Dear Parents, Caregivers and Guardians,

NAPLAN

Week Three of Term 2 is the week in which all Australian students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit NAPLAN (National Assessment Program– Literacy and Numeracy) assessment. I have been very proud of the students and their conduct during this testing period time. Skills that are tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAPLAN website.

Opportunities

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Rachel Nash and Leah King from FMG to discuss some new initiatives. FMG are offering two very exciting opportunities.

1. 22 students and 2 teachers a 2.5 hour tour of operations on the 24th of July.
2. An opportunity for an all expenses paid trip for 2 students from Year 6 and 1 teacher to travel to Perth for the opening of NAIDOC Week from 6th July to the 8th of July.

Students will be asked to apply for these opportunities through a selection criteria. Teachers will be supporting students in their application and I will be asking the school board to assist in selecting the winning entries. Thank you to FMG for these unique opportunities.

Professional Development

This Saturday Teaching and Support Staff will be attending a workshop at school conducted by Diana Rigg in Phonics Knowledge, Spelling and Decoding. Diana has extensive classroom teaching experience including time as a specialist literacy teacher and is a Speech Pathologist. For the past 15 years she has been consulting schools and educational providers to assist in the acquisition of literacy skills and we look forward to participating in this experience. Diana has also developed some iPad apps which you can locate on her website www.pldliteracy.org.

RecFish Excursion

Next Friday students from Cassia Primary School will be participating in an Excursion with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Ross with RecFish. Keep an eye out for information coming home.

Have a fantastic fortnight ahead.

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.

Kindest Regards

Narelle Ward
Principal
Certificates of Merit

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received a merit certificate!

TA1 - Damon Binsaad & Charlotte Clifford
TA2 - Kaydie Negus & Sherlica Hicks
TA3 - Lleyton Keuenhoff & Shyanne-Marie Price
TA4 - Jarrod Mourish-Sifandos & Zaliya Edgar
TA5 - Clinton Markwell & Roadie Coppin
TA6 - Anastarsha Breslin & Aziz Binsaad
TA7 - JT Thomas & Zoe Harris
TA8 - Jacob Hair & Ethan Gaskin

Good Book

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who each received a good work award!

TA1 - Hayden Phillips
Melinda McKenzie
Jackson Webster

TA4 - Angus Finnis

TA14 - Toby Buckland
Isla O’Donnell
Kael Nunn
Lake Ramsay

TA11 - Jessica Marrich
Cash Pomana
Lauren Brooke

TA13 - Rohan Hallion

Zitkala Leering & Lyra Walton-Tewes

Zaliya Edgar & Toby Peletier
Semester One in TA11 has been amazing with all of our Pre-Primary superstars going above and beyond with huge efforts and awesome attitudes. We had our Assembly performance “Roar” in Term 2, Week 2 which was a big challenge – an occasion that the students of TA11 rose to and surpassed expectations. We could not have done it without the support of our families and ECE teaching team... we thank you and are so appreciative!

Miss Manuel and Mr Pocock – we thank you for your help in getting ready in the morning, particularly your fabulous face painting!
**NOTICES**

**GRANDCARRERS SUPPORT SCHEME**

**for all enquiries call:**

Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme  
1800 794 909

10.00am - 4.00pm  
Monday to Friday

**What is the Grandcarers Support Scheme:**

- A national payment to grandcarers who have the full-time care of their grandchild / grandchilden.

**Criteria:**

- Providing full-time care for grandchildren under 16 years.
- Minimum of four months care in the past year.
- Not receiving financial support from the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

**Willing to sign a Statutory Declaration confirming that the information provided is true and correct.**

**How much is the payment:**

- Eligible grandcarers will receive $400 for the first grandchild and $250 for each additional grandchild under 16 years.

**How to apply:**

- Telephone Wanslea 1800 794 909 to apply.
- Online at: www.wanslea.asn.au/ass to download the application form.
- Send your completed application form to:

  Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme  
  PO Box 1142 Clevedon WA 6985

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**MINI BOOK FAIR** - Theme: Egyptian

(Book fair 27th - 29th May)

On the 2nd day of book fair, Wednesday 28th May we will be having an Egyptian Dress-up day. There will be a prize for best dressed (up to $60 worth of free books)

Start: Tuesday the 27th of May  
Ends: Thursday the 29th of May  
Time: 7.30 - 9am & 2.00 - 3pm  
Where: Cassia PS Library

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**PERTH LADIES INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, PLC offers indigenous students scholarships to our school for entrance at either Year 7 or 8. The school is a vibrant boarding and day community and past students have been successful learners and enjoyed their experience. Our Gorna Liyarn (strong heart, strong spirit) programme sees girls warmly supported and mentored through their years at PLC and we enjoy working closely with families.

PLC have extended the closing date to Friday 30 May 2014.

Information about the application requirements and process can be found on our school website at [http://www.plc.wa.edu.au/830/admissions/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships](http://www.plc.wa.edu.au/830/admissions/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships). We are proud of our programme and particularly keen to welcome new girls to our school. I would really appreciate you informing any prospective applicants and their families of this opportunity and, that being the case, to encouraging them to apply. Should they wish to speak to someone about the programme, we would welcome contact with our Indigenous Programme co-ordinator, Tracey Walker, on 9424 6442 or me on 9424 6489.

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**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 23RD OF MAY**

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**CANTHEN**

**OPEN DAILY FROM 7:30AM**

**LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9:00AM**

*(Ass’td sandwiches are available daily)*

**MONDAY**

- Pizza Rounder  
  - Hot Chicken & Crisp Roll  
  - Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll  
  - Cheese & Pineapple Roll  
  - $3.00  
  - $5.00  
  - $5.00  
  - $5.00

**TUESDAY**

- Spaghetti Bolognaise  
  - Hot Dog and sauce  
  - $6.00  
  - $1.00

**WEDNESDAY**

- Macaroni Cheese  
  - Hamburger & Sauce  
  - Hamburger & Salad  
  - $8.00  
  - $4.00  
  - $5.00  
  - $4.00

**THURSDAY**

- Lasagne  
  - Cheese & Tomato Roll  
  - $5.00  
  - $4.00

**FRIDAY**

- Pizza Rounder  
  - Sausage Roll  
  - 2 Party Pies  
  - Pies with Fruit box  
  - $3.00  
  - $3.00  
  - $3.00  
  - $4.00

**DRINKS**

- Water  
  - Fruit Box  
  - Choc Chai  
  - $2.00  
  - $1.50  
  - $2.50

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN ON THURSDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 7.45 & 8.45AM**

The uniform shop is run by the Cassia P & C and the uniform coordinator is Kristie Thomas.

We ask that uniforms are paid for at the time of ordering.

EFTPOS is available in the front office and we also accept cheque payments - payable to ‘Cassia P & C Association’.