

# NEWSLETTER

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 3

From the Principal's Pen

9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### ASSEMBLY

Mrs Rose's enthusiastic Year 3/4 children sang to us the beautiful song "Believe it or Not" linking the words and song to the theme of heroes which they are studying this term. The children were all "walking on air on a wing and a prayer" as they sang with pure voices and clear diction. They needed no music, just the belief and emotions which shone through with every word sung. From the way you sang I am convinced you have belief and faith in yourselves to do the things you want in life. You are your own heroes. Congratulations Year 3/4 on your item and the way in which you conducted the Assembly. You can be very proud of your efforts.

### YEAR 6 CAMP

This is a big term for our Year 6 students. The disco was very successfully run by Year 6 students with the help of their teachers last Thursday evening raising the grand sum of \$1680 for their camp. Everyone enjoyed dressing in Disney character costumes and rocking to the music as well as munching on some of the 400 sausages ably cooked by Mr Barter and Mrs Ainsworth. Now who was that amazing adult Aladdin from the Arabian Nights weaving his magic throughout the evening and impressing us with his stunning outfit?

Year 6 students this week received their leavers' shirts and jackets; smart and distinguished with their red with white trims. The camp to Dwellingup begins next week. We look forward to lots of reports on the children's return about their activities and the highlights of the week.

### SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN

The School Board met last week to work through the three year Business Plan for the school, which is linked to our Strategic and Operational Plans. The Business Plan outlines the long term strategic planning put in place to achieve the school's student achievement improvement targets. It is part of the Delivery and Performance Agreement with the Director General. We are most grateful to Ms Pia Powell for conducting the meeting and taking us through the process. With her guidance and skills we were able to collaboratively achieve our goals and develop a draft for further consideration. The Board will endorse the draft plan at the next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Board and P & C Committee members will "meet and greet" Mr Colin Brand after the meeting.

### NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr Colin Brand will be taking over the Principal position at Castletown at the beginning of Term 2. Mr Brand has strong links to the Esperance district having previously been Principal of Cascades Primary School for many years. Currently Mr Brand is Principal of Harvey Primary School.

I will be leaving Castletown after 46 years at the school. I have been very privileged with my long association with the district and the school, and to have been part of many people's lives in education. My farewells will be on the last day of school this term, during which time I want to be able to acknowledge my many wonderful students, teachers and parents who make up our school.

### FAREWELL MRS GIDGUP

Mrs Gidgup who has been on Long Service Leave for last year will be resigning on 22<sup>nd</sup> March this year. Mrs Gidgup has made a significant contribution to the school during her many years at Castletown and will be fondly remembered by the many students she taught. Arrangements are being made for her valedictory. Mrs Toll, who currently holds her position, will continue in the Year 3 class until the end of the year.

*Pauline Grewar* Principal

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Virtue of the fortnight - Commitment

## 2017 NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy 2017 (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May. An information brochure for parents of Year 3 and 5 students will be sent home today. If you have any further queries regarding NAPLAN please contact me at School.

Laurie Palmer  
Associate Principal



### CERTIFICATES OF **MeRiT**



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Well done!

<b>EC 1</b>	Georgia	Cooper
<b>Room 00</b>	Sophie	Seb
<b>Room 2</b>	Megan	Jessie
<b>Room 4</b>	Tahkiya	Axel
<b>Room 6</b>	Deagan	Bronte
<b>Room 9</b>	Summer	Jack
<b>Room 11</b>	Kael	Isabelle
<b>Room 13</b>	Izaak	Jackson
<b>Room 15</b>	Alicia	Daniel

<b>EC 2</b>	Briana	Alijah
<b>Room 1</b>	Ella	Levi
<b>Room 3</b>	Jai	Mia
<b>Room 5</b>	Druce	Mia
<b>Room 7</b>	Isabelle	Destiny
<b>Room 10</b>	Sienna	Bjay
<b>Room 12</b>	Jasper	Mia
<b>Room 14</b>	Mitchell	Jada
<b>Room 22</b>	Tyson	Van



**Sports Awards:** Molly, Lachie, Elle-Rae  
**Cleanest Room Award:** EC2

## THE VIRTUES PROJECT COMMITMENT

### 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



Lesley Mather – Associate Principal

**RIBIT****Reading In Bed Is Terrific****The Home Reading Program*****Congratulations to the following children who have read for 20 Nights:*****Rm 00:** Lachie, Sophie, Talise, Eloise, Anella**Rm 4:** Noah, Coen, Emily**Rm 6:** Harvey**Rm 11:** Alby, Ellie-Rose, Isabelle, Lachie, Rachel, Aaysha, Lockie, Lucy**Rm 2:** Cambel, Regan, Molly, Ashley, Ben**Rm 5:** Dylan, Daniel, Mason, Aaliyah**Rm 7:** Jordyn, Hayley, Georgia**Rm 12:** Jazmin H, Jazmin U, Marley, Oliver**Rm 13:** Chloe, Izaak, Vaughan

The Disco was enjoyed by many students and it was lovely to see so many Disney costumes. The Year 6's would like to thank everyone who attended as they made approximately \$1,680 which will go towards camp costs.

## Dates to remember

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> MarchWednesday 15<sup>th</sup> MarchMonday 20<sup>th</sup> MarchMonday 20<sup>th</sup> MarchWednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> MarchThursday 23<sup>rd</sup> MarchWednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 Camp

School Board Meeting 3.15pm

P&amp;C AGM 1.30pm

GRIP Leadership (School Councillors)

Constitutional Centre Visit

Assembly Room 6

Teacher/Parent Conferences

## ABSENTEE FORM ONLINE

You can notify the school online if your child is absent for the day.

1. Go to our website- [www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au)
2. Hover over General info and click on forms.
3. Click on Absentee Form.
4. Complete the form and click 'submit'.

## CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

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**

Families will shortly receive a contributions statement.

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



## BIKE SAFETY CHECK

**Thursday 16 March****Meet bike rack at front of school****(Easton Rd entrance) from 8:00 am****For a bike/helmet check**

**(bring your completed inspection sheet provided by your class teacher)**

Supported by Castletown PS CHAT Committee  
and Esperance Roadwise

## ABSENCES - The impact of persistent absences

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

### Tips from the Community Health Nurse

#### Sun safety

With the hot weather here, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

- **Slip** on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- **Slop** on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- **Slap** on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
- **Seek** shade.
- **Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak.  
For more information see the Cancer Council website: [www.cancer.org.au](http://www.cancer.org.au).



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# FESTIVAL OF THE WIND

presented by ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

## 16 - 19 MARCH 2017

### Esperance

THE MANDABOORNAP (FRENCHMAN PEAK) DREAMING PUPPET PROJECT  
 + 16 MARCH | 6PM | BEACH BESIDE WHALE TAIL  
 ART TO WEAR + 17 MARCH | 6PM-1PM | CANNERY ARTS CENTRE GALLERY  
 CLIFFS SAND SCULPTURES + 13-19 MARCH | ESPERANCE FORESHORE  
 RESONATE AFTER DARK + 18 MARCH | 8PM-12AM | CANNERY  
 KING OF THE MOUNTAIN + 19 MARCH | TANKER JETTY TO ROTARY LOOKOUT  
 HORIZON POWER UNDERGROUND + 18-19 MARCH | 9AM-5PM | SKATE PARK  
 THE HUB + 18-19 MARCH | 10AM-4PM | MUSEUM PARK  
 SOUNDS @ THE SHELL + 18-19 MARCH | 11AM-5PM | SOUNDSHELL  
 TASTE OF ESPERANCE + 19 MARCH | 4PM-9PM | CANNERY KITCHEN GARDEN  
 MEMORIES OF THE WIND + 16-27 MARCH | 10AM-2PM | INNERSPACE  
 ART FOR ESPERANCE + STARTING 12 MARCH | 6 ANDREW STREET  
 MUSEUM VILLAGE MARKETS + 18-19 MARCH | 8.30AM-12.30PM

**TICKETS** [www.festivalofthewindesperance.org.au](http://www.festivalofthewindesperance.org.au)

### Esperance Junior Netball Association 2017



Registrations for all players are ONLINE via the following link;

<http://esperancenetballassoc.wa.netball.com.au/>

**Junior Netball registrations close this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. There is a Registration day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12pm at the Netball Club rooms for those requiring assistance.**

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9-11am, Ports Football Club  
 Auskick Pre Primary – YR 3  
 Year 4

U12's (YR 5/6) U14's (YR 7/8)  
 U16's (YR 9/10) Colts (YR11/12)



AUSKICK Registrations can also be completed online at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/#/centre-finder-panel>

CLUB Registrations can be completed online at [http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-3060-0-0-0&ID=347580](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-3060-0-0-0&ID=347580)

or contact your club registrar for more information

For further enquiries please call the EDFA office on 90721538