**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The year is almost at an end, and still there are important dates on our calendar. This week we have Presentation Day tomorrow, PSSA Sports Presentation on Wednesday and our girls’ and boys’ softball games on Thursday. Next week we have the Year 6 Farewell, Party Day and the Clap Out and drawing of the P&C raffle on Wednesday. Hard to believe the year is almost over.

Already we are planning for next year; the permission notes for our 2015 Swimming Carnival went home last week, hopefully parents are able to send the note and money in before the holidays so all is ready for the second day back next year.

Please note the information later in this newsletter about this term’s disco, we are trying something new!

*Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.*

Denise Rispen  
Principal

**STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

All staff - CPR and anaphylaxis training

**ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm**

| Week 10 | NO ASSEMBLY |

**GATE CLOSURE TIMES**

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**COMING EVENTS**

9/12  Presentation Day Swansea HS hall - 10am  
11/12  Boys’ & Girls’ Softball Blacktown  
12/12  School Disco – during the school day  
15/12  Year 6 Farewell  
16/12  Party Day  
17/12  Last day for students  
18/12  School Development Day – staff only

**AWARDS**

Merit: KG: Angel M, Peterson S.  
KB: Mitchell L, Anendra M.  
KR: Jorja C, Ryan McP.  
1G: Kaesyn P, Bindi P.  
1E: Steven R,  
Lexie B.  
1/2S: Lola I, Alivia T.  
2C: Jessica W, Tyler H.  
2L: Emma B, Lilly-Rae D.  
2/3P: Ryan B, Charlotte M.  
3S: Jasmine M, Evie I.  
3/4C: DJ W, Jye S.  
4P: Kiara J, Zayne P.  
4/5W: Grace M, Cooper P.  
5L: Blythe M, Jack McD.  
6M: Hugo H, Brayden M-W.  
6S: Zane B, Rhys McN.

**WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS**

**Early Stage 1 - KINDER**

The final weeks of Kindergarten have arrived and we have been very busy. Last week Kindergarten had a graduation Ceremony and performed some Christmas songs for parents. We are very grateful for all the families were able to attend. We also had a successful afternoon with parents, grandparents and carers helping out with our Christmas craft afternoon. We look forward to finishing off a spectacular year with Kindergarten.

**Stage 1 – YEAR 1 and 2**

As the year comes to an end Year 1 and 2 students are participating in some wonderful Christmas activities. We’ve really enjoyed having our mums, dads and nans come along and help during our Christmas craft activities.  
We are really looking forward to our party day next week, which will be held at Blackbut Reserve. A barbecue lunch, drink and chips will be provided for each student. We are sure it will be a memorable day.

Finally, all of the students and staff in Stage One would like to extend a massive thank you to all of the families and friends who have helped in our classrooms or around the school throughout the year. We really appreciate your time and effort in supporting the learning of your children. Merry Christmas everyone. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

**Stage 2 – 4P**

With only a week and a bit to go before we leave Stage 2 and start our next learning journey in Stage 3, we would like to share some of our favourite memories of 2014.

‘I enjoyed this year because I made many new friends. I also had fun doing drama with Mr Powell. This year was very interesting’.  
Lily W.

‘I still remember my first day at school this year as I wanted to see who was in my class. It has been challenging but fun for me in 4P’.  
Matilda T.

‘I had a great year this year. Ever since I stepped in this classroom I’ve improved in everything I’ve tried. My biggest area of improvement is my spelling’  
Hayley W.

‘I have had the best year in Year 4. My best moment was when I found out my teacher. She is fun, exciting and entertaining’.  
Kaylee D.

‘This year was funny, exciting and awesome all rolled into one! I have had many wonderful moments and memories of 4P. Having Mr Powell in Term 3 was fun and enjoyable. I’ll always have fond memories of Mrs Pascoe and 4P’  
Maya-Jayne H.

‘I have enjoyed my time in 4P as it has been a wonderful class. When I first came into this class I was shy but now I have made many friends.’  
Isabella A.

One of my best and funniest moments in 4P was when Mrs Pascoe starting talking about IDIOMS during English. I was very confused because I thought she was calling us all something else!!!  
Rochelle M.

**Stage 3 – 4/5W**

There was a young girl called Alyssa,  
Who was a good kisser,  
She chased boys down the lane,  
In the pouring rain  
And her mum didn’t even miss her.  
By Alyssa

There once was a boy name Quinn,  
Who loved to play in the bin,  
One day with a shout,  
His mum threw him out and she never saw him again.  
By Zoe

**EDUBLOG AWARDS**

The Edublog Awards are held yearly to promote and demonstrate the educational value of blogging. This year there were hundreds of class blogs nominated before they were shortlisted to the top 50. Last week 1/2S were informed that not only had they been nominated but they had also made it through to the shortlist. The students were very excited as they have really enjoyed sharing their work not only with their family and friends but with schools all over the world and in particular their buddy classes in Essex, England and Dublin, Ireland. Now we need your help! To vote for our class blog visit our home page  
(http://caves12.weebly.com) where you can find the instructions and the button to place your vote. We really appreciate your support. Be sure to check out some of the work we’ve been doing while you’re visiting.

**TERM 4 DISCO**

This term the Student Parliament will be hosting another disco here in the School Hall, however we are going to try a new
times. All other details, (duration/cost/out of uniform/DJ/K-2 first, Years 3-6 second) will remain the same. We are going to hold the disco on Friday 12th December instead of sport. The cost will still be $5, the money going to School Parliament.

P&C – MAJOR FUNDRAISER.

Our Gold Coast Raffle has been running for several weeks and the return date was last week. Unfortunately only half have been returned! This is a problem. Legally we must account for all raffle tickets and financially we have promised to help the school pay for the library upgrade. This is used by ALL students. Could you please sell all your tickets and return them to the school office by this Wednesday. If you are able to sell MORE books please also pick one up in the office and return by Wednesday. We still have many books to sell and several families have been unable to sell tickets making it difficult. Reminder that all families who sell are able to enter online for another Gold Coast Holiday and the family who sells the most books will win a 2GB iPod - a great little Christmas stocking stuffer!

PLEASE HELP US BY RETURNING YOUR TICKETS by this Wednesday.

SPORT

Best Wishes to our two state Knockout Softball teams for their upcoming matches this Thursday. All children should be very proud of all their effort before a ball is pitched or batted.

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This week a note will be sent home about the Swimming Carnival for 2015 which will be held on the second day back at school next year. Because of the time frame, we are asking for the money and permission note before the end of this year. All children in Years 3-6 plus any 2015 Year 2 student who turns 8 in 2015 and is a competent swimmer. If your 2015 Year 2 child fits these criteria, please ask them to get a note from the office.

YEARS 3-6 POOL PARTY

Years 3–6 Pool Party will be held on Tuesday 16th December, 2014 at Swansea pool commencing at 9.30am. The cost will be $6 for the day to cover bus fare and pool entry. Please complete the permission note that has been sent home today and return to school before Friday 12th December, 2014.

GARDEN FUNDING

Mrs Burrows, one of our wonderful gardening mums, has applied for a grant to put some water saving devices around our gardens. To be successful, our local community, friends and family have to vote for the project. To vote, go to the site (www.philmacproject.com.au) register via either Facebook or using email (to ensure everyone votes once to keep it fair!), click on your entry and click on the big ‘Vote for this entry’ button.

BAND NEWS

Tuesday 9/12 - senior band are required to come to school at 8am to help set up for presentation day. Any assistance from parents would be much appreciated. They will then rehearse for a 10am start.

There will be NO JUNIOR BAND this Tuesday morning.

Thursday 11/12 - NO SENIOR BAND practice however Junior Band will still come at 9am for their final session.

Both bands will resume practice on Thursday morning of Week 1, 2015.

There are still outstanding band fees from some families. Please pay ASAP so we can meet our financial commitments.

Glenrockin’ 2015 has received a huge, positive response from children and parents. More details will follow early next year.

There are more students who’ll be able to stay overnight (even though you received a junior band note). This can be sorted in the New Year, as long as you have your deposit paid by the end of this term. A band camp note will follow for new students who have joined band in the last few weeks.

Students who have a hired instrument can keep it over the holidays or leave it at school. Please take care of it as they cost a lot of money and our repair bill this year already is huge. Hire fee of $60 per instrument will be due in the first week back. Don’t forget you can pay online during the holidays.

A big thanks you to everyone involved in maintaining the band throughout the year. It is a wonderful program to offer our students and with everyone’s continued support, 2015 will offer greater success.

Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319

Merry Christmas to all!

Michelle Thurston

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.

JAM TUITION

At the AMEB examinations last week, Christian B achieved an A grade for bass guitar and Maddi S achieved and A+ (high distinction) grade for guitar. Congratulations to both of these students.

CANTEEN

Please note that the canteen will be closed all of next week for cleaning purposes. Also a reminder that this Friday being the last day for canteen is a pre order pie day. There is still vacancies on the canteen roster for next year. If you are interested please see or phone Jackie Bugaja 0400006373.

Tuesday 9th December

Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley

Wednesday 10th December

CLOSED

Thursday 11th December

Rebecca Paterson & Michele Stewart

Friday 12th December

Katrina Castledine, Mel McSpadden, & Jackie Richardson

PD/HEALTH

Over the past couple of weeks all students have been involved in PD/Health lesson on Emergency procedures and services. Could you remind your child of the following:

- In an Emergency dial 000
- Always be safe in or near water
- Learn to swim
- Learn how to resuscitation
- Know the rules

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Interested in Guitar Lessons??

Guitar Club 2015 at Caves Primary School

We have trialled this term private 20 minute guitar lessons for students that have completed at least 2 terms of group lessons. This was very successful and will continue on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings next year.

Beginner group lessons will be available on a Wednesday morning with a maximum of 6 students & Thursday morning’s max 3 students. Please enrol ASAP for term 1 2015, children from years 2-6 are welcome to join. This is a great introduction to guitar, with emphasis on fun, learning to read tab, basic music notation and guitar chords. Basic nylon string acoustic guitars are best for beginners.

Any interest in private or the beginner class please call Jam Tuition, Jamie & Mandy - 49 716986 or 0432 588 590

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