Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

ATTENDANCE
I would like to congratulate our entire school community for the significant increase in comparison with Semester One last year in our attendance rates. There has been a decrease in the number of students in the Severely at Risk, Moderately at Risk and Indicated at Risk attendance categories and an increase of 6.8% students in the Regular attendance Category. This equates to 32 students now being in the regular attendance category that previously may not have been. I look forward to these improvements continuing in Semester Two.

INTERSchool and SPORTING EVENTS
Congratulations to all of our students for their participation in the interschool event. Cassia Primary School came 2nd. Well done to all of our participants and to Mrs Hussey for her organisation.

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I would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in the the North West BMX Event on the weekend. I believe it was a very successful event with a record number of entrants.

TIDY TOWN VISITS
This week we welcomed Mrs Kelly Howlett and the Tidy Town Committee Judges to our school. The Judges spent some time in the Community Garden with Mrs Neale and our Waste Wise Committee.

CLASSROOM CHANGES
Thank you to all of our staff, parents and students for supporting the classroom changes for Semester Two. We have several exciting projects underway including our new parents and staff car park and the new ECE building. Thank you to everyone for their consideration during this time.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to all of our students for their NAIDOC Presentations and to the organising committee and Mrs Stewart. You have done a great job.

Have a great holiday break everyone and we will see you back at school on Monday the 18th of July.

Kindest Regards
Narelle Ward - Principal

Our Vision
To deliver a caring, supportive and safe school environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential, enabling them to contribute to society in a positive manner.
**Merit Certificates**

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**Good Book**

Tyson Pavey  Robert Brooking  Emily Morrison & Ryley Attwood  Aaliyah Baird & Hamzah Binsaad

Ixara Lockyer

Matiko Langa, Noah Weadley, Mrs Jen Neale, Aaliyrah Chesson & Zaliya Edgar

Sara, Ryan, Lakylah & Brandon

Tsaphyra, Riley, Amelia, Samuel & Zeth

Patrick Murphy & Joaquin Smith

Marshall Parfitt & Scarlett Rob

Riley Jacko
PEAC News

PEAC stands for Primary Extension Academic Challenge. Last term we learnt about the brain and did a series of scientific and mathematical activities, this term we learnt about art and famous artists and next term we are going to learn about geocaching.

This term we have learnt about artists like Vincent Van Gogh, photography, weaving, pastels, pop art, dot painting, sketching and shading. In week two a Lady called Stacy came in to teach us about photography, in week three we went to the Courthouse Gallery, in week four Helene Komene came in to teach us how to do seascapes with pastels, in week six we went to the Spinifex Hill Studios where we talked to the Aboriginal artists and learnt about dot art and why the aboriginal do there art and what makes them enjoy it. After we went Port Hedland Primary School where we went to the beach to take photo and sketched the photos we also learnt shading.

By Charlotte Wight Room 15 and Maddison Phillips Room 14.

Sports Events News

Adidas Fun Run
Well done to all students that took part in the Adidas Fun Run on the 10th June. Junior students completed laps of the oval while the senior students took to the school boundary to complete the loop. It was a fantastic turn out of parent and carer supporters as well as all of the teacher support – some of which even joined in on the warm up! Special mention to Bhodi Gregs for fasted boy, Yelena Kelleher for fastest girl as well as Ty Kilmartin for the furthest distance. All students who ran were able to gather sponsorship money which has allowed the school to raise over $3300 which will go towards new equipment. Student prizes have been ordered and will be available at the beginning of Term 3.

Faction Carnival
The school was an ocean of green, red, blue and gold on Friday 17th June as students showed up to participate and cheer on their factions. For the Kindy and Pre-Primary students, it was all about participation with every student having a few races. The competition became a bit more serious as we moved up the Years which is evident in our list of Champion Boys and Girls.

Year 3 Tana Ramsey, Nathan Narkle, Shelby Hunter, Joeline Roh, Kate Anderson
Year 4 Chris Stewart, Lucas Gardner, Wyatt Wilson, Zaliya Edgar, Yelena Kelleher
Year 5 Nate Hogan, Cven Drummond, Bethany Tubera, Rani Ramsay
Year 6 Ty Kilmartin, Alan Borell, Haylee Kelly, Shenikqua Hodder, Taya Tuffin

The final score for the day was:
1st – Banksia – 603 2nd – Boronia – 592 3rd – Acacia – 590 4th – Bottlebrush – 504

Interschool Throws and Athletics Carnival
A huge congratulations to all students that represented Cassia Primary School at the Interschool Throws and Athletics Carnival in Week 9.
The Throws Carnival saw some of the furthest vortex and shot put throws come from Cassia Students as well as some of the best dance moves!
Although the Athletics Carnival got off to a rough start due to heavy rainfall and bus delays, the timetable was altered and the races were able to get underway. Cassia’s junior team took 1st place in many of the events and when asked what Cassia Primary Schools secret to running fast was, the response – “make sure you run fast!”
Our hard work continued throughout the day both on and off the track. All students showed great sportsmanship towards their team mates and other schools.
With only 11 points between 1st and 2nd Cassia Primary School were able to return to school with 2nd place.
All students should be very proud of themselves just as much as I am! Great work team!

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NAIDOC Week and PBS Team Update

NAIDOC celebrations were held at Cassia during week 10. The theme this year was: “Songlines: The living narrative of our nation”. To commence our NAIDOC celebrations there was a flag raising ceremony, presented by Ms Mystique Dia and our student councillors Jalen Coppin, Taj Derschow and Victoria Pocock. We were lucky to have special guest Ms Tamara Simpson from the Blood Tree talk about Songlines and celebrating NAIDOC week. Miss Di Stewart went into each class and taught students about Songlines. Each class was given a dreamtime story to read research and present at mini assemblies. It was a wonderful week and a great way to finish Term 2.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Team Update

The PBS Team would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in our survey on our eForms Skoolbag app and voted for the top behaviour expectations. It is fantastic to see our parents and careers getting involved. The data collected from the survey has been used to create our new behaviour expectations.

We are responsible.

We show respect.

We are resilient.

We try our best.

We are currently in the process of finding a suitable Parent Representative for the PBS team. We will advise when this has been granted.