PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Friday was certainly a day of great excitement. The Year 6 students were extremely well organised and enthusiastic about making the Fun Day fun. A huge thank you to Mrs Sandall and Mr Manning for all their support of the students as they planned and delivered a wonderful Fun Day at which I am told all the teachers got wet! Obviously the warm weather was a lure no-one could resist.

Please remember that the stretch of road just outside the main pedestrian entry to the school is an area where drivers are not meant to leave their car. It also helps the traffic situation if cars move forward as the car in front pulls out. If all cars follow the rules, we don’t end up with the traffic congestion that sometimes happens and cars won’t pull in as cars wish to move out of their parking space.

Please also remember that students are not allowed to walk through the car park at any time.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
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
19/11  Kinder Orientation
20/11  Band Committee meeting 8.10am
21/11  Melanoma Day
24/11-5/12  Intensive Swimming
26/11  Kinder Orientation
        Band Presentation Night
2/12  AECG meeting 6pm Windale Public School
3/12  Kindy Presentation morning
4/12  Hello High School Year 6
       Parent Helper Morning Tea 11.20am – hall
8/12  Gold Morning Tea 12pm
9/12  Presentation Day Swansea HS hall - 2nd change of date

AWARDS
Gold: 1/2S-Daniel D. 5L-Aurora Z

LANDSCAPING WORK
With the big tree gone that was near the COLA, we would now like to construct a garden bed in that area but we are in desperate need of a landscape gardener/carpenter to quote and possibly complete the carpentry work the walls. If there are any dads out there who would be interested could you please contact the office.
We have the plans already drawn up ready to go!

VEGETABLE GARDENS
Have you checked out all the changes to our vegetable gardens lately? The work carried out here was made possible by the financial support received from Lake Macquarie Council (through our successful grant application earlier this year) and the sponsors Bill Saddington, Bunnings, Allied Coal and Swansea RSL. The untiring work of Mrs Burrows, Mrs Bolsover and the students from the High School has been instrumental in ensuring the regular progress made in this project so far.

POSITIONS VACANT
Two of our valuable volunteers, Jackie Bugeja – uniform shop and Mrs Mason, student banking, are no longer able to carry out these roles. We are asking for volunteers for just a couple of hours a week. If you are able to help out, please let the office know.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1  Kinder Blue
Kinder Blue welcome Mrs Sturgeon to our classroom. She is a student teacher from University of Newcastle and we know she will enjoy her time with the gorgeous Kinder Blues.
We are beginning to find places around the world where our families have come from and put markers on a map. It would be a great help if our mums and dads can provide some of the information – ‘My family comes from Caves Beach’ is not really what we’re talking about. Today we were very lucky to have Amelia Kate’s Ma come to talk to us about her culture and to teach us some craft. We had such a lovely afternoon.
All of the Blues had a try at finger knitting which is a great exercise in coordination. Not everyone caught on to the technique but for those who did, it’s worth visiting the room one afternoon and following the trail of wool that winds around our floor as they wander around having chats and knitting.

Stage 1  1/2S
On Friday we farewelled Mrs King after she spent three weeks with our class as part of her university studies. We really enjoyed all the wonderful lessons she taught us including the outdoor volume lessons, reading groups, maths groups and the fun craft activities. We especially loved making our big green monsters after listening to and singing the song. You can check out photos of our work on our class blog: http://caves12.weebly.com if you like what you see please leave a comment as we love feedback!
This week we will be continuing our monster collaborative project with our Irish and English buddy classes. We've been drawing monsters and then writing descriptions of them before sending the descriptions to our buddies. Our buddies then draw the monsters using only our words as a guide. We then post up their drawings next to our original drawings to see just how close they are. Our Irish buddies have completed the task and you can see the results on our blog also. This week our English buddies have a turn. We've loved learning about how children in other parts of the world learn!

Stage 2  2S
Last week 2/3P and 3S were lucky enough to visit Woolworths at Swansea for a look behind the scenes.
After walking to Woolworths we were split into 2 groups and taken on a guided tour of the clock, freezer and cool rooms, green grocery section, bakery, meat section and delicatessen. Our tour ended with us selecting a piece of fruit and making a wrap for lunch.
Some things we learnt
- Freezer is kept at <20⁰
- Best steak is scotch fillet
- Seafood must be kept separate too cold meat
- Hot chickens must be 65⁰ or above to kill all bacteria
- Ovens rotate for even baking
- Ordering is done electronically
- Butcher wears a stainless steel mesh glove when cutting meat
- Orders, supplies come in 6 days a week
- Lunch was yum!

Stage 3  6S
6S have been busy preparing for the Fun Day and commencement of the K – 2 Sports Leadership Program. In class each child researched a pioneer Australia Aviator. As a
follow-up to the research task each child presented a one minute oral presentation unaided by palm cards.

INTENSIVE SWIM SCHEME
A reminder to the selected students that the Intensive Swimming program commences next Monday 24th November and will continue daily from 12-12.40pm for two weeks to Friday 6th December 2013. Swimmers will leave school at 11.30 supervised by Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Chaffeey.

Each child needs to bring a swimming costume, a towel, a hat and warm clothing on a cold day. It is also recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen reapplied regularly. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended.

MELANOMA DAY
The next Student Parliament fundraiser is this Friday, Melanoma Day. Student Parliament decided to donate some of the money from the Fun Day activities to the Melanoma Research Association. There will be a guest speaker from the Association who will address K-2 and Years 3-6 on Friday. If students wish to donate a gold coin they are more than welcome to do so.

BAND NEWS
I am looking forward to Band Presentation night next Wednesday night 26/11. We have requested that everyone bring a small plate of finger food to share (nut free) which doesn’t require plates or cutlery. Soft drink will be provided.

We have had lots of interest from new students for the band next term. A $20 fee is needed to cover fees and hire for the remainder of the year. If any child wishes to keep their instrument over the Christmas break, the $60 hire fee will be applicable for 2015 (ask me for a contract note). Otherwise the instrument will be stored at school. Just a reminder - private lessons can be organised through the school for trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone and flute.

Thanks to the parents who have emailed me their contact details to michelle.thurston1@det.nsw.edu.au. I would like to have this contact list up and running by the end of the year.

Another reminder - band fees are now due. Please pay ASAP by cash to the office or by direct debit. You can also pay for the $20 camp deposit this way, the reference is your child’s name followed by ‘camp’.
Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319
Have a great week – Michelle Thurston

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS
State Transit Authority (STA) regulations state that all students entering Year 3 in 2015 and need a bus pass must complete a new application form before the end of this year. If a new form is not completed and handed to the Office before the end of the year, the student may have to pay bus fare next year until a pass is organised which could take some time to be issued by STA. To be eligible for a pass in Years 3-6 inclusive students must live outside the 1.6km radius. Also if you have changed your address a new application form must be completed. Forms are available from the office.

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?

FUN DAY
Fun Day was fantastic. Everyone who participated had a great time. Well done Year 6, a great Fun Day. Student Council raised approximately $1500.00.

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

CANTEEN
There are several volunteer positions on the canteen roster vacant for next year. It is only once a month. If you are interested please either come up to the canteen or call Jackie Bugeja 0400006373 or Michele Stewart 0429877095. Cookies will no longer be available to purchase through the canteen as they are not a healthy item.

Tuesday 18th Nov  Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead  CLOSED
Wednesday 19th Nov  Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines
Friday 20th Nov  Alicia Drain, Hanna Krs & Brett Hedley
Friday 21st Nov  Jo Mazzitello & Benita Olguvie
Monday 24th Nov  Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell  CLOSED
Tuesday 25th Nov
Wednesday 26th Nov  Michelle Coutts & Kristy Jackson
Thursday 27th Nov  Liana Wright, Kim Surman & Yeni Longhurst
Friday 28th Nov

P&C Major Fundraiser.

How are you going selling the raffle tickets for the Gold Coast Holiday? Can you sell more? Pick up more tickets at the increase your families chances of winning! Don’t forget to drop office to your sold ones off too. Go Caves Beach Public!

Sam Brown on behalf of the P&C Committee

Caputuring Year 6 Fun Day – Friday 14th November