Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Firstly I would like to congratulate our shadow councillors for 2015.

Semester 1 - Taj Derschow, Julian Tucker-Love, Jameika Day and Dakota Deegan.
Semester 2 - Kye Gibson, Billy Ryan, Victoria Pocock, Tamika Namai.

P & C AGM
Our P & C AGM held on the 24th of February had to be rescheduled due to low numbers of people in attendance. The P & C requires new people to take on the roles of office bearers. These roles include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Uniform Shop Manager. Each role is an important part of supporting our school community and I would like to thank the parents that did attend the original meeting time. Our new AGM meeting time is at 1.30pm on Tuesday 10th of March in the staffroom. This new time is an attempt to get more parents on board before they pick up children in the afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Collaborative and Collegiate Coaching Communities
Cassia Primary School Staff have embedded collegiate processes to support learning, teaching and assessment. This week Mrs Derschow met with the Year 3-6 staff to discuss Literacy Blocks and developing a common vision across each room.

National Quality Standards in Education
Staff from Port Hedland Primary School, Rose Nowers and Play and Learn Day Care Centres attended a morning meeting this week with Mrs Edwards, Mrs Sheppherd and Miss Zappelli to discuss the implementation of the NQS across our sites. This collaborative session allowed greater connections and sharing of ideas across sites for implementation. Cassia Primary School has been selected as a NQS Core School in which our facilitators will be supporting other schools in the Hedland Network to implement the NQS by the end of 2016.

Attendance Update—Weeks 3 & 4
Congratulations to the following classes for achieving over 90% attendance for Weeks 3 & 4—Room 1A, 1B, 2B, 5, 11, 13, 14 and 15.

A particular congratulations to Room 11 with an OUTSTANDING 95.57% attendance.

Kindest Regards
Narelle Ward
Principal

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  Toby Buckland & Lesharnah Taylor
Room 4  Olivia Janse van Rensburg & Christian Wainwright
Room 5  Cash Pomana & Sara Sawtell
Room 6  Ryley Attwood & Albert Newland
Room 7  Addison Lomax & Thomas Cameron
Room 8  Abraham Namai & Bailey Shinners
Room 9  Tahkia Bradshaw & Veronica Gould

Room 10  Indianna Vincent & Annalise Day
Room 11  Roger Krakouer & Scott Thomas
Room 12  C’ven Drummond & Riley McGrath
Room 13  Thon Popila & Robbie Ward
Room 14  Zeniesha Vincent & Emily-Jayne Dawson
Room 15  Jessica Clark & Harmony Tavo
Room 16  Victoria Pocock & Alex Eddy

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

Room 2B  Charli Fuller, Jasmine Tabak & Aiden McLennan
Room 12  Justina Newland
Room 7  Jerome Willalane, Lershana Bin Saad & Mariah Aubrey

CANTEEN

OPEN DAILY FROM 7:30AM
LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9:00AM
(Asst’d sandwiches are available daily)

**MONDAY**
- Pizza Rounder: $3.00
- Hot Chicken & Mayo roll: $5.00
- Hot Chicken, Cheese & Pineapple roll: $8.00

**TUESDAY**
- Spaghetti Bolognese: $8.00
- Hot Dog and sauce: $3.00

**THURSDAY**
- Cabbage: $5.00
- 2x1 Tender Roll: $4.00

**FRIDAY**
- Pizza Rounder: $3.00
- Sausage Roll: $3.00
- 2 Party Pins: $3.00
- Pie with Fruit box: $4.50
- Sauce

**WEDNESDAY**
- Meatloaf: $5.00
- Hamburger & Sauce: $4.00
- Hamburger & Salad: $5.00
- Hamburger, Cheese & sauce: $4.30

**DRINKS**
- Water: $2.00
- Fruit Box: $1.50
- Choc Milk: $2.50

UNIFORM SHOP

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN ON FRIDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 7.45 AND 8.45am

The uniform shop is run by the Cassia P & C.

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

Cash payments are accepted in the uniform shop and EFTPOS is available in the front office.
Something New at Cassia - PATHS

What is the PATHS Curriculum?
PATHS, which stands for Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies, is an exciting new curriculum. PATHS was written to help primary school children develop better thinking skills, more mature and responsible ways of behaving, and improved academic performance.

What are some of the goals of the PATHS Curriculum?
1. Increasing children’s abilities to think and solve problems for themselves
2. Increasing children’s abilities to use their thinking skills to act responsibly and maturely
3. Improving children’s understanding of themselves and others
4. Improving children’s feelings about themselves (ie, improving their self esteem)
5. Increasing children’s abilities to learn more effectively in the classroom environment

How will PATHS help my child?
The authors of PATHS believe that the five goals listed above are critical for efficient learning. When children think independently, feel good about themselves, and act responsibly, then they are more likely to be motivated, to work to their potential, and to persist when they are experiencing difficulties. By teaching your child these thinking skills, PATHS will be teaching him or her how to learn. In addition, the academic skills covered during the lessons should be of educational benefit for your child, both now and in the future. Finally, many parents have noted that the concepts that are taught in PATHS are among the most important goals they have at home. Therefore, development of these skills by your child will also be beneficial for you and your child in your family environment.

Why is it important for parents to know about PATHS?
Parents are a child’s most important role models and teachers. As such, you are the most important influence on your child’s development! The more that you understand about the PATHS Curriculum, the more you will be able to help reinforce and support your child’s development. Thus, information about PATHS can help you be more involved with your child’s learning and development. By joining together in using positive ways to teach children self-control, emotional understanding, and problem solving both at home and at school, teachers and parents can create better learning environments and enhance developmental growth.

Debra Edwards
Deputy Principal

P & C News

CASSIA P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We need you to come to the 2015 AGM and take an active role in our School.

Tuesday 10th of March at 1.30pm in the Staffroom
**Harmony Week - 16th to 20th of March**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MONDAY 16th</th>
<th>TUESDAY 17th</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY 18th</th>
<th>THURSDAY 19th</th>
<th>FRIDAY 20th</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Time: 8.30am Mini Assembly Introduce students to Harmony Week and pose the question: “What does harmony mean?”</td>
<td>Time: TBA Guest Speaker After guest speaker students will complete a PMI reflection about what they heard. In class activities such as creating banners, flags, crests and images to represent your class’s given country.</td>
<td>Swimming Carnival Whole School</td>
<td>Time 8.30am Activities In class activities such as creating banners, flags, crests and images to represent your class’s given country.</td>
<td>DRESS UP DAY Dress up in a costume that represents your class’s country. Time: 8.30am Assembly - A representative from each class will present their response to the question “What is harmony?” followed by a parade of each class carrying flags and other items. 1.20 - 2.20pm Market stalls in the UCA with a sample of a variety of foods from local cultures prepared by TAFE staff and students.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Languages spoken at home by Cassia Students**

- Australian Aboriginal
- Kriol
- Nyangumarta
- Yindjibarndi
- Afrikaans
- Chinese
- Creole Sechelles
- Filipino
- Filipino (Tagalog)
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Kapampangan
- Korean
- Malay
- Maori
- Rotuman
- Shona
- Tamil
- Thai

Did we miss any? Phone the front office, we’d love to know!