Year 5 – Mrs Cartmill (Room 5) Mr Moore (Room 4)
- Year 4 – Mrs Coupar (Room 3) Mrs Rose (Room 2)
- Year 3 – Mrs Gow (Room 1) Ms Holthouse (Room 14) Mrs Ainsworth (Room 13)
- Year 2 – Mrs Callow (Room 12) Mrs Dixon (Room 10)
- Years 1/2 - Mrs Tolman (Room 11)
- Year 1 – Miss Bertola (Room 9) Mrs Florisson (Room 22) Miss Stokes (EC3)
- PP – Mrs Baldwin (EC1) Miss Young (EC2) Mrs Brown (EC6)
- Kindy – Miss Auricht (EC4) Mrs Weckert (EC5)
- Support – Mrs Gallop, Mrs Maguire, Mrs Lovejoy, Mrs Pratt, Mrs Palmer
- Technologies – Mrs Fetherston, Mr Palmer
- Music – Mrs Liddlelow, Mrs Stevens
- Phys Ed – Miss Ebbott
- French – Mrs Lee-Steere
- Education Assistants – Mrs Barlow, Mrs Bock, Miss English, Miss Harrison, Mr Jackson, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Kiel, Mrs Pitchers, Mrs Stearne, Mrs Zani
- Special Needs Assistants – Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Trotman, Ms Hanson, Mrs Edwards, Miss Harrison, Mrs Forward, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Zurro, Mrs Hall, Mrs Barlow
- Cleaners – Rose Stonehouse, Tracey Bradshaw, Angie Duncan, Kharleah Nicholls
- Gardener – 'Bocka' Polmear
- Bus Warden – Pauline Jackson

Colin Brand  
Principal

Ash Weckert  
Acting Principal

## Our Student Councillors for 2018

**Jayne Ammon**  
**Bree Boydell**  
**Isabelle Cox**  
**Mitchell Green**

**Harrison Naylor**  
**James Powell**  
**John Ramsell**  
**Ella Roper**

**Alice Terrell**  
**Taliah Walsh**







## Faction Captains for 2018



CHALLENGER (Blue)	MALE	FEMALE
CAPTAIN	Jaiden Hillbrick	Holly Paxton
VICE-CAPTAIN	Ryan Thomas	Isabelle Cox

PARMELIA (Green)	MALE	FEMALE
CAPTAIN	Tim Fetherston	Chloe Seivwright
VICE-CAPTAIN	Christian Moulden	Madison Hunt

CYGNET (Yellow)	MALE	FEMALE
CAPTAIN	Dylan Walker	Layne Varea
VICE-CAPTAIN	Taj Tate	Hayley Gallop

SUCCESS (Red)	MALE	FEMALE
CAPTAIN	James Powell	Teliah Timms
VICE-CAPTAIN	Jack Muir	Jayme Ammon



**SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS**  
visited Castletown Primary School  
last week to present  
**'TOO COOL FOR BULLIES'**



# 2018 Athletics Carnival

Our 2018 Athletics Carnival is quickly approaching and we would love your support in making our whole school carnival as successful as possible.

The Athletics carnival will be run over two days.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** will be whole school Cross Country/Throwing and Jumping events. These are championship events.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** will be our whole school Athletics Carnival (Years 1-6).

If you are available to assist on either day or would like more information on the carnival please contact our Physical Education Specialist.

Thank you

Sarah Ebbott  
Physical Education Coordinator

Email: sarah.ebbott@education.wa.edu.au



## MEDALLION SPONSORSHIP

As in previous years, we are seeking sponsorship of Medallions and Ribbons for the Athletics Carnivals. The response last year was fantastic and we would like to thank those businesses and families for their support. We would like to offer this opportunity again. The cost is \$25 which covers the cost and engraving of the family/business name on the medallion. Money may be paid at the school office.

### MEDALLION SPONSORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (number) medallion/s for the 2018 Athletics Carnival.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Money attached/not attached (please circle)

## CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Did you know your contributions buy valuable resources for our students?

Contributions may be paid by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos / Credit Card or Direct Deposit. If using Direct Deposit, please make one payment per student giving student's first name and surname as reference.

Account Details:

**BSB 306-037**

**Account No 415695-7**

1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$60
2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$55
3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$50
4 <sup>th</sup> and all other children (PP – Year 6)	\$45 ea
All Kindy students	\$30

Thank you to the families who have already paid Contributions this year.



## CANTEEN HELP!

Are you available to help in the Canteen on

**Wednesday 21st March?**

Please refer attached canteen note for further information.

## Dates To Remember

22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018 -----	Assembly Room 7 (Years 4-6 only to attend)
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 -----	School Board Meeting 3.15 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 -----	Assembly Room 1 (Years P-3 only to attend)
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 -----	Labour Day Public Holiday



## SCHOOL BANKING

The school banking program provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good saving habits.

Every Friday at 8.15 am near the canteen





## Community News



### Autism Advisors visit Esperance & Kalgoorlie

19-22 February 2018

Autism Advisors from the Autism Association of Western Australia will be in Esperance and Kalgoorlie from the 19th to the 22nd of February 2018 and they would like families and the community to join them the following workshops.

#### ESPERANCE

##### Esperance: Community Organisations & Families

###### Understanding Autism

Monday 19 February 2018 | 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Esperance Lotteries House  
3 Forrest Street, Esperance

Intended Participants: Community Organisations (early childhood educators, teachers, allied health professionals, support workers, childcare) and families

A two hour workshop for community organisations, as well as families, who currently support people with Autism across all ages or who may want to explore future opportunities to support people with Autism. This relaxed no-cost event will provide basic yet essential information about the impact of Autism on day-to-day life.

###### Getting to know NDIS

Tuesday 20 February 2018 | 9.00am - 10.30am

Location: Esperance Lotteries House  
3 Forrest Street, Esperance

Intended Participants: Individuals with Disabilities, Community Organisations, Childcare, Support Workers, Carers & Families. This information session is for people of all ages and all disabilities.

This workshop will cover the following topics:

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme in WA.
- The session will cover eligibility requirements, local coordination and how you can access the NDIS.

##### Esperance: Families

###### Early Days My Child & Autism

Monday 19 February 2018 | 10.30am - 2.30pm

Location: Esperance Lotteries House  
3 Forrest Street, Esperance

Intended Participants: Parents/Relatives of children aged 0-6 years

This workshop will cover the following topics:

- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- What ASD looks like for your child and your family
- How you can make a difference
- Navigating Early Intervention and funding options

Autism Advisors will be available for individual appointments with parents or carers of newly diagnosed children under the age of six and local agencies to discuss support through the Helping Children with Autism package of Department of Social Services.

###### Register

Registrations can be completed online:  
[www.autism.org.au](http://www.autism.org.au)

or email: [autism.advisors@autism.org.au](mailto:autism.advisors@autism.org.au)

For individual appointments with the Autism Advisors, please free call: 1800 636 427 or contact: [autism.advisors@autism.org.au](mailto:autism.advisors@autism.org.au)

# GRASS PATCH YABBY CLASSIC

## MARCH 17TH 2018

### 2PM Start

**GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT**

**MARKET STALLS**

**FREE ENTRY NO EFTPOS**

**GOURMET BBQ YABBIES**

PICKLED YABBIES

SPIT ROAST TEA + SALAD AND SWEETS

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Jumping Castle
- ❖ Pony Rides
- ❖ Merry-go-Round
- ❖ Yabby Catching

**YABBY SHELLING CONTEST**

Cash prize and free for all YABBY EATING!!

**CHEESECAKE COMPETITION**

\$2 ENTRY

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 4PM

**YABBY RACES**

Tote facility on all races and Calcutta on the Cup

**LICENSED BAR FROM 2PM**

ENJOY 'ACCESS DENIED' AND DANCE TO THE 'WEE' HOURS

**MEAT RAFFLE**

\$500 Dollar Board

Novelty Events

**FREE**

Camping available so bring a swag and stay the night. Breakfast provided!

For further information or if you would like to set up a stall contact Sharon Smith on 0488510701 or Heather Schutz on 0408540441

**Categories and Prizes**

Category	Adult	Primary child
Longest Yabby	\$250	Trophy
Heaviest Yabby	\$150	Trophy
Biggest Claw	\$100	Trophy

Weigh-in 2pm-4pm sharp  
Nomination forms available at weigh-in tent  
Adult division \$10 Primary child \$2

## What's on this Easter @ Esperance

**FREE**



#### Events & Activities

Eggs-treme Easter Family Fun Night Wednesday the 21st March @ 5-7pm  
Easter Bunny visits, Easter Egg Hunts, DIYs, Men in Sheds, Games, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, Donuts & more fun for all ages.

Easter Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt Sunday 1st April @ 10.30am  
Free Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate  
Kids DIY 11am Ages 4-14 Sequinned Eggs

Store closed Good Friday 30th March

Cafe hours: Saturday 31st March 9-2, Sunday 1st April 9-2, Monday 2nd April 9-2

For more information or to book please contact us on 90710200 or visit [www.bunnings.com.au/esperance](http://www.bunnings.com.au/esperance)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

**LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...**

Keep Esperance Beautiful are organising two clean up sessions on Sunday 4 March:

## Community Clean Up Day




# 2018

Free refreshments, including icecreams, fruit juice, tea, coffee, scones and jam, muffins, fruit and vegan treats.

Register and get your free gloves and bags at:  
Twilight Beach carpark: 9am. Refreshments at 10.30-11 at the picnic table at Twilight Beach carpark.  
or  
Nulsen Primary carpark: 1.30pm. Food at 2.30-3pm at undercover area near the Permaculture Garden, thanks to Nulsen Primary School.



## After School Activities



**TACKERS**

[www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers](http://www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers)  
Kids + Boats = FUN

### Esperance Bay Yacht Club

## 2018 Tackers Course

Esperance Bay Yacht Club will be running Sail Training on Saturday mornings.

The training is designed to introduce the sport of sailing. Young sailors will enjoy a mixture of sailing theory, games, and sailing on the water.

### Details:

**Who:** Children aged 7 years or older  
**When :** Saturday Mornings February 18 to April 8 (excluding Labour Day and Easter)  
**Cost:** \$220 NB if already a junior sailing member you can be reimbursed the membership fee by Trisha Reynolds in the Yacht Club office.

**Contact:** Scott Fisher (Rear Commodore - Dinghies for more information at: [fisherscape@gmail.com](mailto:fisherscape@gmail.com))

**Enrol online now.** Click on the link provided below  
<http://www.yachtingaustralia.com.au/Entry/?EID=85838>

**Additional information can be found at**  
<http://discoversailing.org.au/tackers/info-for-parents/>

# SCOUTS FUN DAY

**Sunday 25/2/18**

1st Esperance Scout Group is holding a Fun Day for kids, showcasing some of our adventurous activities:

- Rope Bridge
- Water Slide
- Pet rocks
- Face painting
- Sponge throwing
- Crate stacking
- Obstacle course
- Shooting gallery
- Rope making
- Totem Tennis
- Tug-o-war
- Sausage sizzle \$2
- Cold Drinks \$2

**Contact person:**  
Sue Kelman  
0429366808

**Date:**  
Sunday  
25/2/18

**Time:** 10 am to 2 pm

**Entry Fee:**  
Gold Coin Donation

**At the Scout Hall on the Esplanade**

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**

*Parents are required to register and attend with their child. Children are required to wear CLOSED TOE SHOES AT ALL TIMES. Please bring a hat, towel and change of clothes. Sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available for sale.*



GIBSON  
NETBALL CLUB

## GNC 2018 Registration & Trials

Past and new players welcome of all skill levels

**Indoor Stadium**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10am – Noon**  
**Registrations commence from 9am**  
(please arrive before 10am to complete your registration)

Any enquiries contact Donna Curnow on 0428 753 008



GIBSON  
NETBALL CLUB

## Coaching Positions

Gibson Netball Club are seeking coaches for the 2018 season

Please register your interest in writing to:  
[gibsonnetballclub@bigpond.com](mailto:gibsonnetballclub@bigpond.com)

*Include your coaching experience, grade preference & contact details.*

Any queries can be made to Club President Donna Curnow  
0428 753 008