PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

A huge ‘welcome back’ everyone to an action packed Term 2!

I cannot help but be so very impressed by the plethora of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities and happenings that have been planned by staff for our students over the coming nine week period. As a dad of five kids and someone that has had a long family history with primary school education, I can say with great assurance that you are extremely fortunate to be in possession of an amazingly dedicated and caring staff here at CBPS. Their passion for teaching and great desire for your children to enjoy and grow each day is evident in all they do and say. I now understand completely why Denise often boasts openly to me about how wonderful Caves Beach PS is!

Can I also take time to thank staff, students and parents for the manner in which they have welcomed me to CBPS despite the fact that my stay is an incredibly brief one. Everyone has made me feel part of the place from day one – a testament of the friendly school culture that has always existed at Caves.

If you are able to stretch your memory far back into the last week of Term 1, you will recall a number of events that took place that involved great preparation and coordination. Congratulations to Mr White and 4/5W for an outstanding ANZAC Day Service that respectfully captured the admiration and gratitude that is deserved by all those that sacrificed much so as we could reside in a country clothed in freedom. Take a bow also Senior Band for the atmosphere that you created on this commemorative occasion. To Mrs Sandall, who once again ran a superb athletics field event carnival (as she always does!), a massive round of applause for a job superbly done! And who could forget our Easter Hat Parade adorned with enough creativity and colour to last a lifetime! Top job Ms Chaffey overseeing this one. Parents, if you do spot one of those coordinating teachers around during this week, take a few seconds to thank them for the extra hours that they put into creating these events.

Worthy of mention is our faithful school captains Angus Wilson, Jessica Fonti, Kye Ballard and Tiarne Morrison who represented us at the local ANZAC Day Service last Friday. Each performed their role with excellence and Angus spoke on our behalf with great confidence and pride. A ‘thumbs up’ to the many other CBPS students who bravely left their warm beds behind on the cold, wet and windy April 25th to pay tribute to our service en and women.

A quick reminder also that School Photos are only one week away. Notes will and home at any moment outlining options for you in terms of portrait packages and individual photos that will be available. Start practising that ‘big smile’ everyone!

Our Cross Country Team is primed and ready to go for this Friday’s Eastlakes Zone PSSA Carnival and we look forward to some excellent results as we compete against the 22 other schools in our area. Competitors who finish in the top six runners in their event will be given the opportunity to compete in the Hunter Regional Carnival later in the Term. Good luck to our team of 32.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Colin Johnson – Relieving Principal

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

ASSEMBLY
Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

COMING EVENTS
2/5 Zone Cross Country
6/5 School photos
7/5 Mothers Day Breakfast 8am-9am @ Canteen
9/5 Mothers Day Stall
AWARDS

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
School photos are scheduled for next Tuesday 6th May. Photo envelopes are being sent home with this newsletter. The school does not collect the money; each child pays their money directly to the photographer on the day. Correct money must be enclosed in the envelope. Family photo envelopes are available at the office on request. Please remember to send your child’s envelope in on the day as it will not be possible for staff to make calls to parents for forgotten orders.

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR VISIT
Reminder permission notes & payment must be received by this Friday 2/5/14.

KINDY NOTICEBOARD
We hope you all had a wonderful break! We look forward to another busy term. During parent/teacher interviews, many parents requested a worksheet to be included in weekly homework to support the sounds we are learning each week.

This will begin next week and is optional, however home reading and sight work practice is necessary each day. Maths homework will begin this week. Your child will bring home a note with the page numbers to be completed this term. We will also place this on the website along with news topics for this term. Have a good week!

BAND NEWS
Welcome back to term 2!
Thanks to all those who attended the Bunnings Family Fun Night. I will let you know next week how much money was raised. The Hot Cross Bun fundraiser was also a success. Many thanks again to Baker’s Delight and Lexi McInnes for co-ordinating the event. The band committee meeting will be held next Thursday morning (week 2) at 8.40am in Kinder Green. There is a lot to discuss including where to spend our fundraising money, so please come along if you can.

P&C
The P&C would like to say a huge THANKYOU to Tash B, Alissa D, Carrie M and Jill for their wonderful help with putting together our Easter hampers. Your help made it all run smoothly.

Please see attached flyer regarding the Mother’s Day stall to be held 9th May.

CANTEEN
Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and Holiday break. We have a new winter menu that will be attached to this week’s newsletter.

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UNIFORM SHOP
We will be holding a second hand clothing sale THIS WEDNESDAY 30th April in the Uniform Shop from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. All proceeds go to the school P&C.