

Term 4 Newsletter Issue 2

Dear Subscribers Name

Welcome to the second email newsletter for Term 4, 2018.



Principal's Message

Today's Principal's Message includes information about: the National Education Initiative; Australian Student Wellbeing Framework and the EC2/Room 1 Assembly.

Dear Parents

Castletown Primary School, through its commitment to promote student wellbeing, signed up earlier this year to a Department of Education initiative to support the delivery of Mental Health programs in 300 schools across Western Australia. Funding is provided as a targeted initiative for a period of 4 years and staff member Mrs Garvey was appointed to coordinate the program.

This week, the Federal Government transitioned the KidsMatter Framework to introduce the National Education Initiative and our program here at Castletown Primary School is aligned through our Department of Education to the national initiative.

In that context, our school has formed an Action Committee and has a teacher from each of the 4 Phase of Learning Teams, the Principal, Program Coordinator and importantly a parent member of the School Board working collaboratively to develop the initiative in our school.

Currently, the Action Team is researching a recommended program to implement here at Castletown. The "Act Belong Commit" program is specifically being considered as it has demonstrated capacity to provide our students with the opportunities to look after their mental health and to increase their self-esteem, confidence and resilience. It gives a strong focus to including teachers and families in the strategies.

For your information I have attached to the Newsletter the Government's newly released "[Australian Student Wellbeing Framework](#)" that will drive Castletown Primary School's focus to improve student wellbeing.

I am particularly delighted that at a recent meeting of the School Board, it was agreed to include a focus on improving student wellbeing in the School's Vision. This will give particular clarity to framing a connection in the School's Business Plan and priorities.

In closing, I wish to thank teachers Ms Young and Ms Stokes for the fabulous effort they made to support their cohort of PP and Year 1 students to host their first Assembly yesterday. These young students were confident, spoke well and showed that they felt safe and happy in the spotlight. Congratulations to both classes and their teachers.

Colin Brand
Principal



Assembly EC2 and Room 21

The Junior Assembly on Thursday, 1st November was hosted by Pre-Primary and Year 1 students from EC2 and Room 21. Bonjour, Hola, Namaste, Ciao, Konnichiwa, Hello – from the students in EC 2 and Room 21. They sang a very catchy song titled, 'Hello to All the Children of the World', where they said

'hello' in many different languages. This song reflected the theme of their assembly on cultural diversity, belonging and consideration.

Students from EC 2 spoke about being considerate of other cultures and their diversity that enriches our lives. They then related their favourite celebrations demonstrating this diversity. Some Room 21 students displayed their remarkable talents by counting to 10 in the different languages that reflect the diverse backgrounds of students in that room. What fantastic assembly items!



Mr Laurie Palmer
Associate Principal

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards.

Room 10 Year 2	Summer Bingham	Marcus Miller	
Room 11 Year 1/2	Xavier Doherty	Braxton Gilbert	Imogen Hindley
Room 12 Year 2	Mahala Lenderink	Jace Young	
Room 21 Year 1	Emma Bailey	Tanner Creedon	
Room 22 Year 1	Thomas Scullin	Charlie Wood	
Room 09 Year 1	Broc Hughes	Harper Munzer	
EC1 PP	Izabella Rolton	Ashlyn Ward	
EC2 PP	Jessica Casey	Mali Isramongkonpan	
EC6 PP	Bentley Lawrence	Jacob Waldock	

RIBIT

Congratulations to the following students who have read 80 nights:

EC1	Carter Watt, Spencer Bower, Indiarnah Houston, Brody Goldsmith, Kipp Pace
Room 9	Olive Shillington, Nicholas Toby
Room 11	Joel Pike, Cooper McMullen, Katie Bourne, Chad Tate, Cadence Offer
Room 12	Riley Stonehouse

Congratulations to the following students who have read 100 nights:

Brooke Stonehouse. Phoenix McMullen. Tvler Rose. Mali

EC2	Isramongkonpan
Room 9	Hayley Critchell
Room 11	Cooper McMullen
Room 12	Xavier Richardson, Finlay Hunt
Room 22	Lilly Ramm

Congratulations to the following students who have read 150 nights:

EC2	Luca Abram, Amaya Nankivell
Room 11	Elizabeth Hirt
Room 12	Kady Creedon

Congratulations to the following students who have read 200 nights:

Room 11	Elizabeth Hirt
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Year 2 and Year 4 NAPLAN Online Support Program

Next year our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing their NAPLAN assessment online. To ensure that our students have the ICT skills to confidently complete their assessment next year, the school has implemented a program of support to the Year 2 and Year 4 students for Term 4. Students and

teachers completed a self-assessment survey of the 7 identified key ICT Skills for NAPLAN. These include:

1. Locate and select an answer
2. Type an answer
3. Read the screen and navigate web pages
4. Manipulate objects on screen
5. Read and comprehend digital texts
6. Plan and compose text using word processing
7. Listen using a headset.

Students will now be using the NAPLAN Online Public Demonstration Site to explore how the questions are posed and how to answer them.

Identified areas of concern from the survey and teacher observation will be targeted to ensure that students have opportunities to develop their skills in a safe, supportive environment.

Julie Fetherston
Technologies Teacher



Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be taking place this week Monday 5th – Friday 9th November 2018.

Opening Times are:

Mon – Thur 8:15am to 3:30pm.

Fri - 8:15am to 1:00pm.

EFTPOS will be available and loads of great books for Christmas presents so pop into the library and have a look.

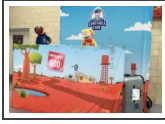
Jen Sage will be coordinating the Book Fair so if there are any parents who are available to help out please call/message Jen on 0413 581 771 to put your name on the roster.

This year the Book Fair Competition will be a colouring in competition with the winners receiving a voucher to spend at Book Fair. Your entry must have your name, year and class on the back (so it can be returned). It must be delivered to your teacher BY lunchtime Mon 5th Nov, no late entries will be accepted.

There will be loads of great books so come and have a look.

****EFTPOS will be available****

Castletown P&C



Constable Care at Castletown PS

On Thursday October 25th Castletown Primary School was very fortunate to have the Constable Care team visit and present a variety of performances to all students. The Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 classes enjoyed a fun performance, learning through puppets and songs what to do and who to call in an emergency situation. Year 3 students now have a better understanding about Protective behaviours, learning there is a difference in keeping "safe" and "unsafe" secrets. The senior classes explored bullying and empathy amongst young people. Thank you to WA Police for supporting this program.

Mrs Wendy Weckert
Kindergarten Teacher

From the Kindy/Pre-Primary Incursion:

"Kora the Ambulance Bear, Lilly, Timmy and Ben taught the Kindy and Pre-Primary students about different types of emergencies. They talked about the difference between a big emergency and a small problem. If it is a big emergency we need help right away and we call 000. When an ambulance officer answers the phone they ask us questions and explain DRS ABC! If we need a police officer or the fire department we call 000 too.

In an emergency the officer on the phone will ask us questions like, is the person in danger? Are they breathing? What are the person's symptoms?

When we are on the phone to an emergency office if we stay calm and talk clearly we are being an emergency hero - helping a person in need."

Miss Eloise Young, Pre-Primary Teacher





Year 4/5 T20 Cricket

On Friday, the 26th October, our Year 4 and Year 5 students participated in a T20 Cricket Competition against Esperance Primary School.

Last Friday I had the privilege of taking all of the Year 4/5s to a T20 cricket competition against Esperance Primary School. The day was fantastic!

All students enjoyed the chance to compete in a friendly competition, make new friends and enjoy the beautiful weather outside.

Castletown students displayed amazing sportsmanship and respect for each other.

A big shout out goes to our parents and teachers who really helped make the day run smoothly. Thankyou for making my job so enjoyable on the day and for being great role models for our students.

There was no announcement of winners on the day but my professional judgment would suggest castletown definitely won overall!)

Well done CPS students on an enjoyable and successful day!

Sarah Ebbott- PE specialist

[Click here](#) to view a gallery of photos from the day.



Chess Congress Success

Last Friday, 2 teams represented Castletown PS at the annual Chess Congress hosted by EACS. The teams of 4 have trained under the support of School Chaplain, Jake Meadley.

Competing against students from Esperance PS, Nulsen PS and Esperance

Christian School, players completed 8 games.

Castletown A consisting of Ashton and Spencer Davies, Cambel Cleghorn and Jaiden Hillbrick were the overall winners of the Primary School division. The champion team was presented with medals and certificates. Congratulations to the boys on this win.

Mr Ashley Weckert
Associate Principal

[Click here](#) to view a gallery of the Chess Congress.



Lego Engineers Club

This term we are trialling 2 Lego Engineers Clubs after school. Students in Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 were nominated by their teacher if they have demonstrated an interest, aptitude or enthusiasm for STEM engineering projects, lego and/or coding. Students will participate in STEM Lego activities

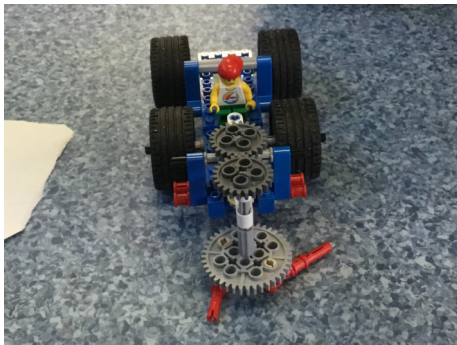
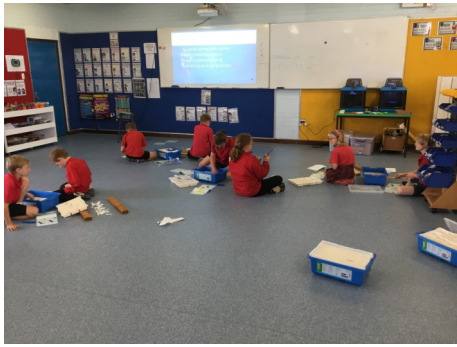
that encourage the 21st Century Skills of problem solving, critical thinking, collaborating and communicating.

The school has recently purchased class sets of a variety of Lego Education Resources, including programmable Lego and these resources will be available across all year levels from K-6.

Our Year 3-4 Lego Engineer students will be using the Simple and Powered Machines (a Woolworths Earn and Learn Reward we redeemed) and the new Lego Wedo.

Our Year 5-6 Lego Engineer students will initially be using the Lego Mindstorms NXT but we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the new Lego EV3 resources in our order.

After a successful outcome from this term's trial, it is anticipated that more Lego Engineer Opportunities will be available in 2019.



Mrs Julie Fetherston
Technologies Teacher



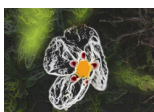
2018 AFG Interschool Numero Final

After weeks of training and preparation, the Esperance division winners are set to compete in the AFG Interschool Numero Final on Thursday 8th November, in Perth. Castletown PS Mathematical Marbles, Blayden Coussens, Isaac Francis, James Powell and Ryan Thomas, will be supported by Mr Weckert to travel and compete in the Final.

They will compete against schools from all over the state in 4 events that challenge their mathematical knowledge, fluency and teamwork. The team are aiming for a top 10 finish which has not been achieved since 2010. The team had been working to improve their team strategies and game knowledge since winning the Esperance heat last term.

They are the best prepared team to date, according to Mr Weckert. We wish them luck in the final and will notify the school community of the results.

Mr Ashley Weckert
Associate Principal



Year 2 Digital Technologies Activity

This term, as part of their Digital Technologies program, our Year 2 students are exploring photo editing apps to create beautiful digital artwork. From Room 10:

We read a book about Vincent Van Gogh and found that he loved to paint things in nature. We looked around our school and chose 3 things to photograph. Each student had to choose one photo and delete the others. We then used Glaze and Sketches to change the photos into our own artwork. It took 3 lessons to complete and there was lots of opportunity for peer teaching. Some of us found it difficult because there was so much to choose from. Thank you to Mrs Schmidt for helping us to finish off and airdrop our work.

It was great fun and we plan to do the activity again using man-made objects around the school.

Mrs Maggie Tolman
Year 2 Teacher

[Click here](#) to see a sample of the beautiful digital artwork by our clever Year 2 students.

Event Quick View
Thu 6th December Whole School Presentation Assembly
Tue 11th December Graduation Assembly
Thu 13th December Last day for Students
Fri 14th December Staff Development Day

Community Events

Welcome to our Community Events Page

Yours sincerely,

Tania Barnes and Julie Fetherston
Newsletter Coordinators