PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This week will be extremely hectic with all the different things on our agenda. Hopefully each family will be able to get along to at least one of the scheduled events.

Tomorrow we have the field events for the Athletics Carnival, the Easter Hat parade on Wednesday at 1.40pm and the ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday at 12.40pm. Because we will have sport on Tuesday this week, we are asking all children to wear their normal school uniform for the ANZAC service here at school on Friday.

If you haven’t returned your raffle tickets or been able to get in to drop your egg donation into our egg basket, hopefully you can drop it in by tomorrow. Raffle tickets will still be for sale at the Parade.

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

COMING EVENTS
8/4 Field events 9.45am
11/4 ANZAC Day service 12.40pm
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.

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AWARDS

Gold Award: 4/5W-Lachlan S, Jessica M, Cooper P. 5L-Ruby C.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews for each class, except 1/2S, are being offered during this week. 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.

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT
This year we are planning to refurbish the library. Our wonderful P&C has agreed to support this venture by directing the proceeds from this year’s fundraising towards this project.

We are looking at a bit of painting, new shelves, furniture and a reorganisation of the space. However the first step is the painting of the ‘pink’ wall, which we would like to get done in the holidays. If you are able to help with a working bee during the holidays (it should only take one day) please contact Mrs Stien to let her know which days suit you. The day of this activity will depend on the volunteers and their availability. As soon as this is done we can order our new shelves and begin the transformation!!!

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.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
As ANZAC Day is again in school holidays this year, we are giving advance notice that our school has been asked to participate in the Swansea RSL march on ANZAC Day. Mrs Pascoe and several other teachers will meet any students who are able to participate in front of the Swansea McDonalds at 10:40am for an 11am start. Any child who is able to come along is asked to wear full school uniform. Over the last two years we have had at least 100 children participate.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following students who have completed their 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Year 3 – Kyate R; Year 4 – Grace R; Year 5 – Shanay H.
SPORT

Athletics

The first of the school’s two day Athletics Carnivals will be held tomorrow Tuesday 8th April at 9.45am. On this day children in Years 3-6 will participate in the field events which include high jump, discus, shot put and long jump. The children will need to wear full sports uniform.

Children gaining 1st or 2nd place in each event and who achieve qualifying heights or distances will represent the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

Swimming

Good Luck to all our Regional Swimmers who will compete at this week’s NSW Swimming Championships:- Zach M, Kye B, Cruz K, Oliver F, Mitch M, Jake M, Kayne G and Kobi K.

Cross Country Results

Overall House Champion – Paterson.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

8/9 Years Boys - Callum F. 8/9 Years Girls – Taylin I.
10 Years Boys – Mitch M. 10 Years Girls – Kaylee D.
11 Years Boys – Joel O’C. 11 Years Girls – Chloe S.
12/13 Years Boys – Zach M. 12/13 Years Girls - Matiessa L.

Well done to all children who participated in last week’s Cross Country. A squad of 32 children will represent Caves Beach PS at the Zone Carnival in week 1 of Term 2.

Diving

Congratulations to Chloe S and Taya M who both competed at the NSW Diving Championships. Chloe finished 13th in the 11 years Girls Division and Taya finished 6th in the 10 Years Girls Division.

Soccer

Following Hunter Trials last Friday Ethan H and Chloe S were selected in the Regional Soccer Teams.

T-Ball

A great day was had by all the 72 Caves Beach Public School children who participated in last Wednesday’s Gala Day. Great sportsmanship and behaviour was displayed all day.

BAND NEWS

Much preparation has gone into the Family Fun Night this Thursday night. Many thanks to Jane Gabb and the band committee for their organisation. We hope to see you and your children there on Thursday night.

More assistance would be greatly appreciated to run the sausage sizzle and to pack up. Please let me or any of the committee members know if you can help out.

The band will be performing a very special song this Friday for our Anzac Day Assembly. They have been practising hard with Mrs Scott and are sounding beautiful.

There will be a vocal accommodation from William Foley and Gabriel Mason from Swansea High will be playing the Last Post. A very special assembly in which we all look forward to.

Please note that band rehearsal will begin the first day back after Easter.

Wishing you a very happy, safe and relaxing Easter and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Easter Family Fun Night

This Thursday night (10th April, 6-8pm) is the Easter Family Fun Night at Bunnings at Belmont. This is a FREE event and for each sausage sizzle served up, Bunnings will donate money back to the school to support the band - thanks Bunnings and to Alanna Loretan for securing the event!

Last year was a huge success and the children had a ball. If you can, please let me know how many will be attending for catering purposes.

If you cannot commit now, please just turn up on the night.

Hot Cross Buns Delivery

Thanks to those families and teachers who placed an order. Pick up is this Thursday in the school hall (1.30 - 3.30) unless you indicated for your order to go home with your child. Thanks to Lexie (Eadie’s mum) for organising these orders. Enjoy!

CANTEEN

On behalf of the canteen committee we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter and thankyou all for your support in term 1.

ROSTER:

Tuesday 8th April  Kiani Kingston & Jo Corbett
Wednesday 9th April  CLOSED
Thursday 10th April  Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster
Friday 11th April  Leanne Fox, Shani Walmesly & Stacey Gay
Monday 28th April  CLOSED
Tuesday 29th April  Belinda Watson & Denise Roughly
Wednesday 30th April  CLOSED
Thursday 1st May  Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser
Friday 2nd May  Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper, Mel McSpadden & Megan Boertje

VISIT THE WETLANDS IN THE HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is offering fun activities for kids and families. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of ‘Reptilia’. Booking is essential for school holiday activities - go to www.wetlands.org.au for dates, times and costs.

For families there are walking trails, a discovery playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe.

Easter Saturday is great time to visit for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt. Note: the Centre will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. All entry $5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs only $2