

# NEWSLETTER

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CYGNET CELEBRATES



### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL OVERALL POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> *Cygnets 692 pts*    2<sup>nd</sup> *Challenger 568 pts*    3<sup>rd</sup> *Parmelia 503 pts*    4<sup>th</sup> *Success 497 pts*

*Marching - Cygnets*

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Dear Parents

What a frenetic couple of weeks we have had at Castletown PS. We have had another fantastic Assembly run by our talented Year 6's in Room 8, supported Gifted and Talented testing for the Esperance region, conducted a School Board election, had staff attend a Science Primary Connection Professional Learning in Perth, hosted our first Whole School Athletics carnival, had Student Councillors attend the GRIP Leadership conference, as well as all the teaching, learning and assessment happening in the classroom! It has been pleasing to see the increased level of parent engagement through our Assemblies and the Athletics Carnival.

### Athletics Carnival

Congratulations goes to CYGNET, again. Three years in a row as the champion Faction and also claiming the marching shield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the students for the participation and sportsmanship they displayed at the carnival. A BIG thank you to all the parent helpers across the two days – the carnival is not possible without you! The Interschool Athletics Carnival will be hosted by Esperance Primary on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Our team will be announced closer to this date and parents notified.

### School Board 2018

The election for 5 new parent School Board positions concluded last Friday, with 65 parents completing a ballot paper. Congratulations to the newly elected parents: Clara Graham, Penny Cowcher, Tania Wright, Sonya Hennessy and Marnie Fels (re-elected).

The new School Board consists of the following members:

Parent	Marnie Fels	Principal	Colin Brand
Parent	Penny Cowcher	Staff	Ashley Weckert
Parent	Tania Wright	Staff	Lesley Mather
Parent	Sonya Hennessy	Staff	Shaneen Coupar
Parent	Clara Graham	Staff	Stephanie Wierobiej
Parent	Kristy Roper	Staff	Wendy Weckert
Parent	Pia Powell		
Parent	Leon Guest		
P&C member	Janet Durrant		

### P&C AGM

Congratulations and welcome to the new P&C President, Sandra Prosser, and the committee elected at the AGM last Monday afternoon. Many thanks to Rachel McGrinder for her term as President and the commitment she has given to the school over the years. The P&C make valuable contributions to the resourcing of the school; including furniture, play equipment and teaching and learning resources. If you could assist with the Canteen, Uniform Shop or fundraising, be sure to seek out one of the P&C members. Also 'Like' the Castletown P&C Facebook page to stay up-to-date.

### School Arrival

Many students are arriving at school before 8:30am, when classrooms are opened. If students do need to arrive before 8:30am, we ask that they sit outside their classroom quietly before teachers can engage them. We would appreciate parent support in managing student arrivals, to help us maintain a safe environment for all.

Please be aware, students return to school **Easter Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. This day would normally be a pupil free day however, has been traded for our local Esperance Show day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** this year.

Kind regards

Ashley Weckert



## The 2018 Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day was had by all! The day was jam packed with competitive and participation activities for all of the students. The day started with an impressive showcase of our championships sprinters and middle distance runners.

After the 'business' was done, it was time for the students to have a bit of fun, building the comradery and team spirit within their year groups. The students showed incredible sportsmanship and resilience across the whole day.

The day ended with our team championship games and the championship relays. The factions were neck and neck for most of the day. In the end, Cygnet took both the marching shield and Champion Faction shield.

A huge thank you to all of the families who came and watched or helped out on the day. The carnival would not be possible without your support. It was awesome to see so many parents/carers and relatives supporting Castletown Primary School.



# 2018 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



TO ALL MEDALLION WINNERS

<b>Year 1 Boys Silver</b>	Harry Gatenby	<b>Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 1 Girls Silver</b>	Taylor Dixon	<b>Challenger</b>
<b>Year 1 Boys Gold</b>	Coby Guest	<b>Parmelia</b>	<b>Year 1 Girls Gold</b>	Charlie Wood	<b>Success</b>
<b>Year 2 Boys Silver</b>	Van Haberley	<b>Parmelia</b>	<b>Year 2 Girls Silver</b>	Felicity Myers	<b>Cygnnet</b>
<b>Year 2 Boys Gold</b>	Daniel Chitarra	<b>Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 2 Girls Gold</b>	Lacey Zani	<b>Cygnnet</b>
<b>Year 3 Boys Silver</b>	Oliver Rose	<b>Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 3 Girls Silver</b>	Isla Powell	<b>Success</b>
<b>Year 3 Boys Gold</b>	Eli Rickerby	<b>Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 3 Girls Gold</b>	Jazmin Unwin	<b>Cygnnet</b>
<b>Year 4 Boys Silver</b>	Mason Cowcher	<b>Challenger</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls Silver</b>	Destiny Fels	<b>Challenger</b>
<b>Year 4 Boys Gold</b>	Sam Butcher Jai Wood	<b>Success Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls Gold</b>	Regan Ainsworth	<b>Success</b>
<b>Year 5 Boys Silver</b>	Ashton Davies Jarek Smithson Nate Thomas	<b>Parmelia Challenger Challenger</b>	<b>Year 5 Girls Silver</b>	Megan Grant	<b>Challenger</b>
<b>Year 5 Boys Gold</b>	Ben Gibson	<b>Cygnnet</b>	<b>Year 5 Girls Gold</b>	Lylah Heather	<b>Parmelia</b>
<b>Year 6 Boys Silver</b>	Sydney Nelson	<b>Success</b>	<b>Year 6 Girls Silver</b>	Alice Terrell Emma Fairhead	<b>Parmelia Parmelia</b>
<b>Year 6 Boys Gold</b>	James Powell	<b>Success</b>	<b>Year 6 Girls Gold</b>	Chloe Seivwright	<b>Cygnnet</b>

*We would like to thank the following medallion and ribbon sponsors for their fantastic support:*



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The Virtue for the fortnight is perseverance. Students who have demonstrated our virtues are entered into a fortnightly draw at our Assembly. Congratulations to these students who were winners at our Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018:

PP: Summer Lee – Respect  
 Yr 1: Harry - Respect  
 Yr 2: Shylah - Respect  
 Yr 3: Marley - Excellence



## CERTIFICATES OF

Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our last Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.  
 Well done!

**Room 2** Bo Aaron  
**Room 3** Deanna Mason  
**Room 4** Tahkiya Benjumen  
**Room 5** Logan Rhiannon

**Room 6** Lachlan Aylah  
**Room 7** Daphne Alicia  
**Room 8** Alicia Montanah



**Cleanest Room Award:** Room 4



## DATES TO REMEMBER

29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	-----	Assembly Room 14 (Years P-3 only to attend)
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	-----	Good Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018	-----	Easter Monday
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018	-----	Students return to school
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	-----	Interschool Athletics Carnival held at Esperance Primary School





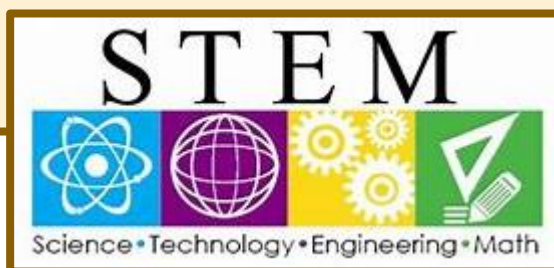
## STEM @ Castletown Primary School

The Department of Education has identified STEM as a focus area again for 2018. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. STEM activities integrate these 4 disciplines in practical, hands-on activities whilst developing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills of collaboration and teamwork, creativity and imagination, critical thinking and problem solving.

This year we have converted Room 00 into a STEM-based learning space. Students across the school have access to this room throughout the week designing and creating solutions. Mrs Hall and Mr Pansini have been teaching STEM this term whilst Mrs Fetherston has been Associate Principal and on LSL. Our lessons have been based around the science concepts being taught this term in classrooms.

Each year level has been learning something different. Most of these lessons have been from a new resource (STEM Learning Project) developed for the Department of WA by a consortium of groups including Scitech, Math Association of WA, Science Teachers Association of WA and Educational Computing Association of WA.

- PP- Waterflow – students have been exploring water and how water gets to places from dams to the taps in the house. They have been constructing structures and marble runs to simulate water flow and designing a structure to allow water to move from one place to another.
- Year 1 – Stormy soundscapes – students have been experimenting with musical instruments and creating the sound of a storm. They made their own instruments from recyclable materials and used these to create a stormy soundscape.
- Year 2 – Little Red Hen's Robot Friend – students have been exploring how robots are used in society. They have been learning how to use the robots in our school and will be designing a solution as to how a robot could help Little Red Hen carry her wheat and bread to and from the mill.
- Year 3 – Cool lunch – students have been learning about food safety practices and learning to use thermometers. They will be testing current lunch box containers to see how safe they keep their lunch and then designing and testing their own lunch box creations to keep food at a safe temperature.
- Year 4 – Our New Playground – students have been exploring playground equipment and the forces that are used when playing on the equipment. They will be designing their own unique piece of playground equipment that is to be physically and mentally stimulating.
- Year 5 – Evacuation Robot – students have been learning about how robots are used in society and exploring the robots we have in the school. They will be learning about the evacuation procedures at school and then planning and programming a robot to assist in the evacuation of a class in a disaster.
- Year 6 – Off-the-grid Living – students have been learning about sustainable living and what they could do to survive if there was no power. They have learnt how to distil fresh water from salt water and are exploring solar power. They will be creating solar cookers to cook some popcorn!



# STEM Snapshots!



## ST JOHN AMBULANCE APPRECIATION

A special thank you to all the children who entered in the Colouring competition for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

We had so many wonderful entries that choosing the winners for each year group was a really difficult task. Let all the children know that they were all wonderful.

Below is the photo of your schools pictures by the children that we put up on our walls for the occasion.

We will deliver the year prizes to your school by the end of the week.







## Community News



Esperance Hockey  
Association



### ALL JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

Now open online through trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/363998>

<b>Minkey:</b>	Preprimary - Year 1	10.15am each week	\$60
<b>J2/3's:</b>	Year 2 - 3 (and new Year 4s)	10.15am each week	\$60
<b>J4/5's:</b>	Year 4-5	8.30-9.30am	\$85
<b>J6/7/8's:</b>	Year 6-7, (and Year 8 girls)	9.30-10.30am	\$85
<b>Under 17:</b>	Year 8-12	10.35am each week	\$85

Online registration and payment are the preferred method.

**Please register before 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

Mouthguard Clinic and help to register if needed available at the Hockey Club  
Rooms on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 9am - 12 noon

**Season starts 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

For Kidsport eligibility, please contact Justine McDonald 0429 409 362

General enquiries to Justine McDonald



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