

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 8

From the Principal's Pen

30th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

ASSEMBLY ITEM

The love and sincerity of our Year 4 students for their Mothers as expressed through their words at Assembly was really touching. In between each speaker, students read or expressed a sentence or two about wonderful Mothers – words they had thought out for themselves. Mothers are wonderful, loving, caring and our best friends.

To reinforce this, "My Home Baked Mum" poem said it all. Each student recited a line of the poem. A comment from a student after the assembly said, "What a beautiful item we had today!" This sums up the impact Year 4 had on the audience.

The backdrop of Cape le Grand pictures and posters as a result of the excursion during the week added interest and authenticity to the speakers who related their journey. These children from Ms Tonkin's Year 4 are highly observant as evidenced by their comments on bird life, animal life and the plants they saw on the excursion.

Thank you Year 4. You made all mothers feel very proud.

COUNCIL NEWS

Mr Les Crawley, Council Chairperson, has resigned for personal reasons.

I would like to thank Mr Crawley on behalf of the council and wider school community for his years of outstanding dedication and support given to the Council and school.

I have appreciated the close respectful relationships built together through many discussions and meetings focussing on school improvement. Our journeys towards IPS status have demonstrated Mr Crawley's leadership qualities and creative thinking "outside the box" with understanding of empowerment of the school community. Mr Crawley has been a strong and dependable partner in the journeys, modelling and articulating our school vision with unwavering enthusiasm.

The recent survey on the School Council survey conducted indicated the respect and confidence our community members have in Mr Crawley as the chairperson.

At our next Council meeting, members will be examining the data from the survey, determining areas for improvement and setting an implementation plan in place.

We look forward to keeping our community informed on our progress.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND OUR LITERACY PRIORITY

Last week, staff engaged in professional learning with Mark Walters, Literacy and Numeracy Principal Consultant from Perth, linking digital technology with our literacy improvement goals.

ICT as a General Capability

"In the Western Australian Curriculum students develop ICT capabilities as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems, work collaboratively in all learning areas at school." As parents would know, information technology and communication has revolutionised every aspect of our life and work. In our Strategic Plan we clearly state, "we ensure every child has the opportunity to be innovative and to access relevant ICT on a daily basis."

50th UPDATE

There are lots of busy beavers working away to organise and plan our celebrations on September 9th and 10th. An exciting 50th book is coming together with Mrs Barb Terrell at the helm collecting photos, articles, old snippets and history from the many years. As one of Castletown's first teachers she has all the knowledge and organisational ability we need to make this book something special and memorable. There will be a book launch following the formal assembly at 1:00pm on the 9th September. Next 50th Anniversary meeting will be held on Wednesday June 1st at 3:15pm at the school.

Virtue of the fortnight - Love

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MONSTER BOOK FAIR

The Monster Book Fair is underway this week. Thanks to Mrs Nadason for the organisation and to a band of wonderful Mothers for assisting. Come along and comb through the huge array of beautiful books. All proceeds will go back into the school reading or library books.

We asked our children to enter a competition to make monsters to decorate the library. The results have been astonishing! We have never seen so many creative and interesting monsters. Congratulations and thank you to all our children who have taken the initiative and time to enter the competition and thanks to all our Mums and Dads who patiently supported their children in making them.

CULTURAL EVENT

Linking with Foundation Day and WA Week we have chosen to have the ever popular naturalist Philip Green conduct sessions on Survival Artefacts and Aboriginal Survival Technology with our children on June 9th and June 10th.

In his eco safaris across Australia, Philip has visited with local Aborigines living in Kakadu wetlands, outback desert, inland river systems and mountain forests. He has collected artefacts and inspected Aboriginal sites in every Australian State. These experiences have inspired him to produce a cultural show that gives students the opportunity to connect hands on with the survival technologies of Australia's First People.

The cost of the show is \$4.00. Each child will have an envelope sent home with details of the show. Please return your envelopes to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Pauline Grewar, Principal



Monday 30th May to 3rd June

Thursday 2nd June

Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

Monday 13th June

Week 6 - Book Fair

Foundation Day Dress Up Day

WA Day – Public Holiday

Swimming commences for Years 2 & 3

Triple P Discussion Group

(1:00pm – 2:45pm) – School Library



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on **19th May 2016**. Well done!

EC 1	Kianna	Aaysha	EC 2	Nick	Savannah
Room 00	Jayden	Levi	Room 1	Zahraa	Savannah
Room 2	Ashton	Tiffany	Room 3	Kai	Regan
Room 4	Izaak	Hayley	Room 5	Megan	Noah
Room 6	Room 6		Room 7	Addison	
Room 9	Ashlee	Bjay	Room 10	Hayley	Zade
Room 11	Landon	Demi	Room 12	Kayne	Aaliyah
Room 13	Blake		Room 14	Cassie	Cherry
Room 15	Amber	Courtney	Room 22	Jake	Asha
Room 00	Molly, Yasmin, Ash & Jack Rani, Madison, Cameron & Fraser				



BOOK FAIR – HERE NOW - WEEK 6



May is National Family Reading Month. Our “*Monster*” Book Fair will be held from Monday the 30th May until Friday 3rd June. It will be held in the Library 8:15am-3:10pm Monday to Thursday and 8:15am-1:00pm on Friday. Details have been sent home last week.



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

Rm 4: Ella **Rm 7:** Logan, Tyler **Rm 9:** Rhys, Bjay, Nikita **Rm 11:** William **Rm 12:** Bronte, Deagan **Rm 00:** Molly, Eloise, Latisha

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

Rm 2: Tiffany **Rm 3:** Lachlan **Rm 4:** Jorja **Rm 5:** Cooper, Tom, Ben **Rm 7:** Nate, Harvey, Makenzie, Logan **Rm 9:** Jasper, Emelia **Rm 10:** Kasey **Rm 11:** Milou, Regan, Allira **Rm 12:** Bronte **Rm 14:** Cassandra, Cherry, Brianna **Rm 22:** Harvey, Lara, Ashley, Taj **Rm 00:** Liah, Harry, Eloise, Latisha, Chloe

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

Rm 2: Isobelle **Rm 3:** Regan **Rm 5:** Eloise **Rm 7:** Logan **Rm 11:** Talia **Rm 14:** Cassandra, Cherry, Brianna **Rm 22:** Justine **Rm 00:** Chloe, Lachie

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

Rm 2: Bree, John **Rm 3:** Alicia **Rm 4:** Alicia, Layne **Rm 14:** Brianna, Cherry, Cassandra **Rm 22:** Hamish

THE VIRTUES PROJECT

LOVE

WHAT IS LOVE?

LOVE - is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act or hug. Love is treating people and things with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is treating other people just as you would like them to treat you – with care and respect.

WHY PRACTISE LOVE?

Without love, people feel alone. When they feel they don't matter to anyone, they become unhappy. Sometimes they act angry and don't let others get close. Everyone wants to be liked. Everybody likes to be loved. When you are being loving, you help others to feel important. They become gentler and kinder. Love is contagious. It keeps spreading.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE LOVE?

Love is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and caring about what they feel. It is accepting them, loving them just as they are. You can even be loving to people you don't even know, just by caring about what happens to them and sending good thoughts. Sharing is a way to show love. Love is thinking about how you want to be treated and treating others the same way.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **love** when you.....

- Treat others as you would want them to treat you
- Say kind and loving thoughts
- Share your things and yourself
- Show affection
- Think loving thoughts
- Take good care of the things you love



Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



Reminder

Thursday 2nd June
 Dress up Day to
 celebrate
 Foundation Day.
 Come dressed in
 Pioneer Dress
 & don't forget the
special canteen menu.

CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

A very big 'Thank You' to the families who have already paid Contributions this year. Did you know that your \$60 per year works out to be \$1.15 per week or just 16 cents per day? Contributions may be paid by the following options:
 Cash, Cheque, Eftpos / Credit Card or Direct Deposit

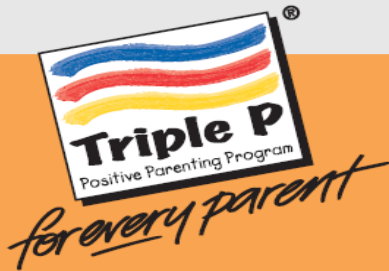
If using Direct Deposit, please make one payment per student giving student's first name and surname as reference.

Account Details: **BSB** 306-037
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Thank You!!



A reminder that newsletters are now being emailed to parents. There are now newsletters in the front office foyer for parents wishing to have a hard copy. Students will be encouraged to come to the foyer for the hard copy of the newsletter. Emailing will save a huge amount of paper and costs to the school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Triple P Discussion Groups

Triple P Discussion groups are for parents who wish they knew how to deal with specific problems with their child, eg. won't go to bed without a fight, tantrums, fighting, hitting, disobedience, etc. If your child fits any of these descriptions, Triple P Discussion Groups can help.

On Week 8, Monday 13th June, 1:00pm-2:45pm, our School Psychologist, Justin Taubman, will be presenting the topic of Developing Good Bedtime Routines. To register your interest, please contact the office on 9071 5599. Places are limited so get in quick. Flyers can be obtained from the office or viewed online.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Volunteers are always needed to assist in our Canteen.
 Please contact Janice at the Canteen
 or 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

Thinking of entering the
Music Festival

18th – 20th August 2016

**Entry Day: Saturday 11th June, 9am - 1pm
 at Esperance Cannery Music Centre.**

2016 Esperance Music Festival schedules available
 NOW at:

Boulevard Newsagency, Esperance Newsagency,
 Esperance Town Library or download via the
 Esperance Music Festival link at

www.esperancecommunityarts.org.au

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