Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to congratulate Sarah Pittman and the Year 7’s for a very successful Easter raffle. This was only possible by the fantastic support from families donating so many Easter eggs. Once again Ms Dunkley organised our annual Easter Hat parade. Despite the heat the hats all looked fantastic. It was a very difficult job for Mrs Morris, Mrs Horne and myself to judge only one winner for each class from Kindergarten to Year 7. Thankyou to the many families who supported this event.

Our swimming carnival was held last week. Ms Brittain is to be commended on her organisation for a very successful day. Congratulations to Acacia (gold) for narrowly beating Boronia (blue) to be the winning faction. Thankyou to the parent helpers who assisted on the day. Mrs Brittain will be organising the Interschool Swimming Carnival as Cassia is the host school this year. This will be on Friday 12th April. If the South Hedland Aquatic Centre is ready for use the event will be held there, otherwise it will be at Gratwick pool in Port Hedland.

On Tuesday the 2nd April Cassia conducted a staff development day. Teachers from Kindergarten to Year 2 attended their 2nd English Australian Curriculum professional learning day and shared their action research. Teachers from Year 3 to Year 7 participated in their 2nd day of Australian Curriculum in Mathematics. These days are run by local teachers who have been trained as Australian Curriculum facilitators. Baler PS, Cassia PS, Cassia ESC, Marblebar PS, Port Hedland PS, South Hedland PS and Yandeyarra RCS attend these events. This professional learning is funded through the Hedland Principal Network.

Over the next few weeks we will be advertising a number of non teaching positions for Term 2. These will be advertised on the WA jobs website at http://search.jobs.wa.gov.au. Our first advertised position is for Education Assistants both permanent and fixed term. Applications are due in online by Thursday 11th April.

As part of our Business Plan we are collecting information on how the school community views the school. An online survey developed by the Department of Education is being used for parents, students and staff. The survey needs to be completed by the last day of this term. If you would prefer a hard copy instead please contact the front office– see more information overleaf.

Regards
Janine Kinninment
Principal
A very big thank you to all the families who donated Easter Eggs for our Year 7 Easter Raffle, we had an abundance of Easter eggs!

1st Prize Darryl TA2
2nd Prize Angel TA9
A total of 41 prizes were won.

We also had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny which all students enjoyed!

ONLINE SCHOOL SURVEY

We are seeking information about how parents and carers view Cassia Primary School. We will then be better able to plan our future directions. Your feedback will assist us to identify areas where we are performing well, as well as target areas for improvement.

You are able to complete the survey online by visiting http://apps.det.wa.edu.au/dest and enter the following survey ID:

Parent Survey ID 18186
Survey closes 19 April 2013

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

School Contributions are now due for all students. Statements are being sent out this week.

Payment can be made via cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS.

Don’t forget you can view this week’s Newsletter online at: www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
**EASTER HAT PARADE**

The annual Cassia Primary School Easter Hat Parade was a huge success and a fabulous time was had by all. Thank you to our wonderful families who assisted the students in making some of the most creative, attractive and clever hats we have seen! Our amazing winners were:

- **TA14** Tyler Kennedy
- **TA13** Kaiden Henry
- **TA12** Dakota McDonald
- **TA11** Melinda McKenzie
- **TA1** Hayley Morris
- **TA2** Shante Hale
- **TA3** Maddison Phillips
- **TA4** Katelyn Sellwood
- **TA5** Hayley Kidy
- **TA6** Tyrrell Edgar
- **TA7** Callum Taylor
- **TA8** Anysha Niddrie
- **TA9** Nova Breslin
- **TA10** Izabelle Gibson

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library slips have been sent home with families for collection of over due books. The final date for returns will be **Thursday 11th of April 2013**.

If Students do not return their overdue books by this date, future borrowing maybe suspended.

**P & C NEWS**

Cassia Primary School P & C will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 9th April. All positions will become vacant. If you are interested in holding a position on the P & C please contact Jacqui Morris—in the front office to express your interest. Our P & C is always looking for new members, so please feel free to come along to our next meeting!

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

Reminder! Mother’s Day is approaching!

Cassia Primary is planning to hold a Mother’s Day stall in Week 1 Term 2. We hope it will be a great opportunity for school fundraising, as well as providing some nice gifts for all the hardworking mothers and carers out there.

Our plan is to collect donations of goods from within our school community over the remainder of Term One and the beginning of Term Two. A stall will then be held in the week before Mother’s Day where students will be able to come along and purchase something nice to give their mother on her special day.

We are therefore asking families to send in any items they feel could be contributed to our stall for sale. It does not need to be expensive, rather something that you would enjoy receiving yourself. We would ask for a purchase limit of no more than $5.00. All donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to TA7 for safe keeping until the stall.

Should you have any queries, please see Mrs Maxwell in TA7.

**OPENING HOURS**

Every Thursday
7.45am—8.45am
Payment by Cash or Eftpos

Please remember
Cassia Primary School
Is A NUT SAFE SCHOOL
We request nut products are not sent to school.
Cassia Primary School’s Faction Swimming Carnival took place at the Gratwick Aquatic Centre last Thursday. The swimming carnival was a huge success with all students who attended the event having the opportunity to get in the water and show us their amazing ability. Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who took part. The champions of each year group to be announced at our next school assembly.

I would like to thank all staff, parents and family members who assisted with and supported this event. It was a terrific day for everyone involved.

Sarah Brittain

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