Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our new look newsletter.

It has been a very busy few weeks with a number of special events being held including Student First Aid, Royal Life Have a Go Day, Kool 2B Kind and the BHP Billiton Swimming Super Series. You will be able to read more about these overleaf. Thank you to Mrs Harris who organized the student first aid visits. Valuable information was learnt by both students and teachers.

Mr John Fleming visited Cassia on Wed 13th Nov. Staff were coached in effective explicit teaching strategies.

Our next focus during our warm ups is to move from consolidating concepts to moving student knowledge into long term memory and becoming automatised. This is then reaffirmed through speed activities.

2014 class placements will be viewed over the next few weeks. If you wish to give input into your child’s class for next year and are yet to do so, please put this request in writing no later than Fri 22nd Nov addressed to the principal. Class placement is done through the Class Placement Policy which is on the school website www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au

Parent and staff 2014 school board members have been finalised. Gay Horne is the staff representative. Mrs Horne and Mrs Pittman will join the new principal on the school board next year. Ms Josie Tunbridge was the nomination for parent representative. This nomination was accepted by the board. Ms Tunbridge will join Mr Thomas and Ms Hands as parent representatives on the board for 2014.

We had our first 2014 Kindy class orientation yesterday. The children spent their time becoming familiar with the kindy routine while parents were involved in the library learning about how our ipads are used in the school. We look forward to seeing everyone back again next Thurs.

Please contact the front office if you are attending so we can ensure sufficient resources are available.

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.

You can also view this newsletter at www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au

Janine Kinniment
Principal

Calendar of events

Friday 22 November
Assembly TA8

Monday 2 December
Primary School of the Year Announcement

Tuesday 3 December
P & C Meeting
2.45pm in the Staffroom

Friday 6 December
Assembly TA7

Tuesday 10 December
End of Year Concert

Thursday 12 December
Year 7 Graduation & Kindy 1 Graduation

Friday 13 December
Parent Helper Morning Tea
Kindy 2 Graduation
Reports Home

Thursday 19 December
Last Day of Term
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received Merit Certificates last week!

**TA1**  
Lindsie Jack & Zavier Veder

**TA2**  
Magnus Street & Christopher Stewart

**TA3**  
Imogen Edgar & Corey Robson

**TA4**  
Hanz Cabanlig & Shannon-Lee Pickett

**TA5**  
Zoe Harris & Jameika Day

**TA6**  
Lily Bradby & Gabrielle Menze

**TA7**  
Devi Cooper & Nikkeeta Wiggan

**TA8**  
Joel Johnson & Brett Zencich

**TA9**  
Bhumika Singh & Sam Thomas

**TA10**  
Tyler Kleingeld & Mariah Aubrey

**TA11**  
Briannah Morris (TA2) enjoyed learning about DRSAB (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways and Breathing).

Pumpkin Carving with TA6

TA 6 students had a lot of fun making Jack-o-Lanterns on Halloween, 31st of October.

Everyone was excited to carve a scary face into a real pumpkin. The class was lucky to have some special helpers coming in for this special activity, thanks Mrs Gibson and Ms Brittain. All kids were proud of their Halloween pumpkin and the great effort they put into this, well done TA 6.

Mrs Brown—TA6

St John Ambulance Visit

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November Sarah and Sophie from St John Ambulance visited all students from Kindergarten to year 7 to give important first aid information via the “First Aid Focus” awareness program. Students learnt about the correct number to phone in an emergency situation, dangers around the home and some basic first aid. Children were also thrilled to explore the ambulance and hear the sirens. Rhys Pocock from TA2 said he liked hearing the sirens and going in the ambulance. While Briannah Morris (TA2) enjoyed learning about how to help people if she was ever alone. Lhasa Bartsch – Smith and Layne Dhu-Dickie from TA10 said they enjoyed learning about DRSAB (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways and Breathing).

It was an enjoyable and informative experience for all involved.

Kool2BKind Hip Hop Battle

On Thursday, 31st October, all schools from Port and South Hedland participated in the “Kool 2 be Kind” Hip Hop Competition. The competition saw each school battling (break dancing, free-style dancing) and performing a set Hip Hop dance routine, choreographed by Rush Wepia.

Cassia was lucky enough to work with Rush on several occasions, learning new hip hop and break dancing choreography and developing existing skills. Ms Brittan and Miss Jay worked with the Cassia Swagganators three times a week to rehearse the choreography and improve free-style dance skills.

The Cassia Swagganators competed in three battles with Baler Primary School, South Hedland Primary School and one against themselves! Our team showed confidence, flavour, style and great attitudes. Rizki and Jaiden from the Cassia Swagganators represented the team with their awesome beat boxing skills and outstanding confidence.

The overall trophy and title ‘Kool 2 be Kind Champions’ was for the team that showed the most style, flavour, confidence, choreography timing, dedication and the overall performance. International judge Rush Wepia, was wowed by the Cassia Swagganators and their amazing routine, we are the Inaugural Kool 2 be Kind Champions! Ms Brittan and Miss Jay are so proud of the Cassia Swagganators, their dedication and tremendous efforts.

Liberal News

Last day of student borrowing ends on Friday 22nd November and all books are to be returned to the Library by Friday November 29th.

‘Have a go day’

All year six students were involved in the annual ‘Have a go day’ organised by Royal Life Saving Australia on Thursday the 14th of November. It was held at South Hedland Aquatic Centre everyone had a great time.

Skate Boarding Clinic

At the beginning of December the Skate Boarding Australia crew will visit Cassia Primary again. Students and staff had a great time on their last visit so we are really looking forward to what they have for us this year!

The BHP Super Series.

Selected students from Cassia will be going to the South Hedland Aquatic Centre on Friday 15th November to learn new skills taught by Olympic swimmers and also be introduced to ‘fipps ball’.

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