

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Pen

3rd November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

ASSEMBLY

We were treated to "Room 7's Got Talent" at this week's assembly, where Ms Linden's students displayed a bevy of skills and talents to entertain the audience. The flying gymnastic routine was followed up by a leap-frogging acrobatic trio, who quite hilariously failed at building their human pyramid. The hula-hoops were twirling and footballs and soccer balls were flying. The magician magically moved money, the singers went 'apples' and finally the scientist blew up a volcano! The fantastic Room 7 students then finished the performance with a cup-clapping extravaganza that involved lots of teamwork and timing. Well done to the students that spoke so clearly and confidently.

The following students received a Certificate of Credit in the Australian Mathematics Competition this year: Ryan Thomas, Jaiden Hillbrick, Daniel Spencer, Travis Shearer, Sophie Garvey, Tilly Fisher, Hayden Stewart, Brianna Timms

A Certificate of Distinction and the Best School Score was awarded to Kye Vinson. *Mr Weckert*

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS UPDATE

Council Chairperson, Mrs Marnie Fels and Principal Mrs Pauline Grewar, recently attended two training days in Perth learning about Independent Schools, responsibilities, accountabilities and the empowerment potential they offer. A framed certificate to congratulate Castletown on its independent status was presented by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Peter Collier and Director General of Education, Ms Sharon O'Neill.

We are looking forward to further training in transitioning from school council to school board and tailoring school boards and community context.



Virtue of the fortnight - Courage

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SURVEY

Thank you to parents who completed the recent survey online for parents to ascertain perspectives of the school for improvement. With only 26 respondents (this makes the survey results invalid), we need as a community to find ways of reaching out to our parents with our communication. If you have any ideas to help, please contact Marnie Fels, Council Chair or Rachel McGrinder, P & C President. We would like to hear from you about your views.

KINDY

Kindy numbers for 2017 are growing with currently 68 enrolments and possibly more to come. A special transition meeting to welcome new parents to our school will be held on Thursday 17th November at 7.00pm in the library. Parents have been sent a special invitation for the evening.

PLAY GROUP

Our first session began on Thursday 27th October. It was an encouraging and positive start with parents and children enjoying a relaxing informal morning in the room on the ECE hill. Lots of play equipment and a beautiful spring day enabled our little ones to engage in all sorts of creative activities and play. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Weckert for her support and organisation and to Mrs Tash Powell for her generous and willing assistance. Playgroup will be held every Thursday 9.00am to 11.00am during the school term. All are welcome.



SMART TARGETS

You have possibly heard conversation over the last two years about SMART targets in our school. Just what are they and how do they impact on our school and our teaching and learning? Teachers regularly analyse student achievement data to determine SMART goals to improve student results and achievement. SMART goals are specific, measurable, attainable results orientated and time bound. SMART goals are collaboratively determined with like class level teachers.

Teachers put teaching strategies in place to improve performances of students once they have established the goal. They then test after a period of time (weeks) to see if the learning has improved.

The school reports to Council on our termly SMART targets to demonstrate improvements in all classes. SMART targets are used for literacy and numeracy improvements across the school.

OLYMPIANS' VISIT –

Champions 2 Country

Goldfields Regional Tour 2016

Today we welcomed West Australian Olympians Ryan Bailie (Triathlete) and Maddi Keeney (Diver) to our school. Both represented Australia at the Rio Olympics with Maddi earning a Bronze medal in the 3m springboard event. What a wonderful opportunity for Years 4-6 to engage with these elite sportspersons and have their many questions answered. Ryan's motto is "Live it – Love It – Don't Waste It". Something to think about!



BOOK FAIR

Once again our fabulous BOOK FAIR will take place next week. Thank you to Mrs Fiona Nadason and all her willing helpers for the organisation of this event. We all enjoy perusing through the colourful and interesting range of new books and choosing our special one or selecting one for a friend for Christmas.

Pauline Grewar Principal



BOOK FAIR - *Monday 7th - Thursday 10th November - 8.15am to 3.30pm*
Friday 11th November - 8.15am to 1.00pm
Venue - School Library

*The theme is **Australia**. We would love to see your child's boomerang design; more copies are available at the Front Office. Winners will receive a voucher to spend at the Book Fair! Any queries please contact Fiona 0418 773 368.*



THE VIRTUES PROJECT COURAGE



WHAT IS COURAGE?

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

WHY PRACTISE COURAGE?

Without courage, people would only do what is easy. No one would try new things. Everyone would do what everyone else is doing, to avoid standing out – even if they knew it was wrong. Fear would be in charge. With courage, you can face any situation. Courage helps you to do great things.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE COURAGE?

Courage helps you do the right thing. When you feel afraid, name the fear and then let it go. Then do what you really want to do. Admit mistakes and learn from them. Keep trying. Stand up for what you know is right even if all of your friends are doing something wrong. Ask for help when you need it. Let courage fill your heart.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising courage when you.....

- Do what is right for you even when it is hard or scary
- Find strength in your heart even when you are afraid
- Are willing to try new things
- Admit mistakes and learn from them
- Make amends when you do something wrong
- Ask for help

Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



Friday 4th November
7th to 11th November
Wednesday 9th November
Thursday 17th November

Friday 18th November

EC5 & EC6 Group B Sports Day
Book Fair Week
Pre Primary Sports Day
Assembly Rooms 9 & 10
Kindy Parent Induction Evening
Crazy Hair Day



CERTIFICATES OF **MeRiT**



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on **3rd November 2016**. Well done!

EC 1	Aaysha	Aidan	Benji	EC 2	Joshua	Lachie
Room 00	Liah	Dylan		Room 1	Charlie	Bailey
Room 2	Tim	Zahara		Room 3	Tito	
Room 4	James	Jada		Room 5	Zavier	Claire
Room 6	Aylah	Jai		Room 7	Riley	Stephen
Room 9	Holly	Bjay		Room 10	Kasey	Drahymien
Room 11	Regan	Joseph		Room 12	Nathan	Jorja
Room 13	Jessica	Gillian		Room 14	John	Elle-Rae
Room 15	Lily	Jaya	Izabella	Room 22	Taj	Hamish

Cleanest Room Award - Room 6



Congratulations

Cherry Rickerby
James Powell
Spencer Davies
Harry Williams

for taking part in the
Esperance Anglican
Community School's
Chess Congress 2016

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY TO ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Tuesday 29th November

Please ensure your child's enrolment papers are returned to ESHS prior to Transition Day.

YEAR 6 PARENT TOUR – Wednesday 9th November

Meet at the ESHS Front Office at 9.30am. The tour will be followed by a light morning tea at 11.00am.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 24th November at 6.00pm
Esperance Senior High School Library
RSVP Tel: 9071 9503



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KINDY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindy 2017 are still being accepted.

Families can apply to enrol their children in Kindy for 2017 if they are 4 years old by 30/6/17.

Please contact the office for details - 9071 5599