Dear Parents and Caregivers

Selected Year 4-7 students will be competing in the OptiMinds Challenge this Sunday. This challenge requires teams of students to work together in a variety of ways to hone their creativity and problem-solving skills. Students work on the team challenge for six weeks without any assistance from anyone outside the team. Participants are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop creative and original ways to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadlines of The Challenge Day. Our 3 teams representing Cassia have been working hard both in and out of school hours. I am looking forward to seeing their presentations on Sunday.

The Year 7 students met with high school staff this week to discuss transition to high school and specialist programs. Mrs Rountree is the high school coordinator in charge of transition. Students were able to have their questions answered regarding their move into a secondary setting. On the 18th September there will be a parent evening at the high school commencing at 7pm. Our Year 7 students together with Miss Piccolo will be attending an orientation morning on the 19th Sept. at Hedland Senior High School. The Year 7’s will then be at the high school for 2 weeks in Term 4. More information regarding these events will be sent directly to families involved.

The beliefs of our Muslim community are such that they may not keep or touch dogs. Dogs on the premises can therefore cause a great deal of concern. This means a dog can not be walked on the school grounds even if the dog is on a lead. For student safety dogs are not to be tied up and left unattended outside the school entrances.

Our Open Night is on next Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm. This event will provide students the opportunity to take their family on a learning journey. The P & C will hold a sausage sizzle in the Under Cover Area. The Choir, Drumbeat and Hip Hop groups will be performing in the undercover area between 5.45pm and 6.10pm.

John Fleming will be at Cassia Primary on Wednesday 18th September. He will be presenting professional development to staff on effective explicit instruction. I would like to invite parents/carers to attend this event. Please contact the front office if you are interested in attending. The session will run from 3.00 — 4.30 pm.

Regards,

Janine Kinninment
Principal
**MERIT AWARDS**

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

- **TA1** Ava Moore & Kayla Collier
- **TA2** Darcy Hallion & James Elliott
- **TA3** Keilani Edgar & Jayden McAuliffe
- **TA4** Jack Morrison & Isabel Blacklock
- **TA5** Eva Moyle & Jake Panoho
- **TA7** Charli Hands & Estevaughn Griffiths
- **TA8** Courtney Charles & Tasmin Jordon
- **TA9** Reecie Townsend & Kayla Summerfield
- **TA10** Joseph Derschow & Ethan Mahon
- **TA11** Rivia Hokianga & Latoya Ware
- **TA12** Ella Blacklock & Tyson Anastasi
- **TA15** Anysha Niddrie & Amber Schneider
- **P6d** Kayla Summerfield & Tremaine Armstrong

**Science** Maddison McAuliffe & Tremaine Armstrong

**FATHERS DAY STALL—THANK YOU**

Our first ever Cassia Primary Fathers’ Day Stall was held on Thursday 29th August and it was a huge success. Students across the whole school had the opportunity to participate in purchasing a manly gift to show their dad how much they are appreciated. We hope you received something nice!

The stall raised $1000.30 and the money will be used to purchase school resources and make Cassia an even better place of learning.

We were appreciative of the generosity of families with their donations. There were a few handmade gifts which must have taken a great deal of time and effort to make. We are extremely grateful to all those who helped us. Our stall would not have been a success without you. Thank you so much.

Lastly, acknowledgement goes to the students who set up and manned the stall, collected students from classes, helped students make purchases and returned them safely to their teachers. You guys are amazing! THANK YOU!

Tara Maxwell

**OPEN NIGHT**

Cassia PS Learning Journey is being held on **Wednesday 11 September at 5.30pm—7pm**. All our classrooms will be open for viewing on the night. Cassia students will also be performing throughout the night.

- 5.45pm Hip Hop
- 5.50pm Choir
- 6.00pm Drumbeat
- 6.10pm Hip Hop

All of the above performances will be held in the undercover area. The P & C will also be holding a sausage sizzle. If you are able to help with the Sausage Sizzle, please see Jacqui in the front office.

We look forward to seeing you all there.
WILD MAN INCURSION

On Thursday the 29th of August, a special visitor came to Cassia; his name was WILD MAN. He talked to the year 4’s to 7’s about 7 different ways aboriginal technology such as Food, Water, Medicine, Tools, Fire, Winter and Summer.

**FOOD:** Wild Man told us about how the aboriginals hunted and killed kangaroo’s, possum’s, emus’ and koalas’. He also told us about these certain kinds of seeds that Aboriginal people crushed to make flour. They then use the flour to make and cook damper, it was very interesting.

**MEDICINE:** To get rid of your warts you need to poke an echidna spike into your warts. He also said that when you get a tooth ache you need to put some tooth ache tree leaves on your sore tooth and the pain will soon leave, he also warned us not to put any of the tooth ache leaves on our tongue other wise it will numb our whole mouth.

**TOOLS:** Wild Man said the aboriginals have many different types of tools and weapons such as spears, shields, boomerangs’, and roo poo glue.

**FIRE:** In the bush you don’t have matches so for fire you have to make it your self, which can be hard at times. Fire is used for lots of things such as lighting, warmth, making roo poo and it also helps with cooking.

**WATER:** Water is very valuable in the bush so you need it every where you go. The aboriginals use skulls of family members and big baler shells to carry around water.

So in all it was a fantastic experience and we learnt lots about Aboriginal Technology!

*By Tahlia and Emily, TA15*

CASSIA NOTICES

**GASTROENTERITIS**
There has been a number of students with Gastro over the last week, please ensure you wash your hands and use antibacterial soap in each classroom.

**NO HAT = NO PLAY**
Please remember the weather is starting to warm up now so please ensure your child remembers to bring their hat to school. Don't forget to put their name on it.

**INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY**
19th September—Don't forget to dress up like a PIRATE. Gold coin donation.

**OPTI-MINDS DAY**
Sunday 8th September  9am—2pm
In the Cassia Multi Purpose room.

HEDLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Hedland Senior High School would like to invite you to attend a parent information session presented by Principal Mr John Burke regarding the Year 7 transition process.

**Date:**  Wednesday 11th September
**Time:**  7.00pm
**Venue:** Hedland SHS Library
Roberts Street South Hedland

To RSVP or for further information, please contact
Hedland SHS on 9172 8000
On Wednesday 4th of September, TA9 was able to experience the dancing skills and entertainment of Hayley Kolleuris and Tarryn Runkel from the Buzz Dance Theatre. We learnt a dance with the mixture of contemporary and hip hop, but before we got into the routine we were shown some partner work such as; mirroring exercises, balancing techniques and trust activities. The choreographers then got us started. We learned a fun-filled routine and danced to the song named ‘Waka Waka’ by Shakira. They let us add in some personality of our own, with our freestyle moves. The ladies were fun, enjoyable and ready to take on scary TA9. We very much enjoyed the memorable experience. We hope they come again!

Reecie, Ciska, Ashleigh, Genevieve, Jess and Janelle