PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

As I approach the finish line of my short stint at Caves Beach PS, I take this opportunity to thank staff, students and parents for the warmth of your welcome. As an ‘outsider’ may I encourage long time parents of CBPS not to take for granted the exceptional and talented teachers that you have caring for your kids. The time each takes and the passion each employs preparing for educating and engaging your children is to be admired.

A big congratulations to the CBPS Cross Country Team who were at times ruthless in running opposition into the ground! Each of the 8 events saw close to 90 competitors from the 23 schools grace the starting line. An amazing 50% of the blue ribbons awarded on the day returned over the Swansea Bridge and turned left into Caves Beach! I’m sure Mrs Sandall will have a complete list of winners and place getters, but worthy of note especially were our Under 10 girls quartet pictured below of Hayley Walmsley, Kaylee Dowsett, Sarah Gabb and Alyssa Ingram who stole the show with a first, second, third and fifth in the one event!

Thank you to the ‘Caves’ kids and parents for making my job so enjoyable on the day as team manager.

I’m sure all will be delighted to have Mrs Rispen back on deck tomorrow. This is a timely return as our school photos are scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday 6th May. 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.

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Lastly, yet most importantly, we take some extra time to celebrate and honour our mums this week with our Mothers’ Day Breakfast on Wednesday and our Mothers’ Day stall on Friday. Often we preach that the future of a nation rides on the back of our politicians or our youth, but in fact the health of our nation rests in the arms of mothers, for they are the unsung heroes that nurture the character and moral fibre of tomorrow’s leaders. Let’s make sure we go the extra mile this week and remind them of how very special they are to us.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Colin Johnson – Relieving Principal
**BAND NEWS**

I can proudly report that the Band Committee have raised $212 from the Hot Cross Buns drive and a massive $1053 from the Bunnings Family Fun Night. This is an outstanding effort and huge thanks again to all those involved in the organisation and running of these fundraising activities and a big thank you to all who participated and attended.

This money will go directly towards the purchase of new music for Mrs Scott and the children. New instrument cases will also be purchased to replace some that are old and broken. The money will also go towards the constant instrument repairs bill which can be extremely pricey at times.

This term the committee will be subsidising the children’s fee for CAPA day and early next term, they will also be subsidising the children’s fee to attend BandLink at the Newcastle City Hall. Two wonderful opportunities for the children to further improve their skills. More information will come later in the term.

Last Friday the band sounded very confident although they were depleted in numbers and we encountered a few technical issues. They soldiered on to display great resilience - well done!

**Term 2 Week 2 Sports News**

**Swimming:**

The following children represented the Hunter region at the NSW Swimming Championships achieving the following results.

- **Mitch M:** 10Yrs 50 metres Freestyle-20th, Junior 50 metres Breaststroke-24th, Junior 50 metres Backstroke-26th, Junior 50 metres Butterfly-21st, Junior Medley-7th.
- **Zach M:** 12Yrs 50 metres Freestyle-24th, All Age 100 metres Freestyle-20th, 12/13Yrs 50 metres Backstroke-15th, 12/13Yrs 50 metres Butterfly-16th, Senior Medley-12th.
- **Cruz K:** 12Yrs 50 metres Freestyle -28th.
- **Junior Boys Relay:** (Mitch M, Jake M, Kayne G, Koby K) -6th
- **Senior Boys Relay:** (Zach M, Cruz K, Kye B, Oliver F)-23rd

**Cross Country:**

Congratulations to the entire Caves Beach Public School Cross Country squad that competed in the Eastlake Macquarie Zone Carnival last Friday. All children displayed wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship in gaining first place. This is the 5th year in a row that Caves Beach Public School has won the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

The following children were placed in the first 25 of their age division.

**8/9 Years Boys and Girls:** Callum F-3rd, Taylin I-3rd

**10 Years Boys and Girls:** Mitch M-1st, Jake M-2nd, Guy S-17th, Oliver P-25th, Hayley W-Ist, Kaylee D-2nd, Sarah G-3rd, Alyssa I-5th.

**11 Years Boys and Girls:** Joel O’C-1st, Ben H-9th, Aston H-12th, Chloie S-8th, Abbie L-10th, Oliwa S-11th.

**12 Years Boys and Girls:** Zach M- 1st, Jarvis B- 11th, Ethan H-19th, Mattiese L- 9th, Elise K- 10th, Lilly C- 14th.

The Regional Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday and the following children will represent the East Lake Macquarie Zone. We wish them all the best for this event.


Could all children please return their shirts once they are washed.

**Golf:**

Three children are participating in a Golf Tournament today at Charlestown Golf Club. We wish Jye B, Sarah G and Dale G all the best.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.**

**Major Prize.** Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;

VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast; A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and a $3000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up Prizes.**

130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

**So come on Caves Beach let’s get saving and remember you deposit can be as little as 20c just as long as you make 3 deposits in Term 2.**


**CANTEEN**

Hope everyone has received the new winter menu. Just a reminder, the ice cream tubs have increased to $1.00.

Mother’s Day Breakfast is on Wednesday from 8.00 am to 9.00 am. Unfortunately orders are now closed and we are unable to accept late orders due to catering purposes.

The pre order form for the Athletics Carnival will be out in this newsletter. If any parents would like to order for themselves please place your order on your youngest child’s form.

**Roster**

**Tuesday 6th May** - Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead

**Wednesday 7th May** - Mother’s Day Breakfast – Pre-ordered

**Thursday 8th May** - Sarah Rice, Leanne Smith & Rebecca Paterson

**Friday 9th May** - Alicia Drain, Jackie Bugeja, Cassandra Sutton & Sue-Ellen Hines

**Monday 12th May** - Jo Mazzitello & Benita Olglvie

**Tuesday 13th May** - Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell

**Wednesday 14th May** - CLOSED

**Thursday 15th May** - Michelle Coutta, Kristy Jackson & Michele Stewart

**Friday 16th May** - Liana Wright, Kim Surman, Lexi McInnes & Kate Griffith