Please don’t forget the Parent Workshop tomorrow at 6.30pm in the library on how to help your child with maths.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another busy term! This week we are sending home the School Vision and Context Statements developed with the staff and parent committees last term. These statements are intended to drive the formation and expectations of the 2015-17 School Plan that will be developed this term. If you would like to comment, please add your comment/feedback to the sheet and return to school.

On the back of that page is a request for feedback/ideas on current school practices/programs and opportunity to offer any new ideas. You can return your ideas anonymously or add your name if you would like me to contact you to discuss your ideas. Traditionally, we struggle to get a large number of replies so this year I am going to resort to bribery….. each survey returned gets a red frog for each child in the family! If a parent hands in the sheet, they can also have the frog! I am prepared to buy many bags of frogs!

A huge thank you to the families who were able to come along to our Art Show/Education Week/Book Week and Parade extravaganza last term, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The weather was perfect, the costumes fantastic – staff and children – and the children’s work on display was amazing. Thank you to the parents for the costumes and to the staff for all the work and planning that went into the day’s events. Everything went off exactly as planned.

Of course to our Canteen helpers and coordinators, who worked extremely hard to feed the large number of people and to our Canteen helpers and coordinators, who worked extremely hard to feed the large number of people - thank you, thank you, thank you, you did a great job! At the end of the Parade I forgot to thank you, thank you, you did a great job! At the end of the Parade I forgot to thank you, thank you, you did a great job! At the end of the Parade I forgot to pass on my thanks, so I apologise! We couldn’t do it without you!

Beginning today, there will be some titbits in the newsletter each week about what is happening in the classrooms, so look out for the weekly “What’s new in the classrooms” section.

Good luck to all our representatives at Bandfest and the State Arts Assembly.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mrs Thurston, who on the last day of school last term received a phone call from staffing offering her a permanent teaching appointment at our school. We are so lucky!!!

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS

13/10 Junior Bandfest
14/10 Parent workshop – Maths 6pm
15/10 Year 5 GATs Program – Swansea High School
16/10 Breast Cancer Day – Student Parliament Fundraiser

AWARDS

Merit:

STUDENT PARLIAMENT- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

This term’s Student Parliament fundraiser is targeting Breast Cancer Awareness. All students are encouraged to make a gold coin donation this Thursday in exchange for a pink ribbon. The Student Parliament thanks all families for their support of an issue that potentially touches every family.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. If you or a neighbour has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2015, please contact the Office with their details as soon as possible so we are able to organise enrolment packages which have been sent out.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Miss out on the newsletter some weeks? We would like to move towards a paperless newsletter in the near future. If families could please provide an email address, the newsletter will be emailed to you each week.

DANCE 2bFIT

Just a reminder that the monies for this activity planned for all students K-6, was due last week. If you are experiencing difficulty with this please contact the office. All students will participate in the first session regardless of whether or not they have paid. This is the Dance2bFit Company’s offer.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1

Huge thanks to the Belmont Bunnings store who very generously supplied pots, plants and animal ornaments to further enhance the colourful upgrade of our Kinder veranda area. Thank you to Alanna Loretan for her help with Bunnings and to Mrs Burrows and Mrs Bolsover for helping to maintain our beautiful new gardens and pot plants.

The children and teachers absolutely love the gorgeous, happy and bright environment which is being created!
**Stage 1**

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead in Stage 1. Super sentences and rhyming raps are a focus of our English studies this term. We will be investigating how authors use alliteration and rhyme to entertain their audience. This will be supported with revision on adjectives, noun groups, preposition, conjunctions and connectives during grammar lessons. Students will continue to improve their reading and comprehension skills through weekly guided reading lessons in each classroom.

In Maths, our number focus is on using our forward and backward counting skills to assist us with mentally adding or subtracting two digit numbers. Additionally, students will consolidate their knowledge of 3D objects, mass, volume and capacity and learn more about interpreting and showing data on graphs.

In Science we will be mixing things up in our chemistry unit as we discuss how and why we use mixtures in our lives and predict then conduct experiments to investigate what happens when certain materials are mixed together. We can’t wait to make some slime and I’m sure there’s some cooking involved too!

In Sport, all Stage 1 students will be working on a stage dance with Rebecca Pead for the first 4 weeks of this term in preparation for a Stage performance at the Week 4 assembly. We really appreciate all the time and effort Rebecca has put into weekly dance lessons for all Stage 1 students this year. They have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons. Towards the end of this term our Year 2 students will have the opportunity to be involved in an intensive swimming program - more information in the next few weeks.

**Stage 2**

This term, like all stages, will be busy, busy, busy!!! We are focusing on the concept of perspective in English and will examine how people interpret and view things differently. Our studies will focus on fictional literature but we will also make connections to the wider world we live in.

In HSIE, our topic is centred around the investigation of ‘Who Will Buy’? Miss Bell has been busy organising an excursion for our classes to Swansea Woolworths to look behind the scenes of a major supermarket. More information on that excursion will follow very soon.

We will also be researching the process of how certain products go from paddock to plate and how food and its production have changed over time. We are going to conduct interviews with our grandparents, neighbours, etc who I know will have many stories to share about ‘the good ole days’.

Maths homework pages for the term were sent home last week along with spelling words for the fortnight. 4P has additional homework with a fluency passage to complete on a nightly basis as part of Mrs Pascoe’s action research project. Don’t forget to check out Miss Bell and Mrs Pascoe’s action research project.

3/4C webpage can be found at – www.missbells34c.weebly.com

4P webpage can be found at – www.caves4.weebly.com

**Stage 3**

This term Stage 3 will be completing a Science unit on Flight, conducting experiments and studying the famous Australian aviators. Year 5 will be investigating how authors use alliteration and rhyme to entertain their audience. This will be supported with revision on adjectives, noun groups, preposition, conjunctions and connectives during grammar lessons. Students will continue to improve their reading and comprehension skills through weekly guided reading lessons in each classroom.

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**SCHOOL BLOGS**

The Caves Beach GATS website is now ready for viewing. You can check out some of the fabulous programs that students have been participating in throughout the year. Photos from the Science GATS program are coming soon!

Visit at [http://cavesgats.weebly.com](http://cavesgats.weebly.com)

**BAND NEWS**

Welcome back to a busy term ahead! Bandfest is happening this week. Junior band are going today and SENIOR BAND children need to be at school this THURSDAY FOR AN 8AM DEPARTURE. Professional photos will be taken at a cost of $15ea (stage or foyer photo). Please bring the order form and payment on the day.

As noted in the upcoming events last term, senior band will perform at the Marine Rescue Open Day at Pelican on Sunday 29th October. A note was sent home last week outlining the details including the performance time of 9.30-10.00am. We will need assistance with instrument and stand transportation on the Friday afternoon, so please let me know if you can help. Arrival time is 9.00am in order to be organised.

Please note that the Band Committee meeting will be moved back to next week due to Bandfest this Thursday. Everyone is welcome to come along to Kinder Green’s room at 8.10am.

**Bandfest this week:**

Junior Band - Monday 13/10 - leaving school at 11am

Senior band - Thursday 16/10 - leaving school at 8am

Have a great week!

Michelle Thurston

**YEAR 5 2014**

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. It is very important to note that late applications will not be accepted.

Some copies of the application information booklet will be sent to schools around 14 October 2014. The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer can apply at a public library or on a school computer. Parents with disabilities that preclude the use of a computer can contact the High Performing Students’ Unit for assistance.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

**SPORT**

**State Athletics**

Good luck to all our Regional Representatives at this week’s State Athletics Championships. Bella F, Abbie L, Jessica F, Lilly C, Elise K, Maddison N, Kayne G and Joel O’C.

**Touch Football**

Congratulations to our Girls’ Touch Football team on their hard fought win over Singleton P.S. The score was 5 – 4 and the team now moves on to a round 6 against Chatham P.S on Monday 20th October at Newcastle City Touch Fields.

**LIBRARY**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Week / Open Day activities. Our new look Library was much admired and appreciated. Our Book Fair was very successful resulting in over $1000 in commissions. Thank you again everyone.

Kerrie Stein

Librarian

**CANTEEN**

Please find in with this newsletter a pre order form for a Halloween lunch that will be held on the Friday 31st August. This will be the only hot food available on the day. We will also be selling lots of yummy treats as well.

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