Hi everyone and welcome to 2014!

Earlier this week John Fleming visited our school to work with some of our teacher coaches. He once again commented on the wonderful dedication and high quality teaching provided by our staff on a daily basis.

If you have been into the school this year you may have noticed a lot more students moving around, due to the large number of enrolments. We now have over 400 students enrolled at Cassia Primary School. Once our official census figures are submitted to the Department of Education we will be able to make decisions regarding a restructure of the school. This will more than likely result in another junior, and possible another senior class. As always we will keep you well informed and try to accommodate class placement requests where possible, however the final decision will remain with the school administration. More information will be forthcoming.

As was the case at the end of 2013 we are still without a substantive principal. Mike Cuneo had been asked to fill the role for Term One however he has unfortunately had to go on leave and will not be returning. As of Monday 17th Feb Narelle Ward, Principal of South Hedland Primary School, will be stepping into the role for the remainder of Term One.

Narelle has a wealth of experience when it comes to education in the Pilbara and will be a welcome addition to the Cassia admin team. A selection process is currently being run to find a substantive Principal to commence at the beginning of Term Two.

Our Head Boys and Head Girls and Student and Shadow Councillors were announced at this mornings assembly:

Year 7 Head Boy – Mason Pye & Head Girl Rhylie Townsend
Year 7 Councillors – Merrick Walton-Tewes, Bayleigh Derschow, Courtney Charles.
Year 6 Head Boy – Ben McLaughlin & Head Girl - Chloe Vanderland
Year 6 Councillors – Alicia Zielke, Shaquille Tucker-Love, Callum Taylor.
Shadow Councillors Semester One – Ethan Mahon, Oscar Ferguson, Lhasa Bartsc Smith, Lola Mance.
Shadow Councillors Semester Two – Kelson Charles, Lyra Walton-Tewes, Kobi Tullock, Keli Hill.

Congratulations to our new councillors!

Regards
Martin Ross
Deputy Principal

You can also view this newsletter at www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received Merit Certificates last week!

TA1  Joelenoe Roe, Tana Ramsay  
TA2  Mardy Lewis, Shelby Hunter  
TA3  Ella Blacklock, Joshua Wright  
TA4  Wayne Cabungan, Corey Robson  
TA5  Ebonie Dolbey, Bobby Francisco  
TA6  Alan Borell, Haylee Kelly  
TA7  Sudin Drummond, Tiana Mathews-McGuckin  
TA8  Tama Borell, Maeve Cameron-Webster Shaquille Tucker-Love, Sala Koroi  
TA9  Tasmin Jordan, Courtney Charles  
TA10  Hayden Pye  
TA11  Kayden Henry, Tyler Thompson  
TA12  Andrew Punter, Charlie Srisukkham  
TA15  Georgia Schneider, Tylar Gallagher

Student Contact Information and School Contributions

Can parents please ensure that all students personal information is up-to-date. If any details such as address, contact numbers or medical information has changed please inform the office as soon as possible.

Voluntary contributions are now due and invoices will be sent out shortly. These contributions are used to assist with purchasing resources for your child/childrens education. With the recent Government funding cuts every dollar the school receives is vitally important to ensure we can maintain the resources we supply. Prompt payment of your account would be greatly appreciated, we can offer payment plans and payments can be made by cash, EFT Pos and Direct Deposit.

Cassia Notices

EMERGENCY LUNCHES

Due to budgetary constraints the AIEO office will no longer be able to offer emergency lunches to students. Can parents please ensure your children are sent to school with an adequate lunch.

If a student has no lunch and a parent cannot be contacted the canteen will provide them with a sandwich at a cost of $2 which will be billed to parents.

GOOD WORK AWARD

Kaleb Musulin came to the office with good work today. Kaleb is the first student for 2014 to be awarded a good work certificate from Mrs Edwards. Congratulations Kaleb!
Cash for Mobile Phones Recycling Program

Cassia Primary School is participating in the Australian Mobile Recycling’s Cash for Mobiles program. The program is aimed at collecting as many used and unwanted mobile phones as possible. This is a fantastic way to raise much needed funds for our school while helping the environment.

If you have any unwanted mobile phones that you would like to send in, please drop them into administration or to TA4.

Home Reading Workshop

A reminder to all families that we will be holding Home Reading Parent workshop for families of students in any year level, next Monday 8.30-9.30am in the health room and REPEATED next Thursday 6.30-7.30pm in the staff room.

Please inform the office if you wish to attend one of these sessions.

** Please note the venue change

International Book Giving Day

Today was International Book Giving Day, which is an initiative to give kids better access to books and promote a love of reading. Cassia participated in this initiative with students from TA 9 coordinating a free bookstall. Students from all over the school donated their pre loved books. Students were then able to select a book from the stall. The stall was a huge success. A big thank you to all families who donated books and to TA 9 for coordinating and running the stall.
This note is to remind parents of the school procedures which are to be adopted if a cyclone threatens our area.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION SHEET UNTIL THE THREAT OF A CYCLONE HAS PASSED.

Cyclone Watch/Warning
- Children to attend school as normal.

Blue Alert
- The school will usually remain open.
- If a yellow alert is likely to be declared at some time during the school day the school will not open - children will remain at home.
- If the school is to close, this information will be broadcast on the following radio stations:
  - Spirit Radio (frequency 1026 am 91.7 fm) 9140 1999
  - ABC Radio (frequency 702 am) 9183 5011/9183 5010
- The closure advice will be repeated each morning until the decision to re-open the school is made.
- PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL. All information and updated reports relating to warnings and school closures ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO. Please keep yourself informed.

Yellow Alert
If a Yellow Alert is called before school
- Students do not come to school.

If any students inadvertently attend school
- Parents contacted to collect children

If a Yellow Alert is called during the school day the following will occur:
- **Yellow Alert before 12.00** – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at lunch time. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from the parents.
- **Yellow Alert after 12.00** – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at the usual time. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.
- **Yellow Alert after 14.00** - if a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm, schools will generally be closed the following day. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.

The above does not preclude immediate closure in extenuating circumstances and if deemed necessary by the Cyclone Committee.

Red Alert
School will remain shut during a Red Alert.
In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2pm, schools will remain closed the following day.
In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm but subsequently cancelled, the District Director in consultation with the Cyclone Committee has the discretion to ensure that schools open the following day.

AFTER THE CYCLONE

If a Red Alert is called after 2.00pm schools will generally be shut the following day to allow for assessment and repair of serious damage. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.

**NOTE:** Staff and students must not enter the school grounds and building until the school has been declared safe.

Please keep yourself informed via the radio, until all threat from the cyclone is past.