PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

A couple of parents have spoken to me about cars parking on the nature strip near the unattended pedestrian crossing in the access road to the school. Their concerns are that cars that are using the pedestrian crossing to mount the gutter and park in front of the path. Please be aware that while this may alleviate your parking problem, it may also place children in danger. As always our concerns are for all our children’s safety, please think carefully about where you are parking.

We are still chasing a few of the yellow student details forms that were sent home at the beginning of the year. These forms are extremely important because they provide accurate information should your child need medical attention at school. Last week, we sent home a copy of the form to families who have not returned it. Please return these ASAP.

Congratulations to Mrs Pascoe on her appointment as Assistant Principal to Caves Beach Public School (as Mrs Gardners’ replacement). This appointment is of course, subject to an appeal period; her role will officially start next term. Hopefully we will hear this week from staffing what will happen with the teaching position that Mrs Thurston, Mrs Johns Mrs McDonald and Mrs Scott are filling.

Next week, Mr Colin Johnson will step into my role as Relieving Principal while I am on leave. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and will see you next term on my first day back, photo day.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen – Principal

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

ASSEMBLY
Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

| Week 10 | 3/4C |
| Week 11 | ANZAC Assembly |

COMING EVENTS
8/4 Athletics Carnival
9/4 Easter Hat Parade
10/4 Family Fun Night at Bunnings Belmont
11/4 ANZAC Day service 12.30pm
11/4 Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
The first day of term 2 (28th April) is a School Development Day.

School resumes for students on TUESDAY 29th APRIL.

AWARDS
Gold Award: Izaak P – 2C; indianaa R – 1E; Luke McK – 1G.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews for each class, except 1/2S, are being offered during this week and next. If you haven’t made a booking you can still access the online booking option to see what times are left. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type the letters RKMVP into the school event code box and hit go. Follow the instructions and your time is booked. You will only see the times that are available. Once a parent books a time it is not offered as an option to anyone else. If you are unable to access the internet at home there is a computer in the office that you can use to book your time. Otherwise please contact the office.

SCHOOL LEVY
We are almost there! Only a few to go, if you haven’t paid please drop into the office before the end of the term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – ADVANCE NOTICE
School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 6th May (the second week back at school next term). Envelopes for these will be sent home the first day back next term. The school does not collect the money; each child pays their money directly to the photographer on the day.

SCHOOL BANKING
Caves Beach PS offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

Karen Gloeckner – School banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank will be at our school on Monday 7th April to speak with the Kindergarten to Year 2 students straight after the morning assembly. She will explain the importance of regular banking and the reward program that operates as part of the banking program. Karen will also be able to assist Parents in opening an account for their child will need to bring along their Drivers Licence.

BOARDIES DAY FUNDRAISER
Thank you for your support of Boardies Day last Friday. We were able to raise $331.05 to help support Surf Lifesaving NSW.

KINDY NOTICEBOARD
The children are so excited about the Easter Hat Parade next Wednesday 9th April. This Tuesday afternoon we will be making our Easter hats with our Year 5 and 6 buddy classes. Thank you for sending in all of the wonderful materials for your child to create their own unique Easter hat. Up until the end of term we will be consolidating the sounds explicitly taught this term. Please continue to read with your child at home and revise the sight words. We are looking forward to meeting with you for parent teacher interviews. Have a lovely week.

Mrs Thurston, Mrs Johns Mrs McDonald and Mrs Scott
PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge.
Year 2 - Carys H.
Year 3 - Taylin I, Chelsea K.
Year 5 – Oliver F.
Year 6 – Rachel B.

SPORT
Athletics
The first of the school’s two day Athletics Carnivals will be held on Tuesday 8th April. On this day children in Years 3-6, and selected Year 2 children, will participate in the field events which include high jump, discus, shot put and long jump. Any enquiries please contact Mrs Sandall beforehand.

Rugby League
Congratulations to Kye B, Zane B and Harry Mc for gaining representation in Hunter Regional Rugby.

BAND NEWS
Next Thursday night (10th April - 6 - 8pm) is the Bunning’s Easter Fun Night. The band committee will be providing a free sausage sizzle for all children and would appreciate any help, before, during or after the event to assist in setting up, cooking and packing up. It would be great even if you can assist for only a short time between 5 and 8pm. Please let a committee member or me know if you can assist. Please note, the children will not be playing on the night. Also, the committee have organised a Hot Cross Buns drive to assist with our fundraising for new instrument cases and music. Your support would be appreciated.

Mrs Thurston

Upcoming events:
Hot Cross Bun fundraiser
Just in time for Easter, all families are welcome to purchase hot cross buns from our Baker’s Delight band fundraiser to assist in keeping our fees low.

Please return the form by the end of the week so the buns can be delivered next Thursday (details are provided on the order form). Although the band consists of only a small percentage of students, they do represent the whole school and really do appreciate everyone’s support - thank you!

23rd and 24th July - BandLink at Newcastle Town Hall

CANTEEN
Could we please ask our volunteers to arrive in the canteen by 9.00am.

Roster:
Tuesday 1st April  - Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell
Wednesday 2nd April - Michelle Cousts, Kristy Jackson & Michele Stewart
Thursday 3rd April - Liana Wright, Kim Surman, Lexi McInnes
Friday 4th April - & Kate Griffith
Monday 7th April - Kiani Kingston & Fiona Twyford
Tuesday 8th April - Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor
Wednesday 9th April - CLOSED
Thursday 10th April - Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster
Friday 11th April - Leanne Fox, Shani Walmsley & Stacey Gay

P&C

EASTER RAFFLE
Each year the P&C hold an Easter Raffle. Each student is encouraged to donate one Easter egg towards the raffle. Easter Eggs can be placed in the baskets in the office foyer up until Monday the 7th April.
Each family will today receive a packet of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Money and tickets need also to be back to the office by Monday the 7th April. Tickets will also be sold the Easter Hat Parade, where the hampers will be drawn at the conclusion.

All money raised this year will be going towards the school Library renovation.

SALT WATER MARKETS
Salt Water Markets are ready to party! We are Celebrating 2nd Birthday on Sunday, 6 April 2014 and we invite everyone to attend.

Held in the beautiful grounds of Swansea Public School from 9am-2pm you will find a huge range of high quality stalls, fresh fruit and vegetables, the most amazing picnic area which is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee or something delicious to eat including a charity bbq.

Live entertainment, our very own “Kids Retreat” with a jumping castle, face painting, fairy floss and the Sand Wizard. This month you can also enjoy our Pottery Workshop which starts at 11.00am. A place for family and friends and one where the whole community can come together to connect and celebrate.

Join Salt Water Market for their 2nd Birthday. For more information call the Mermaids on 49720506 or email saltwatermarket@hotmail.com Find us on fb at www.facebook.com/refreshingexperience or www.saltwatermarket.com.au