Dear Parents and Caregivers

Year 5 and Year 7 students completed their Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) testing recently for Science and Society and Environment. The results of this testing are due back in Term 4.

Miss Erin Smith commenced as the Science Specialist this week. TA15 and Miss Piccolo have moved into their ‘new’ classroom.

Congratulations to Mrs Cummins for the most successful bookfair Cassia Primary School has ever had. Mrs Cummins put a great deal of time and effort into making the library look fantastic for this event. As a result of the sale of items at the bookfair, Cassia PS will receive $1700 to spend on more books for the library.

Planning for 2014 has commenced. An enrolment survey was sent home on Wednesday seeking information on all students who will be attending Cassia PS next year. Please complete this form and return to the front office.

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary enrolments for 2014 close next Friday. Please make sure you have your enrolment application in by the 30th August for these year levels.

Our business plan and prospectus was launched today at the junior primary playground opening. Students featured in these publications will receive their own copy of these documents. Copies of the business plan and prospectus are available at the front office. These documents can also be viewed on the school website. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Deb Edwards, Deputy Principal with the organisation of the successful playground opening.

I will be in Perth on IPS and Leadership training from the afternoon of the 23rd August until the morning of the 29th August. Deb Edwards will be Principal while I am away. Mrs Pillay from Cassia ESC will be on leave from the 26th –30th August. Mr Martin Ross will be the Principal at CESC while Mrs Pillay is on leave.

Regards,

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

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TA1  Zaliya Edgar & Ashleigh Taylor  
TA2  Clinton Markwell & Jayda Woodley  
TA3  Joel Guest & Jaxon Cummins  
TA4  Lavinia Ware & Demi Maslen  
TA5  Kyle Taylor & Jeff Douthie  
TA6  Hayden Pye & Abby Maslen  
TA7  Callum Markham & Danica Taylor  
TA8  Jasmin Kilmartin & Shakira Hewitt  
TA9  Genevieve Angel & Kael Wilden  
TA10 Damion Jennings & Matthew McLaughlin  
TA11 Koukla McCutcheon & Michael Wright  
TA12 Hayden Phillips & Roger Krakouer  
TA15 Nova Breslin & Alanah Womal  
P6d  Lhasa Bartsch-Smith & Emily Lester
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FATHERS DAY COMES TO CASSIA

Our Father’s Day stall has been rescheduled to **Thursday 29th August**. We are asking families to send in any items they feel could be contributed to our stall for sale. It does not need to be expensive, rather something that you would enjoy receiving yourself. I’m sure the way to most dads’ hearts are through food and fishing, so something along these lines would be great. We would ask for a purchase limit of no more than $10.00. All donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to TA7 for safe keeping until the stall. If bringing food items, please drop these off on the day of the stall.

Should you have any queries, please see me in TA7.

Many thanks

**Tara Maxwell**  
Pastoral Care Committee

BOOK FAIR

The book fair was a great success. We sold $5039 worth of books. Cassia Primary School received $1700 from proceeds for the book fair. These funds will be spent on purchasing more books for the library. Thank you to all of the students and staff who dressed up for our Science Day theme.

Lee Ann Cummins

You can also view this newsletter at www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
**Update Details**
A Student Update form was sent out recently. If you could please make any necessary changes and return to the classroom teacher.

**CASSIA NOTICES**

**Term 3 Week 6-10 Planner**

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**STUDENTS RETURN TERM 4 – WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2013**

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**CASSIA NOTICES**

**Buzz Dance Theatre**
Buzz Dance Theatre will be providing free dance lessons for students from Years 1-7 on Wed 4th or Thurs 5th Sept.

**Aboriginal Technology Incursion**
Money for this incursion is now due. The cost is $5.50 per student. This event is for Year 1 to Year 7 and will be held on Thurs 29th August.

**2014 Kindy & Pre Primary Enrolments**
Applications are due to close on the 30th August. If you currently have a child in Kindy at Cassia PS you are still required to re-enrol for Pre-Primary in 2014. Enrolment applications are available from your Kindy teacher or the front office.

**International Talk like a Pirate Day**
This event will now be held on 19 September. It is a gold coin donation to participate. Don’t forget to dress up!

**2014 Enrolment Survey**
Planning has commenced for 2014. An enrolment survey was sent home yesterday. This survey is to indicate if your child (children) will/ will not be returning to Cassia PS next year. These forms are due back by the 18th October.

**Lost Property**
Jackets and hats that were not collected from lost property and did not have names have been donated to the AIEO office. Please remember to clearly label all of your child’s belongings.

**Contributions**
School contributions are past due. Any accounts outstanding are able to be paid via cash, cheque or EFTPOS in the front office.

**Leaving Cassia??**
Please ensure you collect all of your child’s, books, work etc... if you are leaving Cassia PS. As we will be unable to forward any remaining belongings.
In Term 3, TA 6 is excited to learn about space and different planets. This class theme makes it possible to integrate a Science theme into our classroom where we focus on writing about space, aliens and planets. We also incorporated our theme into our math sessions and created 3D shaped space shuttles and rockets.

To start with, everyone in class designed their own alien that should fill up a whole A4 paper. Guidelines were given to concentrate on details and appropriate sizes. All students had great ideas and couldn’t wait to draw their creatures on paper. It was a great pleasure to see them all enjoying this activity where they could use their imagination and creativity.

The alien pictures are the centerpieces for the following writing lessons where students learnt how to structure and write a fictional description of their alien. After finishing off a draft, TA 6 put a lot of effort in presenting a good final copy of their texts. You’re welcome to have a look in our classroom and read through our amazing alien descriptions.

In addition, Ipads were used in TA 6 to learn how to structure ideas in form of mind maps. We used the app ‘Popplet’ which is a brilliant platform to visualize ideas. It is just surprising how quickly students learn to operate new programs like ‘Popplet’ on the Ipad in a short period of time.

At the moment we are just about to finish off our first alien story, including our alien character and information from the popplets. I can’t wait read to read them all.

Mrs Brown