Dear Parents,

Last week I mentioned that I would give a red frog to anyone who returned the survey form. Sadly the office hasn't had to give away any frogs yet. Please assist us to plan the next three years of your child’s education by returning our survey form.

A reminder …to regularly check your children’s hair. When you wash your child’s hair, please remember that all eggs must be removed hair.

It was great to see the nine parents who were able to come along to last week’s parent information session on maths, don’t forget next week’s session on Tuesday night that will cover technology in our school.

This week I will be attending a three day conference in Sydney for Primary Principals across the state. I look forward to the sessions that have been planned to support principals to upskill their staff to meet the needs of the students in their class.

Next week our Year 6 students, under the guidance of Mrs Sandall, Mr Manning and Mrs Scott, head off on their three day trip to Canberra. With all of Mr Manning and Mrs Sandall’s careful planning, I know they will all have a great time.

Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior Bands on their performance at Bandfest last week, you did extremely well. Congratulations also to our talented athletes who went to the State Athletics Carnival last week. Everyone performed beautifully with Bella and Kane achieving considerable personal bests in their fields. Mrs Sandall will give more details in the sports section later in this newsletter.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Ringen
Principal

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS
20/10   P&C meeting 7pm
21/10   Young Teen Talk Year 6
27/10   Kindergarten Grandparents’ Day
27-29/10 Year 6 Canberra excursion
28/10   Parent workshop – Technology 6pm
5/11    NRMA Day
         School Council meeting 7pm

AWARDS
Gold: 1G: Zoe P.  6S: Nathan T, Jess F.  3S: Zane P


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. Have you also downloaded the school app on your phone, tablet or iPad?

PARENT WORKSHOP – TECHNOLOGY
Next Tuesday night is the next parent workshop on offer this term, come along and see the kinds of technology things that are happening in our school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!
If your child is absent, please remember that Departmental regulations state parents must provide a reason. Regular absences, late arrivals or early departures impact on your child’s learning. Excellent attendance promotes:
- Improved learning outcomes
- Results in school based testing and external assessments reflecting the student’s potential
- Opportunities in sport, music and other activities
- Positive teacher / student relationships
- Improved peer interactions and social skills
- Student safety and wellbeing
- A school report reflecting positive attendance and punctuality
- Enhanced future prospects in education and employment

DANCE2BFIT
Thanks to all parents who have sent in the money for Dance2bFit; we are still awaiting payment for this from a few families. If you are experiencing difficulty with this, please contact the office.

JUNIOR CHOIR
The Junior Choir will be performing one song at this week’s Friday assembly at 12.40pm.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT FUNDRAISER
Thankyou to Caves Beach students for their generous support of our Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser. As a school we raised $452.00 which is a fantastic effort.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1 - Kinder Blue
This week we will be starting our science unit “On the Move”. We will be experimenting with how objects move and the way size and surface may affect the direction and speed of movement.
We have also been learning about the history of art, beginning with Prehistoric Cave paintings and Egyptian hieroglyphics. Talking about ancient history is a very difficult concept for our little ones to understand without dinosaurs coming into the conversation.
We are preparing for Grandparents Day on Monday 27th October and look forward to a lovely family day. It would be wonderful for all our children to have someone to share their day.

Stage 1 - 2C
Last week 2C was very busy learning all about the properties of 3D shapes. Did you know a pyramid has an apex and only one base while a prism has two matching bases and no apex? We learned how to pronounce ‘sphere’ and had lots of fun building all the shapes. We can even tell you the difference between 2D shapes and 3D shapes. Some of us were even talking about the fourth dimension! Aren’t we clever?!

**Stage 2 - 2/3 P**

What a great start to Term 4! We have been studying perspective in English and last week viewed a short film called “Treasure”. The students made inferences and discussed these with their peers. They then wrote a retell from the main character’s perspective with great results. Here are a few great examples of their introductions. It was the night before Christmas 1979 when I was fossicking through the huge piles of junk in my backyard, also known as the town junkyard, in search of something to brighten up my gum house. By Molly It was my 67th birthday and I was really lonely so I decided I should go for a long walk in my backyard. It was the council junkyard. I hoped I could find some treasure to cheer me up. By Nathan I had a horrible day. I didn’t feel good at all, so I decided to go treasure hunting in my rather large backyard. My name is Penelope Mumbuson and I live in the council dump. By Shirley

**Stage 3**

6S

This term 1 we are continuing our focus on relationships through the book Bridge to Terabithia. We have also been constructing planes/parachutes and testing flight distances and time in the air. Our Democracy unit is almost finished in preparation for our Canberra excursion and visit to Parliament House next week. We are getting very excited!

**BAND NEWS**

Last week the band children represented the school in Bandfest. They all enjoyed the unique experience and both bands received a ‘Commendation’. Junior band also received an ‘Encouragement Award’ due to their exceptional ability for such a young group. The children displayed great poise, discipline, concentration and commitment on and off the stage - congratulations! We are very proud of them and they should also be proud of themselves. To Mrs Scott for her effort in preparing the children and for her tireless commitment to our school band, thank you.

I am very excited to announce that in 2015, in conjunction with Nords Wharf Public School, we will be conducting a two day Band Camp (Term 1, week 8) at Glenrock Lagoon Scout Camp. We will be discussing the finer points of this event at each committee meeting leading up to it so please come along if you can. The Marine Open Day Play out at Pelican is this Sunday at 9.30. Thank you to those children who have given up other activities on the day to take part. I am still waiting on the return of some attendance notes please return ASAP or let me know verbally. The songs we play will depend on which members are present. We have to provide all equipment so please let me know if you can assist with transport on Friday afternoon. I look forward to seeing you all there. Have a great week!

Michelle Thurston

**Upcoming events - This Friday's Assembly - Junior Band Perform**

**SPORT Athletics**

Firstly congratulations to Mitch M on his omission from last week’s list of 2014 Hunter Regional Representatives.

**Results of N.S.W Athletics Carnival**

As a school we are very proud of all our regional representatives. Caves Beach has 2 State Representatives, Kane G who came 1st in discus and 3rd in shot-put and Bella F who came 1st in shot-put and 2nd in discus. These two children will compete at the Australian Athletics Championship to be held in Tasmania during November.

**Congratulations also to:**

Mitch M - 5th in heat of 800 metres
Joel O’C - 6th in heat of 11Years 800 metres
Maddison N – 15th in 11Years Shot-put and 19th in Discus
Abbie L – 9th in 11Years 200 metres and 16th in High jump
Lilly C, Jess F, Elise K and Abbie L – 23rd in 4x100 metres Senior Relay.

**Softball**

Good luck to our Boys’ Softball Team who will play Pt Claire P.S on Wednesday in Round 7 of the N.S.W P.S.S.A Knockout competition.

**Touch Football**

Good Luck to our girls’ Touch Football Team who will play Chatham P.S today in Round 6 of the N.S.W P.S.S.A Knockout Competition.

**LIBRARY**

As the end of year is fast approaching please check bookshelves at home for any overdue Library Books.

**CANTSEE**

Just a reminder that the orders for Halloween lunch need to be handed in next Tuesday 28th October. If you have not got an order form you can get one from the office or canteen. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any late orders due to catering purposes and this will be the only hot food available on the day. We will also have lots of yummy treats on sale at lunch and recess on this day.

**Tuesday 21st October**

- Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead

**Wednesday 22nd October**

- Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines

**Thursday 23rd October**

- Alicia Drain, Hanna Krs & Brett Hadley

**Friday 24th October**

- Jo Mazzitello & Benita Olgiev

**Monday 27th October**

- Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell

**Tuesday 28th October**

- CLOSED

**Wednesday 29th October**

- Kristy Jackson & Michelle Coutts

**Thursday 30th October**

- Lia Jordan, Kim Sorland & Yeni Longhurst

**NRMA**

NRMA Road Safety day Week 5, Wednesday 5th November. A whole school program will be presented by a qualified NRMA Representative and Program Organiser. Parents are invited to session 1 at 9.30am on the day.

Rose Toohey

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**JUNIOR SEWING CLASSES**

$60 for 5 week course (Plus material). Learn the basics of sewing and sew your own bag. Classes start – Wednesday 12th November – Wednesday 10th December 2014. 4.00pm – 5.00pm. (Limit of 4 students per lesson)

**Call Jackie for bookings** 0400 006 373

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**TWILIGHT GIRLS CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

Grab some girls and come in play in Newcastle’s only “No Boys Allowed” T20 Blast cricket competition. Haven’t played cricket before? Doesn’t matter! Our qualified, accredited coaches will help you learn some new skills and along the way you will make some new friends and have heaps of fun!

* Ages - 8 - 12
* T20 Blast format - Fast and exciting.
* Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field.
* Played Friday evenings from 5pm - 6.30pm.
* Team or individual registrations welcome.
* Starting on the 31st October at 5pm and continuing for 8 weeks.
* The venue will be Wallsend Park, Thomas Street, Wallsend.
* The cost is $99 per person and includes a MILO T20 Blast t-shirt, KFC T20 Big Bash League team cap, MILO giveaways and other KFC T20 Big Bash League promotional items!
* To register visit www.newcric.org.au or for additional information please contact Sharayn on 0400 724491 or email administrator@newcric.org.au

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