Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. Welcome to our new families. We have quality teachers at Cassia PS. Mrs Karen Derschow was recognised for her teaching skills recently by winning the West Australian Aboriginal Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs Derschow received her award from the Minster of Education and Director General in an award ceremony in Perth over the holidays.

Our restructure took place this week with a large number of students changing classrooms. Over this semester teachers will be working with students who through the restructure may not yet have had the opportunity to perform at an assembly. Teachers will be planning with these students so they are included with either their new class or the ‘old’ class for future assembly items. It is pleasing to see students hard at work for their new (or existing) teacher as I visit classrooms this week.

The new transportable for TA15 has arrived. Installation works will be continuing next week. In the meantime TA15 (Year 6/7) will work in the Art room. The upgrade to the junior playground has been completed and looks fabulous. We will have an official opening of the playground later in the term.

We have some staff changes this term. Welcome back to Mrs Morgan who has been on maternity leave. Mrs Morgan will be supporting the middle and upper classrooms in her role as ATAS teacher. Ms Piccolo is the new 6/7 teacher in TA15. Miss Cope is the teacher in TA6 while Ms Vieser is on her honeymoon. Miss Jadzinski is the new teacher in the TA14 kindergarten class. Mrs Strong, Education Assistant (EA) in TA12, is leaving Port Hedland. Mrs Williams will become the EA in TA12. Mrs Holland will replace Mrs Williams in TA11, 2 days a week. Mr Garnsey will also be leaving Cassia PS. Mr Garnsey will be working in the mining industry. The science teaching position is currently being advertised.

Mr Garnsey has been at Cassia PS for the last 7 years, firstly as an upper primary teacher, then as the science specialist. Mr Garnsey has been instrumental in improving the Science results at Cassia PS. We wish him all the best in his change of occupation. Mrs Strong arrived at Cassia PS in 2012. Her energy and hard work ethic will be missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Regards
Janine Kinninment
Principal
NEW STAFF

Staff and students at Cassia PS would like to welcome 2 new teachers!

Priscilla Jadzinski
Teacher TA14—Kindy

We are very lucky to have Priscilla Jadzinski join Cassia as the new Kindy Teacher in TA14. Priscilla previously worked at Cassia Education Support and is extremely excited about joining our Cassia team.

Favourite TV Show: Big Bang Theory
Favourite Food: Chicken Curry
Favourite Saying: What’s up buttercup?

Priscilla’s dancing and the colour PINK.

Sara Piccolo
Teacher TA15—Year 6 / 7

Sara has relocated to Port Hedland from sunny Queensland with her partner and is settling in very well to our Cassia family. It is Miss Piccolo’s birthday today!

Favourite TV Show: Bones
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Saying: Yeah, righto....

Sara is very active and can’t get the Pink song ROCKSTAR out of her head!

CAPTAIN CLEANUP

Today Captain Clean-up visited Cassia PS with another entertaining, fun-filled presentation which taught us about living more sustainably. Captain Clean-up promoted the important messages of conservation, recycling, keeping our water-ways clean and water-wise gardening. Thanks to his major sponsor, the Care for Hedland group, as an added bonus he was able to bring along Lachi, who is the West Australian representative on Keep Australia Beautiful’s LITTLE committee. The LITTLE committee is made up of a child from every state who work together on tackling litter- the Little Integrated Taskforce Tackling Litter Everywhere. You can see Captain Clean-up and Lachi again at the Spinifex Spree tomorrow. Everyone who brings along a plastic bottle or aluminium can for recycling is able to enter the ‘guess the jellybean’ competition. Captain Clean-up presented us with donated goods, including planter bags, garden decorations and a watering can for us to use in our outdoor education program.

Jenny Neale

Don’t forget you can view this week’s Newsletter online at: www.cassiaps.wa.edu.au
BOOK FAIR

The Cassia PS “Book Laboratory” Book Fair will commence on **Monday 12th August until Monday 19th**.
Doors will open from **7.30am—9.00am** then again from **2.00pm—3.00pm**

If any parents are available to help with the Book Fair, please see Lee-Ann Cummins in the Library as any help would be very much appreciated.

CASSIA NEWS

German Class

Classes will recommence in **Week 3 — 8th August at 2.30pm—3.15pm every Thursday**. There are a couple of spots available. If your child is interested in German Classes please see Jacqui Morris—School Officer, before 8th August.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jayden Morris and Ethan Mahon who were both lucky enough to be selected for the **Taekwondo State Championships** held in Perth over the school holidays, they returned with Bronze and Silver medals for Sparing and Poomsae. Overall, Hedland Taekwondo came home with 26 Gold medals, 17 Silver and 4 Bronze.

Well done Jayden & Ethan!

EDUCATION AWARDS

Entries are still open for the Education Awards. Make your teachers day and give them a Merit Certificate. Extra certificates are available in the front office. Entries close next Friday 2nd August.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the front office, feel free to have a look through it. Please ensure you mark all of your child’s property with their name.

Does someone you love have:

- Difficulties Reading?
- Problems with spelling?
- Worries with writing?

Find out exactly where learning has stalled and what can be done to help.

**Dyslexia and Irlen Clinic**
will be in Hedland in September 2013

**Phone 1300 732 998 or**
email beatrice@worldwidelearningacademy.com
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Visit worldwidelearningacademy.com for self-assessment & download the free eBook – “Read, Spell, Write, Right?”

Please remember
Cassia Primary School
Is A NUT SAFE SCHOOL
We request nut products are not sent to school.
Naidoc Celebrations in the last week of school Term 2 were run extremely well. The feedback from staff & students was it went so well, we have to work even harder next year to top 2013! We enjoyed all the activities especially face painting. It was handy having Mrs Neale (our arty teacher) do cool & funny pictures on the kids faces.

We also enjoyed painting our hands in aboriginal flag colours with Mrs Redpath and printing them on paper, it was a bit messy but lots of fun. Making animal prints in the sand with Miss Kelly was exciting and different. Our Damper making in the staff room with Mrs Collins was the highlight according to the students.

The day was also special because we had students from Ed Support join in our Naidoc celebrations for the day. With too many activities to mention we ended our fantastically, fun, filled day with traditional aboriginal dancers.