Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

I would like to thank the families that have supported the school by paying their voluntary contributions and P & C donations. This money assists the school in running programs supporting student achievement and excellence. If you have not paid your contributions it is $60 per child per year and the P & C Contribution is $20 per family. To date 65.32% have paid their contributions, thank you.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance rates are still of concern to me. Whilst we have an increase of 3.3% in the number of children attending greater than 90% we still have 40.7% of our students attending less than 90%, which is the minimum requirement. Our school vision is 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. Every day matters and absences from school do impact on student learning, whether they be for sickness, family business or vacations during school time. Students who are not at the required attendance rate are placed on attendance plans to restore attendance to the Regular Category, in collaboration with the parents and caregivers. If you require support getting your child to school please contact your child's classroom teacher or a member of our school based attendance team, Mrs Leesa Gibson or Mr Martin Ross.

Unauthorised Absences are also of concern. There are a number of ways that parents can communicate with the school in regards to absences, through the Skoolbag App, SMS notifications, letter to the classroom teacher or via phone call. It is imperative that every absence from school has a reason and that the school is informed. If you are intending to take your children out of school for an interim vacation we have a form that you are required to complete in the front office. I look forward to working with families to restore some of current attendance concerns. Congratulations to our families whose children have achieve 90% and over in their attendance. Each term I send letters of congratulations out to these families.

**VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS**

It is great to see so many parent volunteers helping out around our school, what a wonderful school community we have! Please remember that all visitors and volunteers are required to sign in at the **Front Office**. This includes parents who are volunteering in their child’s classroom.

**Kindest Regards,**

Narelle Ward

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**Calendar**

- **Monday 18th - Thursday 28th May**
  - Interm Swimming Lessons
- **Friday 29th May**
  - Student Free Day
  - Students do not attend school
- **Monday 1st June**
  - WA DAY
  - Public Holiday
- **Week 7**
  - 2016 Kindergarten Applications open

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Don't forget our Skoolbag App on the App Store or Google Play Store. Simply download “Cassia Primary School” for all the latest updates and messages. We have 210 subscribers to date. Also check out our Website at cassiaps.wa.edu.au for the latest information and photos.
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received Merit Certificates this fortnight!

Room 3  Mahlia Armstrong & Louis Gray
Room 4  Zykiem Vincent & Hamzah Binsaad
Room 5  Lewis McDonald & Chelsea Prichard
Room 6  Tyrone Hingston & Phoenix-Rose Hodder
Room 7  Lyric Nissen & Kayla McLennan
Room 8  Aidan Collier & Alex Wojciechowski
Room 9  Melinda McKenzie, Harmony Lewis-Chapman

Room 10  Kimihia Grace & Joziah Taylor
Room 11  Martin Ugle & Liam McGuckin
Room 12  Hayley Morris & Chase Hunter
Room 13  Tremaine Armstrong & Taylah Armstrong
Room 14  Marla Bradshaw & Teja Avurapalli
Room 15  Tia Crampton & Bruce Gould
Room 16  Ella Taylor & Lotu Sailosi

Science  McKinley Robson & John Caparas

SAKGF  Billie Rowles

Good Book

Good Work Awards this fortnight!

Kelis Hokianga
Christian Wainwright

Austin Wasley
Joshua Cameron

Damon Binsaad

Good Book

What’s on from Mrs Edwards - Paths

Complimenting Your Child

The PATHS curriculum is designed to build children’s self-esteem and encourage children to support and respect others. In this first unit, children are learning the meaning of the word “compliment.”

We introduced compliments to your children as “a nice thing we say to someone about him or her. It is a way we let someone know what we like about him or her.”

For example:
“Wow, you look really cool in that shirt!” or “You are really good at kicking the ball.”

Children who hear compliments from their teachers and parents or caregivers know they are valued and respected.

Common ways to compliment:

• The way someone LOOKS:
  “Wow, you look so nice today!”

• Something someone HAS:
  “I like your toy.”

• Something someone DOES:
  “You really cleaned up quickly.”

• The way someone is:
  “I like the way you were gentle with the kitty.”

You can help us teach your child about compliments by using them at home. Later this year, we will introduce four types of compliments to children.

• The way you look
• Things you have
• Things you do well
• The way you are.
School News

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Our kitchen garden and orchard continue to thrive and we even have mulberries appearing on the little mulberry trees. Thank you to people who have continued to donate equipment for the garden and to volunteer to help groups for cooking and gardening. We will begin using more produce from our garden in Week 7.

Jenny Neale
Kitchen Garden Coordinator

Busy Bee

On Saturday 23rd May Cassia Primary School will be holding a busy-bee from 9am to 1pm. We are upgrading our Early Childhood Education area to meet the required features of the National Quality Standards for schools, as well as providing engaging and inspiring play areas for our students. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Mrs Ward will be cooking a sausage sizzle for all of our volunteers.

SMITH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS - MONEY FOR SCHOOL COSTS

The Smith Family offers Educational Support through Scholarships (Money) and other Educational Programs from Pre Primary to Year 8.

Eligibility Criteria: Health Care Card or Parent concession card; attendance 70% or higher.

For more information please ask the school or contact:
The Smith Family, on Ph 9144 1854 or text 0435 800 821 and we will call you. Our email is tsfhedland@thesmithfamily.com.au

Kindergarten 2016

Applications for Kindergarten 2016 open in week 7, Tuesday 2 June 2015. Please collect your application for enrolment pack from our front office. You are required to provide a copy of your child’s birth certificate, immunisation record statement and 2 proof of address documents.
The Book Cubby is an interactive exhibition of books written and/or illustrated by children. Stocked with books created by children and communities within Australia and around the world, the Book Cubby is coming to the South Hedland Library for 4 weeks, starting on the 4th May.

South Hedland Library Opening Hours
Leake Street Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9-5
South Hedland Thursday 10-6
Phone: 9158 9373 Saturday 10-1
Email: Sthlib@porthedland.wa.gov.au

KH PT & Fitness
Are excited to bring
Nardia Norman to Port Hedland
Saturday 27th June 2015
8.30am Boot camp at Colin Matheson Oval
You must pre-register and pay before
25th June at 5pm Cost $10.00
Please be at venue by 8:15am
Followed by health and fitness talk
3.00pm – 5.00pm at Saint Cecilia’s
Cost $50.00
(All profits from the event will be
Donated to a charity)

KH PT & Fitness
Kerrie on 0419 195 870
Michelle on 0417 447 253
www.facebook.com/KHPTFITNESS
Port Hedland, WA 6721

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