Dear Parents and Caregivers

Cassia PS is staffed based on the number of students currently enrolled in the school. At the beginning of the year an extra teacher was paid for using school funds in case numbers continued to climb in order to avoid restructuring the school. As we know numbers did increase and have continued to climb resulting in another additional teacher being needed. A number of classes will be involved in this unavoidable restructure. The new Year 6/7 classroom(TA15) will be next to TA 9 on the grassed area. The installing of this classroom will commence shortly.

There will be no changes in TA14, TA13, TA11, TA1 & TA5, however the teacher for TA14 is to be advised with Mrs Wyatt going on maternity leave.

TA12 Miss Manuel PP/1– change in number of Year 1 students
TA2 Miss Smith Year 1– change from Year 1 / 2 to a Year 1
TA3 Miss Edgerton Year 2– change in number of Year 2 students
TA4 Mrs Neale Year 2/3 - change is number of Year 2 & 3 students
TA6 Miss Vieser Year 3– change from Year 3 /4 to Year 3
TA10 Miss Florida Year 4– change from Year 4 /5 to Year 4
TA7 Mrs Maxwell Year 4/ 5– change from Year 5/ 6 to Year 4 /5
TA8 Miss Sorbian Year 5/ 6– change from Year 6 to Year 5 /6
TA15 Teacher TBA Year 6/ 7– new class
TA9 Mrs Pittman Year 7– change in number of Year 7 students

Class placements will be confirmed next week and students of families involved in the restructure notified before the end of June.

It is pleasing to see how well our junior primary playground area is developing. Concrete will be poured over the weekend. Work is on schedule and expected to finish before the end of the term.

Our Athletics carnival is on next Friday 21st June. Please see Ms Brittain if you are able to help out on the day. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible attend to cheer on their children. The P & C are fund raising with a student prepaid sausage sizzle. These orders are due by Wed 19th June. Parent/carers will be able to purchase from the P & C food tent on the day a sausage sizzle (limited supply), water, juice and cake.

I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work of staff ably lead by Mrs Edwards while I was on Long Service Leave recently.

Regards

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

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TA1 Joziah Taylor & Zavier Veder
TA2 Jasmine Attwood & Brooke Harris
TA3 Marget Barnes & Brandon Dhu
TA4 Finn de Burgh & Bruce Gould
TA5 Taylah Armstrong & Levi Liddell-Te Wano
TA6 Edward Hodsdon & Zaharnii Wright
TA7 Liam Cox & Jacob Hair
TA8 Merrick Walton-Tewes & Kiara Derschow
TA9 Emily Lester & Ryan Clark
TA10 Isabel Gibson & Sam Sellwood
TA11 Brian Albert Nokes & Joanne Gallagher
TA12 Scarlett West-Teredo & Noah Taylor

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CASSIA NEWS

The Cassia Primary School athletics carnival will be held on Friday the 21st of June. The carnival will involve all students from Kindergarten to Year seven. The Cassia Primary School Athletics Carnival is a great day for all, please come down to support this event and if you are able to help out on the day please contact Sarah Brittain at Cassia Primary School on 9172 2495.

Woolworths Earn & Learn has finished for another year. Thank you to all the families who have brought in their points. If you haven't, you STILL HAVE TIME! You have until the end of term to return your points, there is a collection box in the front office.

PETER EASTWELL SHOCKING SCIENCE INCURSION

On Tuesday the 21st of May Cassia PS had a special visit from Dr. Peter Eastwell. Dr. Eastwell travels the country educating students about science. This time the students had an absolutely shocking time as they learnt all about electricity. All students from Years 1 to 7 enjoyed watching sparks fly and electricity leap through the air. There was a definite buzz in the audience as students and teachers were used as guinea pigs in static experiments.

Also in the same week, Dr. Eastwell held a whole day filled with wonderful mini investigations for a select few students from around all Port Hedland primary schools. Students took part in making bubbles come out of cans, exploding film canisters, making slime, using the power of the Sun to burst a balloon and many more activities throughout the day.

Cassia Primary School would like to thank Dr. Peter Eastwell for making the effort to come all this way to entertain the students about electricity and educate them about the dangers of it.

David Garnsey

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

On Thursday the 6th of June Cassia Primary School hosted Skateboarding clinics for selected classes. The students had a brilliant time; some tried skating for the first time while others learnt some new skating tips. The day ended with a large audience watching with amazement as the talented skating crew showed us their breath taking tricks. Thankyou to the students involved and Skateboarding Australia.

Cassia Primary Schools Adidas fun run was a great way to start our day. On Friday the 7th of June the Adidas fun run was held on our school oval. Congratulations to all of our participants, from the Kindergarten students through to the year Seven students. The Adidas fun run is one of our schools major annual fundraisers and a brilliant excuse to get our kids out as a school group doing something positive for their health and wellbeing. Thankyou to all of the parents and family members that came down to Cassia Primary school to support our students and for all of the donations from parents and the wider community.

On Wednesday the 19th of June Foodbank will be coming to Cassia Primary School allowing some of our students the opportunity to participate in a nutrition and cooking program. Foodbank would like to invite parents and family members to a free cooking workshop on Wednesday the 19th of June. The free workshop will be held in Cassia Primary Schools Art room from 2:30pm – 3:45pm.

Sarah Brittian

CASSIA DRUMBEAT PLAYS FOR THE COMMUNITY

This year Cassia Primary has continued the Drumbeat Program within our school. The DRUMBEAT promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. It is fun, safe and creative, engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self esteem, learn to work cooperatively with others and are exposed to the therapeutic & recreational benefits of music. Students involved participate one hour a week for a twelve week period. They have become quite proficient with their Djembe drums, so it was a thrill for us to perform in front of an audience.

On Saturday 8th June, the students involved in the Cassia Primary Drumbeat Program performed at the Andrew McLaughlin Centre Family Fun Day. This was a fun filled community event and the students were excited to be part of it all.

Students involved in the performance included Jessica Ransfield, Ashleigh Weyer, Tahlia Ronan, Jake Bleakley, Eloise Taylor, Ben McLaughlin, Tasmin Jordon, Maddison Tavo and Shaquille Tucker-Love. Mason Pye, Tama Borell and Jaykob Fitzgerald also took part in the program but were unable to make the performance.

Congratulations to the students on an outstanding performance. You have worked really hard during the program and your efforts have paid off. Plus, you volunteered your time for a community event, which is a valuable experience to have.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who bought their child to and from the performance, and stayed to watch and support us. Also, a special mention to Mrs Deb Edwards, Deputy Principal, who organised to bring a student to and from the performance. We really appreciate all you guys have done for us!

New participants for the next Drumbeat program will be announced soon. Stay tuned.

Please remember
Cassia Primary School
Is A NUT SAFE SCHOOL
We request nut products are not sent to school.

OPENING HOURS
Every Thursday
7.45am—8.45am
Payment by Cash or Eftpos
In TA10, as part of our descriptive writing focus, we have been learning about animals. In the past fortnight we have been describing, labelling and reporting on the echidna and chimpanzee. Here are some things we have found out.

Before we learnt about the echidna, I thought that they had teeth, but they have horny plates in the roof of their mouths. Ethan

I found it amazing learning about the echidna because I found out that they have little hairs between their spines. Chloe

I found it amazing learning about the echidna because I found out that they have little hairs between their spines. Ethan

I found it interesting that echidnas do not have tails or teeth. Hannah

Echidnas have spikes. Adrianna

I am learning about the body parts of the echidna. They have spikes and short, stubby legs. LaToya

Chimpanzees are really clever animals because they use tools to gather their food. Jayden G

I liked watching Oscar, the baby chimpanzee grow up on the movie. Josh

I learnt that if the parent of a baby chimpanzee dies, usually other adults won’t adopt it. Oscar was lucky because he was adopted by Freddy, the leader of the group. Shaquille

I liked finding out that echidna’s spikes are actually thick hairs. Abby

When Isha the chimpanzee died I felt sad for Oscar because he was alone and he didn’t have a mother to look after him. Rizki

I found it interesting that a baby echidna is called a puggle. Izabelle

There was one thing I was really interested in. The Tasmanian echidna has a thick coat to keep it warm in the very cold weather. Shaylee

Isha and Oscar the chimp have a really good relationship because Oscar needs Isha to learn how to survive in the wild. Imogen

It is interesting that the baby echidna has an egg tooth to break through the shell as it hatches. Lhasa

The short beaked echidna has a long tongue for sticking into ants nest. When it has some on its tongue, the bugs get stuck onto the horny plates located on the roof of its mouth and the back of its tongue. Sam

The thing I found amazing about the echidna is that it has two long toes on its back legs for digging burrows when it needs protection from predators. Jayden M

I didn’t know that the older chimpanzees ambush monkeys to have them for a meal. I learnt this from the documentary. Maddison

It was fun making the clay echidna. We mashed up the clay to make its back and used toothpicks for the spines. Zitkala

Echidna’s have two large back claws so they can go feet first into the ground. Kyle

I thought it was weird watching the young chimpanzees tackling in the trees because I didn’t think cousins and family members would be tackling each other. Oscar

All echidna’s babies have an egg tooth so that they can crack their egg open when they are in their mothers pouch. Georgia

I thought it was interesting that the echidna burrows holes rapidly feet first into the ground. Most animals go head first. Tasmin

The thing I learnt about echidnas is that they don’t have teeth when they are an adult, but when they are a baby they have an egg tooth that goes as they get older. Tylar