Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

On Tuesday evening we held our End of Year Concert which was a tremendous success. All student performances were outstanding and such fun. Thank you once again to Mrs Edwards for her organisation of the evening and to Gary Edwards Plumbing, Cassia PS P & C, Town of Port Hedland, Sally Zielke and Kevin Angel for their contributions to the event.

All student reports will be going home with students on Tuesday 16th of December. Any reports that have not been collected by Thursday morning will be mailed out. Staff may be notifying you of classroom parties which will be occurring on Tuesday also, please remember to be nut aware and sensitive to the needs of children.

This year we farewell Mrs Maxwell whom is moving across to Port Hedland School of the Air, Mrs Pittman who is taking a one year tenure at Hedland Senior High School, Miss Brown who is returning to Perth, Mrs Hingston and Mrs Carwright. I would like to thank them all for the positive contributions they have made to Cassia Primary School over their tenures and wish them all the best for the future.

Next Year we will have over 400 students enrolled at Cassia Primary School. We are changing our room numbers in the school so they follow a more logical format.

I would like to thank you all for a wonderful year and wish you a safe and happy holidays. I look forward to seeing all the students on 2nd February 2015.

Good on you Taylah you're a superstar, you are kind and caring, the kind of student we love at Cassia Primary.
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received Merit Certificates this fortnight!

TA1  Elijah Gilbert & Damon Binsaad
TA2  Beau Bickerton
TA4  Annalise Day
TA7  Kwame Eaton & Ella Taylor
TA8  Brett Zencich & Hannah Battle-Gillespie
TA9  Alicia Zielke & Cyril Jones
TA10 Keram Kelly, Nicholas Galovic, Tatjiana Griffiths, Joel Guest & Neya Cooper
TA14/K4 Ryan Olsen
TA16  Shenikqua Hodder & Nikkeeta Wiggan

Science Award
Kierli Pilkington & Hayley Morris

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received a Good Work Award this fortnight!

Lershana Bin Saad
Isabel Hiew-Tombs
Beau Bickerton

Aziz Binsaad
Bella Searle
Brandon Dhu

Lyra Walton-Tewes

Ava Maciuba-Holland
Jaxon Cummins
L’Brone Fitzgerald
Magnus Street
Jack Morrison

PE Award
Merrick Walton-Tewes & Robbie Ward

Cassia Waste Audit

On Thursday 4th December students from TA3 and TA4 conducted a waste audit, assisted by children from the Rose Nowers Early Learning Centre. Some of the surprising and alarming results included:

28 whole apples (or with 1 or 2 bites taken out) were thrown away, which is equivalent to each child in one whole class throwing away a whole apple each day. This means that every three weeks each child in the school throws away a whole apple.

Over 5kg of food scraps (sandwiches, crusts and other food) plus almost 2½kg of fruit and vegetable scraps are thrown away each day in our 4 bins in the Undercover Area. Next year we will be composting the fruit and vegetable scraps.

Almost 1½ kg plastic bags and cling wrap go into the bin each day, which equates to 30kg a month. Re-usable containers or eco-friendly sandwich wrappers would drastically reduce the amount of plastic going to landfill.

Remember that we only audited a quarter of the school outside bins, so these figures need to be multiplied by 4 to give the amount of waste in one day for the whole school. Plus each classroom and office has one or two bins as well.

In 2015 we will be starting a whole-school waste awareness program, aimed at reducing the amount of waste we generate as a school. Integrated with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation program, it will be an exciting initiative in which we will track the many ways we Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at Cassia.

Jennifer Neale - Teacher TA4
Congratulations to our Awarded Students

Mayors Citizenship Award: Rhylie Townsend
Presented by Councillor Jan Gillingham

Aboriginal Excellence Award: Presented by Harry Taylor
Junior Inspirational Award: Kye Gibson
Junior Encouragement Award: Joshua Wright
Senior Inspirational Award: Shaquille Tucker-Love
Senior Encouragement Award: Layne Dhu-Dickie

Drumbeat Award: Courtney Charles

Hip Hop Award: Kwame Eaton

Sport Award: Tana Ramsay and Sam Thomas

Science Award: Puspa McCutcheon and Mitchell Bond

Mission Australia and BHP Billiton Scholarship Award: Jasmin Kilmartin - Presented by Mitchell Roberts

TA1 Teachers Award: Ngaire Simmons
Encouragement Award: Verneshia Drummond

TA2 Teachers Award: Jimmy Hollandrose
Encouragement Award: Tia’anna Tucker-Love

TA3 Teachers Award: Nathan McFarlane
Encouragement Award: Jon’ Heta

TA4 Teachers Award: Hayley Morris-Pouillet
Encouragement Award: Jesse Tavo

TA5 Teachers Award: Tahlia Musulin
Encouragement Award: Scarlett West-Terepo

TA6 Teachers Award: Harmony Tavo
Encouragement Award: Khyan Townsend

TA7 Teachers Award: Keli Hill
Encouragement Award: Sudin Drummond

TA8 Teachers Award: Maeve Cameron-Webster
Encouragement Award: Jacob Hair

TA9 Teachers Award: Vila-Rose Maea
Encouragement Award: Tasmin Jordan

TA10 Teachers Award: Bobby Francisco
Encouragement Award: Ethan Sinclair

TA11 Teachers Award: Jessica Marrich
Encouragement Award: Ryan Keuenhoff

TA12 Teachers Award: Evey Cummins
Encouragement Award: Matthew Stewart

Year 6 Award Winners

Dux: Kierli Pilkington
Citizenship Award: Tama Borrell
Principal’s Award: Ben McLaughlin
Encouragement Award: Octavia Jerima
Science Awards: Tyler Gallaghan & Adi Koroi
Sport Award: Maddison Tavo

Year 7 Award Winners

Dux: Courtney Charles
Citizenship Award: Rhett Bauchop
Principal’s Award: Merrick Walton-Tewes
Encouragement Award: Jaykob Fitzgerald
Science Awards: William Vincent & Taylah Edwards
Sport Award: Bayleigh Derschow

Cassia’s Mini Chef Club with Mrs Maria Cameron

Our talented Cassia’s Mini Chef Club has thoroughly enjoyed making and cooking creative healthy ideas this term. We made Fruit Kebabs, Homemade Lemonade, Strawberry Smoothies, Nachos, Pavlova and Banana Chocolate Dip. We would like to thank our majestic Head Chef Mrs Cameron for a great term of delicious healthy food and drinks. She has taught us the most important life skills in our lives. What a fantastic term in Cassia’s Mini Chef Club!
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**Term 1 2015**

Please note due to the 9 week Term 1 and 11 Week Term 2 Kindergarten Wednesday Rosters will commence in Week 1 Term 1 with Kindergarten A and in Term 2 with Kindergarten B. The roster will commence with Kindergarten A each term thereafter.