PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Due to another circumstance beyond our control, we had to reschedule our annual Presentation Day Ceremony again. The first change was in support of our girls’ and boys’ softball teams who will travel to Sydney to play in the finals and the second change supports our students who have been selected to receive a PSSA Sports Award. When the date for our Presentation Day was selected (at the beginning of the year) none of these dates existed!

The change of dates is unavoidable; hopefully this notice is in plenty of time to assist parents who like to make work arrangements to allow them to come along on the day and most importantly, allows all of our students the opportunity to be part of the Presentation Day ceremony.

On Tuesday this week, the elections for 2015 School Captains will take place with the voting taking place straight after the nominees present their speeches. The names of the captains and vice captains will be announced on Presentation Day. The speeches will be presented at 11.55am under the cola. Good luck to each of the nominees; they have presented themselves in a very mature way this term as they hosted our Friday assemblies.

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
11/11 Remembrance Day – Captains at the RSL
12/11 Kinder Orientation
14/11 Year 6 Fun Day
19/11 Kinder Orientation
21/11 Melanoma Day
26/11 Kinder Orientation
9/12 Presentation Day Swansea HS hall - 2nd change of date

AWARDS

FUN DAY
A reminder about the Year 6 Fun Day to be held this Friday 14th November, 2014 - the Year 6 students have spent all year planning the special activities on offer on this day! There is usually lots of water involved so we always hope for a sunny day! Drinks and chips will be available if your child would like to bring along an extra $2 on the day.

BLUES DAY
A big thank you to all who supported the Blues Day last week; the school raised $422.00, Eastlake PSSA donated $100 and School Parliament donated $400; so Bella and Kayne each received $461 to support their entry to the National Titles.

BUSHFIRE SEASON
As we move back into the bushfire season, parents are informed that in the event of a fire and evacuation is necessary, notification to parents would be through the school app and the school website.

SPELLING BEE
Last week, Zac N from 3/4C represented our school and region in the Junior Division at the State Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. The final was held at Eugene Goossen’s Hall at the ABC Ultimo Centre and saw the top 40 students from 950 schools across the state compete. Although Zac did not make it through to the final round he tried his best and we are very proud of his efforts. Congratulations Zac!

CHESS GROUP
Last Wednesday a group of 6 students travelled all the way down to Wyoming on the Central Coast to compete in a huge Chess Gala Day against 11 other schools. Our team was placed an outstanding 3rd overall...a mighty achievement considering many schools sent a much larger contingent with older students! Huge congratulations to Jye B who took out 5th place with his individual score. Thanks so much to Jackie, Sue and Liane for making themselves available to transport the children.

Also, last Wednesday, our Rookies headed off to Broadmeadow to compete at the Regional finals. We were placed 9th overall on the day! This is a fantastic achievement considering our boys and girls are in Year 3 and 4 and were competing against students from Year 5 and Year 6. At Chess Club on Thursday, students were given notes about two more Gala Days. Both days are out of school hours so entry is entirely up to parents...they are bound to be fun days and will provide our students with competitive experience.

Well done everyone...my first season as Caves Beach Chess Coordinator has made me so proud and I can hardly wait till next year!

Jo Dennis
Chess coordinator

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Some interesting facts regarding absences and lateness to school –Did you know...

• If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
• Missing one day a week from school from Kindergarten to Year 10 adds up to 20 hours a year of missed schooling.
• Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
• Being absent five days a term from Kindergarten to Year 10 is more than five terms of learning.
• Pool attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

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SCHOOL BANKING
One of our mums, Mrs Mason, who has been doing the school banking for the last couple of years, is no longer able to carry out this task. If any parent is able to commit 1-2 hours per week to take on this role, please let the office know. The volunteer will need to start from the beginning of December 2014.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1
Wow, only 6 weeks of Kinder to go! We have begun to talk to the children about Year 1 expectations and how far they have come since the beginning of the year. Although the end of the year is looming, we still have lots happening including Christmas Craft Afternoon,
Kindergarten Presentation morning and the whole school Presentation Day. We are looking forward to spending these final special weeks with your children as they prepare to move on (we will be sad to lose them). In two weeks’ time our Kinders will spend a morning with the 2015 Kindergarten children. They will be able to share lots of great stuff about big school. We will let you know how this goes.

Kinder Teachers

Stage 1 - 1E
We have been writing alliterations in class. We used dictionaries to help fine interesting adjectives to help make our writing more adventurous. During computer time we published some of our alliterations with pictures and made them into a book called “1E’s Awesome Alliteration Arrangement 2014.” We also used the word foto app on the ipads to write words that describe us, then the program overlays the words on a photo of ourselves, they look great! We would like to give a big thanks to Mr Nebauer who kindly gave up his time and came across from the high school to do some science experiments about mixing things together. The students had a great time making sherbert, slime and elephant’s toothpaste!

Stage 2 - 4P
Our students are a caring lot of kids that will accept any type of religion that comes into our school. When you come to our school you will feel comforted and never left out. They have all learnt team work and they always use it. Your children will have hundreds of friends if you bring them here. Imogen M.

To begin with, most schools have really mean children and teachers but CBPS is bully proof! Our students and teachers are kind, caring and very helpful. If you need a teacher or student they will be by your side in under 20 seconds. You will never be lonely no matter what your personality is! Lara G

Another reason why your children must come to CBPS is that we have an amazing band. They play every Friday on assembly and place a lot of emphasis on their practise. We have many instruments available for you. India L.

Furthermore, our teachers are wonderful. They all have different personalities which will help your children get along with different people in life. They will make sure you are safe. Safe children are happy children! Molly F.

Who doesn’t love sports? Well then you would love PSSA competitions. There’s always spectacular sportsmanship and you get to meet new friends. We have been Zone Champions for the last four years. I know you would love to go to our school! Mackenzie A.

Stage 3 – 4/5W
Lockie
Surfer, scooter rider, AFL player and fit
Son of Jeffrey and Leanne, brother of Tiarna
Lover of surfing, AFL and scooters
Who feels awesome, cool and funny
Who needs a car, driving license and an IPhone6
Who gives to his family, friends and animals
Who fears sharks, fin chops and no waves
Who would like a surf shop, board shaper as a dad and a 3p
Who comes from Caves Beach

Bio Poem
Brown haired, friendly, tall with green eyes
Daughter of Ben and Bronwen, sister of Lucinda, Joel and Monique
Lover of art, beach and dogs
Who feels sorry for poor, pound animals and endangered species
Who needs the beach, family and friends
Who gives money to charity, love to family and cares for living things
Who fears noises at night, rats in my room and robbers in my house
Who would like a go pro, a pet snake and an indoor spa.

By Annaliese M

BAND NEWS
How this term is flying! However there is still so much to come. Your child received three notes last week. One was about the Band Presentation Night to be held on Wednesday 26th November. This is always a fun, relaxed night with a lovely Christmas feel.

Another note was to announce ‘Glenrockin - Band Camp’ for 2015. After talking to the children about this, they are already getting excited!!

The final note was about a change in communication for next year. I am endeavouring to send all information via email, including permission notes. I feel this will be a more efficient way to share information and allow you to contact me more readily. Please send an email to me michelle.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au so I can begin to set up a contact group. Thanks to those parents who have already done so.

We have begun recruiting for next year so please come and see me if your child is interested. They can come along to practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am to see and hear how it all works. We have trumpets, trombones, flutes and clarinets available to hire or you can bring your own. The band fees include instrument hire, band rehearsal fees and private tuition fees. I can help you with tutor contact details. We would love to see some new faces.

Please note direct debit details for band camp $20 deposit. Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820, Account no. 009003319 CB the reference is your child’s name followed by ‘camp’

Have a great week – Michelle Thurston

SPORT
Girls Softball
Congratulations to our Girls Softball Team on their great win against Niagara Park P.S in round 7 of the competition. The score was 9 – 7. The team now moves onto the State Semi Finals/Finals in Sydney next month joining our Boys Softball team. Well done everyone.

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

Canteen
There are several volunteer vacancies on our canteen roster for next year. It is only one day per month. If you would like to come and help out next year either come up to the canteen or ring Jackie Bugeja on 0400006373 or Michele Stewart 0429877095 your help would be greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 11th Nov Belinda Watson & Michele Stewart
Wednesday 12th Nov CLOSED
Thursday 13th Nov Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser
Friday 14th Nov Katrina Castledine, Megan Boertje, Mel McSpadden & Georgie Piper
Monday 17th Nov Denise Houston
Tuesday 18th Nov Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead
Wednesday 19th Nov CLOSED
Thursday 20th Nov Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines
Friday 21st Nov Alicia Drain, Hanna Krs & Brett Hedley

P&C
Major Fundraiser.
To raise money for the library renovations, this year we are running our own Gold Coast Holiday Raffle. Today each family will receive a raffle book of 10 tickets plus a letter explaining the major prize, incentive prizes and biggest seller prizes offered as part of this raffle. Please help us by returning your tickets (sold/or not sold) by the due date (this is a legal requirement).

We really hope you will get behind this great fundraiser, and look forward to students returning to the office to collect MORE tickets to sell. Thanks in advance for helping us to support this great school of ours.

Sam Brown on behalf of the P&C Committee

NRMA DAY
Students participated in some hands on activities relating to our Road Safety program at the NRMA DAY last week.

Library
After talking to the children about this, they are already getting excited!!

P&C Committee