Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to another addition of our newsletter. We have been very busy this term and it is pleasing to see in the classrooms the level of work that the children are participating in. Congratulations to all our children and Mrs Hussey for their participation in Ride to School Day - there were some tremendous outfits on display.

**In Term Swimming**
We have approximately 360 students participating in swimming lessons next week. Well done to all of our families for valuing these sessions. Please ensure you send your children to school on Monday with their bathers and towels. Students in Rooms 3, 4, 13 and 14 are to come to school with their bathers under their clothes ready for lessons. There has been an amendment to times of lessons, a separate note will be going home in relation to this.

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all of our students for their exceptional conduct and efforts today. I am very pleased with your achievements.

**Parent Interviews**
In Weeks 8 & 9 this term teachers will be holding parent interviews. Interviews are 10 minutes long, you may choose from classroom teachers, specialist teachers, coaches, attendance officers and AIEO’s.

To schedule your interview please visit ‘School Interviews’ at the website below and use the code provided. If you are not sure please consult the front office for assistance. The interviews are taking place on Wednesday 23 March from 3pm-6pm and Wednesday 30 March from 5pm-7pm.

**Website**  www.schoolinterviews.com.au  
**Code**  9qc44

**Positive Parenting Program**
A reminder that we are hosting a PPP workshop at Cassia Primary School on Wednesday 16 March in the staffroom commencing at 8.30am. Wendy Doyle from the Department of Education and the Child and Parent Centre Initiative will be present.

**Easter**
A reminder to parents that school is closed on Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday. Students resume school on Wednesday 30 March.

Kindest Regards,
Narelle Ward
Merit Awards

**Room 1B** Sophie O’Neill
**Room 3** Vaeda Gavranic
**Room 4** Alexander Musumeci
**Room 6** Lillith Vaughan
**Room 7** CJ Knight
**Room 8** Evey Cummins
**Room 9** Abigail Mario
**Room 10** Jack Worthington
**Room 12** Glenna Macayan
**Room 17** Isabel Clark

**Science** Adrianna Armstrong
**SAKG** Veronica Gould

Good Work

Harshika Dinesh
Zoe Pagsuyuin
Jasmine Caparas

Mikayla McCutcheon
Waylon Cassidy
Ellie Boxall

Dominique Newland
Ixara Lockyer

Stephen Hayter

Lucy Collins

Luvata Hodder
Roger Krakouer

Edie Maciuba-Holland
Corey Baxter

Jaidon Dupra

Ashleigh Phillips
Alexia Tabak

Qade Kincaid

Jazmine Rudd
Justina Newland

Lennox Kincaid
Nizarah Nissen
Caiden Laylan

Happy Birthday!

Scarlett Black    Mackenzie Keogh    Zoe Pagsuyuin    Robert Brooking    Annalise Day
Verneshia Drummond    Alexander Eddy    Laneaka Gaskin    Bohdi Gregs    Amelia James
Nathan Keogh    CJ Knight    Makaila McCormack    Joelene Roe    Jade Sawtell    Taya Sawtell
Fekita Vea    Robbie Ward    Jerome Willalane    Zeth Wilson    Damien Winmar
Mrs Edwards talks about... NUMBERS and Learning at home

**NUMBER ACTIVITY IDEAS WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT**

**IN THE CAR**
There are many games you can play in the car with your child to keep them occupied:

- Count the number of cars with your child. Make the game a little more challenging by counting cars of each colour.
- Look out for and point out numbers when you are out and about, for example on signs, number plates and front doors.

**IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**
When walking around the neighbourhood with your child:

- count the number of houses in your street
- talk about *shapes*, for example: *The give way sign is a triangle*
- read and say the numbers on letterboxes.

**SHOPPING**
Keep your child occupied when shopping by getting them to:

- count the number of items in the trolley, basket or bag
- point out and look for numbers in the shop, for example, on price tags and shopping aisles
- find and group the *heavy* and *light* items when unpacking the shopping.

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**CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN DAILY FROM 7:30AM**

*Assorted sandwiches and wraps are available daily*

**Phone:** 9172 2352

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| Nachos $5.00 (served with tomato, cheese and sour cream) | Homemade pizzas: $5.00
Ham and Pineapple
Supreme
Ham and cheese | Homemade quiche & salad $6.00
Dip and salad tray $4.50 |
| Beef burger with salad $6.00 | Macaroni cheese & veggies $5.00 | Dip and salad tray $4.50 |
| Dip and salad tray $4.50   | Ice Creams                  |                              |

**THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN ON MONDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 7.45 & 8.45AM**

The uniform shop is run by the Cassia P & C and the uniform coordinator is Jaqui Toyne.

We ask that uniforms are paid for at the time of ordering.

EFTPOS is available in the front office and we also accept cheque payments - payable to ‘Cassia P & C Association’.
Keeping animals

Foundation Year

Students we will be investigating the ethical considerations of keeping animals. Students will discuss the types of animals that can be kept in a classroom, e.g. goldfish, butterflies, ants, billabong bugs or brine shrimp (sea monkeys), mealworms and silkworms.

Students discussed why these animals were best suited to a classroom and why other animals are not suitable for a classroom.

Animal posters

Year One and Two

Students have started investigating an animal of choice, creating a poster of information. We discussed the following and how important it is to use on a poster: Title, habitat, labeling, pictures and facts about that animal. We will be continuing our posters next week.

Feathers, Fur and Leaves

Year Three

Students are discussing what living things have feathers, fur and leaves. We will be researching different types of leaves and why they are all different shapes and sizes, and why some leaves do smell and others don’t. We are using our inquiry skills to pose questions and answer questions.

Growing plant

Year Four and Five

Firstly we set up growing stations of fast-growing plants. Students will be investigating factors that affect growth such as sunlight or temperature. Secondly students will be investigating how water moves through the roots and up the stem.

Biological Sciences
Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Team Update

The Positive Behaviour Support Team have met a couple of times this year and have scheduled our next training day, this Sunday. Staff from South Hedland Primary School will be joining us. After analysing the data collected from last year, we have created a behaviour system to record classroom behaviours called green and pink slips. This appears to be encouraging students to make better choices and encouraging more positive approaches to classroom management and positive reinforcement. These notes, “Greenies” will go home to parents/guardians so be on the look out to see if your child is displaying positive behaviour at school. When a child receives a “Greenie”, they take this and their work to the administration team to celebrate their success. The administrative team discuss the child’s achievements, provide rewards and praise, take a photo of the child for the next newsletter in the Good Book. The PBS Team believes this will generate more accurate data for the team to analyse and move forward. To date the data has been tremendous in supporting our school and decision making. We look forward to the growth the team will make this year and the positive impact it will have on the school and the students.

BOOK FAIR - Wed 30 March to Wed 6 April 2016

Book Fair is nearly here! If you would like to visit the Library to purchase some of the wonderful new books please visit during the hours 7.30am - 3.00pm.

We will be having a DRESS-UP DAY on the last day of the Book Fair (Wed 6 April) and the theme is ‘Groovy’. This is a fun day and prizes are awarded to ‘best dressed’ students.

Below are some ideas for the dress up theme

Mrs Cummins is always looking for volunteers in the Library so if you think you could spare a little time to help out please call the school on 9172 2495.

Easter Egg Raffle & Donations

Thank you to all the families who have generously donated an Easter egg to make up our raffle prize baskets. Donations are still welcome up until the 22nd March and we would appreciate some extras.

Tickets are still for sale up until Wednesday 23rd March before school, at recess and lunch in the undercover area. All proceeds will be going towards the Year 6 Graduation.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.

The prices are: $2 per ticket, $5 for 3 tickets, $10 for 10 tickets
Indigenous Scholarships 2017

Each year, Presbyterian Ladies’ College (PLC) offers indigenous students scholarships to our school for entrance at either Year 7 or 8. The school is a vibrant boarding and day community and past students have been successful learners and enjoyed their experience. Our Gorna Li-yarn (strong heart, strong spirit) programme sees girls warmly supported and mentored through their years at PLC and we enjoy working closely with families.

We are proud of our programme and particularly keen to welcome new girls to our school. We urge any prospective applicants and their families this opportunity and, that being the case, encourage you to apply. Should you or families wish to speak to someone about the programme, I would welcome contact on 9424 6489.

Information about the application requirements and process can be found on our school website at [http://www.plc.wa.edu.au/830/admissions/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships](http://www.plc.wa.edu.au/830/admissions/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships).

Closing dates for applications is Monday 2 May 2016 and we will be undertaking our scholarship testing and interview tour in mid-June.

Sharon Anderson - Head of Middle School

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Community Notices

**TODDLER DROWNING PREVENTION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Did you know that drowning is the leading cause of preventable death in children aged 0—4 years in Australia?

The Royal Life Saving Society WA’s Keep Watch program provides free water safety workshops for child and community health nurses, health promotion/injury prevention officers and anyone else with a role to play in promoting child safety in the community. The presentation covers:

- Drowning statistics and background to the program
- Where and why toddlers drown
- Drowning prevention strategies to keep children safe
- Available resources
- How can support you to promote water safety in your community

**When:** Thursday 7 April  
**Time:** 2.30pm—3.30pm  
**Where:** Conference room, Hedland Health Campus  
Colebatch Way, South Hedland

**Registrations and further information**  
Contact Ashlee Hasson—Health Promotion Officer, Pilbara Population Health  
9174 1350 or ashlee.hasson@health.wa.gov.au
HEDLAND PLAY & LEARN
NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS!

Hedland Play & Learn’s vision is to provide a happy, safe and nurturing environment where our children, families and employees feel they belong.

- Permanent Qualified and caring Educators
- School readiness program
- Focus on recycling and sustainability
- Opportunity for indoor outdoor play year round
- Extra curricular activities at no extra cost
- 4 Nutritious meals included
- Fun, play based learning, where the children’s wellbeing is our focus
- Art Studio
- Only centre in Hedland with online programming, for convenient access to your child’s learning records.

TAFE Campus, Forrest Circle, South Hedland
hedland@playlearn.com.au
www.playlearn.com.au
T 9172 2933

TIRED OF THE SAME OLD ROUTINE?
Bring the little ones down to GAC Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.30am – 11.30am for SPLASHING GOOD FUN!

AQUA TOTS
0-4 years & caregivers
Pool toys and inflatables for the children, muffins and coffee for the adults!

Only $3.00
for a caregiver & preschooler entry

EggNORMOUS
EASTER EGG HUNT & EASTER BONNET PARADE

Don’t forget to bring your basket!

Sunday 20th March, 2016
10.00 am to 12.00pm
Marquee Splash and Play Park
Cottier Drive, South Hedland

FEEL FREE TO BRING A PICNIC ALONG WITH YOU
For more information please go to Spiritradio.com.au/hedland
Redfm.com.au/hedland

This is a free event for Hedland’s primary school aged children and every child must be accompanied by an adult in guardian.

GRATWICK AQUATIC CENTRE
McGregor St, Port Hedland WA 6721
P: (08) 9173 3303 | E: gratwick@ymca.org.au
Dear Parents,

All children aged 5-15 years are invited to be part of the Have a Try Night 2016. The event will be held on Friday 11 March 2016 at Marie Marland Reserve in South Hedland. This is an opportunity for your children to try out and learn more about the variety of different sports on offer in Port Hedland. The Have a Try Night event is a fun, friendly environment and the best part is...it's all FREE.

The evening will be run in a sports expo style, so that each child has the opportunity to try out all the sports on offer. Food will be available during the event, plus an opportunity for you and your children to find out about how to get involved in any of the sports they just tried. Some of the sports on offer include Zumba Fitness, Rugby League, Squash, Soccer and Muay Thai Kids Kickboxing.


If you don't have a computer, smart phone or access to the internet, please visit either the Port Hedland Library, Dempster Street or the South Hedland Library, Leake Street to use our public access computers to register online, or call 9158 9889.

Families with children that fall into both age groups may opt to have all children attend either one of the sessions for your convenience. If you choose to do this please indicate your preferred time when filling out the online registration.

**Have a Try Night**

*Where*: Marie Marland Reserve, South Hedland  
*When*: Friday 11 March 2016  
*Times*: 5-7 years of age 4pm - 5pm  
*8-15 years of age 5pm - 7pm*  
*Who*: Any children aged between 5-15 years

Please ensure everyone has a water bottle with their name on it. Parents are encouraged to stay during the event.

For more information, contact the Town of Port Hedland Club Development Officer Tenielle Dunne on 9158 9889