Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Friday Cassia PS took part in The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students participated in lessons that highlighted bullying is not acceptable both in or outside of school. Our yearly event of Crazy Hair Day was well supported with $364.80 raised for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations to the winners of the Crazy Hair Day class prizes (see more information overleaf). Thank you to Mrs Maxwell for organising these events.

Mr Garnsey organised with Scitech to visit classes last Tuesday as part of teacher professional development. Teachers who take their own Science lessons in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary together with their students thoroughly enjoyed the scientific experiments modelled by Scitech staff.

John Fleming visited Cassia this week as part of our Explicit Teaching Model. Staff participated in professional development on ways to implement effective writing warmups. This is where teachers explicitly teach writing skills such as sentence construction and grammar for 10 minutes on a daily basis. It was pleasing to note from viewing videos from Haileybury that a number of Cassia staff have already implemented this strategy successfully into their classrooms. Mr Fleming also visited classrooms as part of our coaching model to work with teachers on explicit teaching strategies. Next week Mrs Derschow and Mrs Edwards will be visiting Haileybury school in Melbourne as part of the coaching model being developed at Cassia PS.

Our Cassia Swimming Carnival for Years 3-7 will be held next Thurs 28th March. If the South Hedland Aquatic Centre is not open the carnival will move to Gratwick Pool. YMCA will cover bus costs if this move is required. Miss Brittian—Phys Ed Teacher would love any parent assistance on the day. Please call the front office if you are able to help.

Cassia Primary School will be open for staff only on Tuesday 2nd April (day after Easter Monday). This will be a School Development Day. Students return from their Easter break on Wednesday 3rd April.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an information sheet on Impetigo—School Sores. Please ensure you take a moment to read over this.

Regards
Janine Kinninment
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who each received Merit Certificates this week!

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**HOME READING**

**ANOTHER WAY TO HELP WITH HOME READING**

**QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS**

Try to ask your child a mixture of questions about information directly in the book and opinion type questions to help their comprehension.

**What kinds of questions should I ask my child while they are reading?**
- Could you read the rest of the sentence for clues?
- Do these two sounds in the middle look familiar?
- What do you think might happen next?
- Great sounding out! Now could we read the sentence again to make sure we understand it?
- Stop there, I don’t understand. Why was the duck crying?

**What questions should I ask my child after they have read?**
- Why did Bob follow Ben to the shop?
- Do you think you would do the same thing as Mary in the story?
- How else could the rabbit have solved the problem?
- Look at the T.V. guide, what time is Home and Away on tonight?

**STUDENTS VACATIONS**

If your child is going on a vacation or has a planned absence, please give advance notice in writing to the classroom teacher or administration. That way teachers have enough time to organise homework packs if required.

**BOOK COVERING**

Do you have some time available between 8.30am and 10.30am on 11th April? We are looking for 2 volunteers to help cover library books. Morning tea provided. Please contact the front office if you are available.

**MATHS & SCIENCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The ‘Hedland Maths and Science Centre of Excellence’ kicked off again on the 19th of February. The program will again be run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm – 4:30pm at South Hedland Primary School. For the selected students involved they will enjoy an interactive, hands-on experience to develop their knowledge in the maths and science learning areas. Students involved will be collected from Cassia P.S. by bus and given a small snack on arrival before commencing their activities.

There are many great opportunities this year for the students including organising a camp and engineers visiting from BHP. Robotics is just one of the exciting projects the students will participate in this year. Good luck to the students and the HMSCE for the year ahead!!

Don't forget you can view this week’s Newsletter online at: www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
On Thursday the 14th March, the Department of Fisheries visited Cassia. The year 6’s and 7’s were treated to a great opportunity to learn all about the inner workings of a fish. Although most have been fishing and caught a fish before, not all had been previously introduced to dissecting one. In the minds of the students gutting and dissecting are apparently different (a few white faces during the activity). However the majority of students thoroughly enjoyed opening a fish up and discovering all the different parts from the heart, liver, kidney, gills and even determining whether it was a boy or girl. Finally they had to remove the otoliths (ear stones) to work out how old the fish was.

The year 3’s were excited to learn all about life in the mangroves. From sustainable fishing (measuring, bag limits etc.) to what does lurk beneath the mangroves besides a few Barramundi. The year 3’s got to practice their fishing skills and have a story read to them about life in the mangroves.

All up it was a wonderful day for the students involved. A very big thank you to Mr Dylan Pross for travelling all the way from Broome to deliver a very exciting and informative few hours. We hope to see him again sometime this year!!

Mr Garnsey

On Friday 15th March 2013, Cassia Primary School held a ‘Crazy Hair Day 4 Kids’ as part of the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave! We encouraged students to come to school on this day with crazy hair and a gold coin donation. Crazy hair included a crazy style, coloured hairspray or a funky cut. As a school we managed to raise $364.80 for the Leukaemia Foundation. This smashed last years total of $264.75. Congratulations! Recognition to the following Crazy Hair Day prize winners from each class – Mathew Morrison, Billie Rowles, Scarlett West-Terado, Linda McKenzie, Ebonnie Marrich, Imogen Edgar, Isabel Blacklock, Kye Gibson, Ty Kilmartin, Dakota Deegan, Rhyie Townsend, Reecie Townsend, Maddison Tavo, Debbie Derschow, Nate Hall and Ben McLaughlin.

Since 1998, over $120 million has been raised to fund blood cancer research and free services to support Australian families affected by leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Sponsorship by the general public can also be made online on our team page at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/CassiaKids

Thanks for your support.

On Friday 15th March, students in all year levels at Cassia Primary took part in the nationwide event The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action was a day where school communities across Australia, Took a Stand Together against bullying and violence. Cassia Primary is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together at Cassia Primary, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time.

As part of the day, students interacted with a website which discusses bullying and what to do if you, or someone you know, has been involved in bullying. Students also engaged in drama and role play situations, as depicted in the picture below, where they created positive solutions to bullying problems. It was a really informative and engaging day for all and we envision it has supported our students to take more empowered action when faced with bullying.
Students may make their Easter themed hat at home and bring it in on the day. There will be class prizes for the most fabulous creations!

Parents and friends are invited to come along to join in the fun and see some amazing hats.

Mrs Pittman will be drawing the annual Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for the Year Seven Graduation at the parade.

$2 per ticket or 3 for $5 or 10 for $10

Lots of Prizes!!!