Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kindergarten orientation was held on Wednesday 30th October. Welcome to all of our families both those who are new to Cassia and those who already have other children at school. It was great to see so many mum’s and dad’s with a few grandparents as well. The children had a great time getting familiar with a kindergarten classroom and meeting Cassia staff while the parents had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers on ways to have a smooth start for kindergarten in 2014. Congratulations to Mrs Edwards, Mrs Morris and the ECE staff for all of their organisation for the morning. Feedback from numerous parents has been extremely positive.

The judges for the Primary School of the Year Awards visited Cassia recently. They were very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms and speaking to students, parents, school board, P & C and staff. Mr Darby said of the large number of schools who applied for this award, 30 were short listed. He congratulated Cassia PS on being one of the four schools to be selected as a finalist. In judging schools he said the panel was looking for the ‘x’ factor that made a school stand out. As a school community we certainly demonstrated to the judges we have what it takes to be Primary School of the Year. The Department of Education placed a full page ad in last week’s Sunday Times of Mrs Derschow and TA5 to promote the Education Awards. Results will be known on Monday 2nd December.

Congratulations to Mrs Maxwell and TA7. Another state finalist award for Cassia for Kids Who give WA. See inside for information about this fabulous result.

The school board will be holding an open meeting on Tuesday 12th November from 3-4pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend. Nominations for a parent school board representative have been extended until Monday 11th November. See overleaf for more information.

Congratulations to Miss Jadzinski, Ms Brittain and the Cassia Swagganators our Kool 2B Kind hip hop crew who won the Hedland championship last night held at the Matt Dann. This event was a mixture of hip hop, breakdance and beatbox. More information about this event will come out in the next newsletter.

Regards
Janine Kinniment
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who each received Merit Certificates this week!

TA1 Arianna Ryder & Liam Mathews-McGuckin
TA2 Rhys Pocock & Scott Thomas
TA3 Kayne McGrath & Bella Searle
TA4 Bobby Francisco & Jamika Balacky
TA5 Sam Palmer-Little & Brandon Taylor
TA6 Ezekiel Louange & Ally Sheppard
TA7 Kobie Tullock & Tiana Mathews-McGuckin
TA8 Edin Whitehurst & Stacey Watson
TA9 Jaiden Wilkinson & Ella Sanders
TA10 Imogen Gregs & Shaylee Tomlinson
TA11 Jon’ Heta & Harmony Lewis-Chapman
TA12 Alexander Wojciechowski & Kaydie Negus
TA15 Kaiden Dhu & Kiara Pyke
P6d Bayleigh Derschow & William Vincent
Science Joey Hollandrose & Tahlia Ronan

END OF YEAR CONCERT

WHEN: 10TH December 2013
TIME: 6.00pm start
(Students to arrive at 5:30pm)
WHERE: Wanangkura Stadium

Yes parents it is that time of year again.
Put the date in your dairy and come along and enjoy another great End of Year Concert from our talented Cassia Primary students & staff

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT NOMINATIONS

Cassia Primary School is seeking an individual committed to children’s education to nominate for a 2 year position on the School Board under the following category—Parent- parent, carer or guardian of a student enrolled at Cassia PS.

Please complete the nomination form below and return to the front office by Monday 11th November, 2013. If you have any queries please contact Cassia PS on 9172 2495.

I___________________________________________ (full name) would like to nominate for the Cassia Primary School Board for the tenure of two years as a parent representative.

Briefly list the skills/experience you are able to bring to the board. (This information will be put on the nomination sheet for voting purposes)

Don’t forget you can view this week’s Newsletter online at:
www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
This is an update for you on our Cassia Charity Challenge that we previously reported on in this newsletter. We entered our project into a competition called Kids Who Give WA. The program is overseen by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia Malcolm McCusker and his wife Mrs Tonya McCusker.

Our project was made a finalist in this competition based on an application made by year 5 students Alicia Zielke and Danica Taylor. There were over 1000 schools who entered the competition and only 55 schools were made finalists. As finalists in the competition, we were invited to the Kids Who Give WA Gala Awards Ceremony held at the Government House Grand Ballroom, hosted by The Governor and Mrs McCusker. Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and teacher Tara Maxwell, Project Co-ordinating student Alicia Zielke and parent Sally Zielke were lucky enough to travel to Perth as school representatives to attend the ceremony on 24th October 2013. It was a fantastic day! So much inspiration was gained from witnessing the various charity efforts all the finalists went through. It was truly amazing! And we were lucky enough to be awarded as Grand Champions in the category of First Time Participation Giving Awards. We received a trophy, certificate and $500 in prize money. It was very exciting and we were so proud to be there representing Cassia Primary School and the hard work of the students, staff and families who were involved.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us.

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Charli (TA7) – In the Charity Challenge, I made palm cards. They were all about S.A.F.E.. I voted for R.F.D.S.. That poster was a really cool pop out poster. When we had Ripper Recess, I helped in the icypole stall. I had so much brilliant fun doing the Charity Challenge.

Rheanon (TA7) – I think our school is really respectful and everyone should be proud of themselves for helping.

Chalee (TA7) – I helped to set up for Ripper Recess and painted peoples nails in my stall. It was really fun!

Kobie (TA7) – The class set up Ripper Recess. I had to move a lot of tables and chairs. I went on the Belly Bumpers. It was fun. After it was finished, we had to unset it.

Alicia (TA7) – I decorated, set up and manned the Charity Challenge voting booth, I took photo’s of kids dressed up like a pirate, I helped pack up for Ripper Recess, I collected the gold coin donations and chose the best dressed winners, I wrote the application for the Kids Who Give W.A., I went to Perth for the awards ceremony and accepted our prize, and I made a poster for the Charity Challenge.

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CASSIA NEWS

Congratulations to Jaiden
Wilkinson and Mason Pye!

Jaiden and Mason were selected to be part of the first ever Junior Rugby League team to represent the Pilbara. The Pilbara Pirates U12 rugby league representative side won 2 out of 3 games played in Perth against 3 different Perth Teams.

Special congratulations to Jaiden as he was awarded the PRL 2013 U12 Representative Player of the Year!
On Tuesday the teddy doctors came to TA12. We got to bring one of our hurt teddies with us. The main reason they came is to teach us not to be scared of the doctors. First we did some activities. Then Miss Manuel called me for the waiting room. After that I went to the doctor and she fixed up my teddy. She wrote down the medicine my teddy needed to get better. Then I went to the chemist and got the medicine.

by Sarah Bradby