Dear Parents,

What an exciting week to return from leave! The Mothers’ Day breakfast was a huge success, a fantastic author visit, school photographs were taken, a busy day shopping at the Mothers’ Day stall was evident, 6 students through to the State level of Cross Country and the boys’ Cricket team through to the next round in the PSSA competition.

It was great to see the number of mums who were able to come along for the tasty breakfast organised by our Canteen Coordinators, Jackie Bugeja and Michelle Stewart, and their hearty group of supporters who cut up enormous amounts of fruit salad to be offered with yogurt or pancakes with syrup.

To the group of mums who were able to guide our students in their gift selection at the Mothers’ Day stall, thank you, you did a great job!

Congratulations to our successful athletes – cricket and cross country, you are exceptional representatives of our school. We look forward to hearing about your next steps.

Our phone App is also now available! See later in the newsletter for instructions on how to access it. You will be able to access the newsletter, school calendar, permission notes, organise parent/teacher meetings and send in notes if your child is away.

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Principal’s Report

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Golden Awards

Gold: Reegan I – 1G, Kate B – 1E


6M: Marie N, Elise K; 6S: Jessica F, Jed H

School App for iPhones and Android Phones
Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone app. What’s that you may ask, it is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app gives parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for our school name. Once you have found it press install or download.

Anaphylaxis/Diabetes/Medical Conditions
Medicalert, a non-profit organisation which provides a recognised medical ID with a 24/7 emergency hotline for people with a diverse range of conditions, is offering a new initiative to strengthen healthcare procedures. If your child suffers from a life threatening condition and you would like information on this program please drop in at the office for a brochure.
GALGABBA CAPApillar DAY
The 3rd annual CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Enrichment Workshop Day is to be held at Caves Beach PS on Wednesday, 4th June (Week 6). Students from Nords Wharf, Swansea, Marks Point, Pelican, Blacksmiths and Caves Beach Public Schools will join with our band leaders, guitar teachers and professional art tutors and students and teachers from Swansea HS in the areas of Exploring Digital Photography and Media, Concert Band, Guitar, Painting and Sketching, Drama and Dance.

This initiative provides opportunities for students to pursue their artistic talents and flairs. All nominated children (Stages 2 and 3 only except for band and guitar) have received their permission/payment note. As each workshop includes students from other Galgabba schools, participation numbers are limited.

We hope all children selected are able to attend, however if they cannot, could they please let their classroom teacher know as soon as possible so the invitation can be extended to another child.

KINDY NOTICEBOARD
Kindergarten sounds for this week are; U & L

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 will be sent out in Term 3.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2015
If your child is currently in Year 4 and you are interested in applying for a position in an Opportunity Class for the 2015 school year, online applications are now open. There are four schools in the Hunter that offer Year 5 opportunity classes - Biraban (Toronto), Jewells, New Lambton South and Tighes Hill. It is a two year placement program which means successful students will attend the opportunity class full-time in Years 5 and 6. If you would like further information please refer to the website below or make an appointment to discuss the program with Mrs Rispen. The closing date is May 23rd. Applications are online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

BAND NEWS
Term 2 fees are due.

SPORT
Congratulations to our Zone Cross Country Representatives who competed at the Regional Event last Friday, recording the following results.

8/9Yrs Taylin I 12th, Callum F 15th
10Yrs Jake M 5th, Mitch M 6th, Hayley W 3rd, Kaylee D 5th, Sarah G 32nd, Allyssa I 42nd
11Yrs Joel O’C 1st
12/13Yrs Zach M 5th
The following children will now represent the Hunter Region at the State Cross Country: Jake M, Mitch M, Hayley W, Kaylee D, Joel O’C and Zach M

Well done girls and boys.

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 include 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. For terms and conditions please visit: https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver-comp-terms.html

CANTEEN
Jackie and I would like to thank Kim Surman, Sue Gardener, Jane Davidson, Alana Loretan, Belinda Watson, Rebecca and John Webster, Jackie Richardson, Dea Freebody and everyone else that helped in any way to make the Mother’s Day Breakfast such a success and wonderful morning. Your help is so much appreciated!

Just a reminder that the pre order forms for Athletics Carnival Hot Dog Day is out and due back Tuesday 21st May. Anyone who has not received a form please see the Ladies in the office to get one.

Roster
Tuesday 13th May  Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell
Wednesday 14th May CLOSED
Thursday 15th May  Michelle Coutts, Kristy Jackson & Michele Stewart
Friday 16th May  Lianna Wright, Kim Surman, Lexi McInnes & Kate Griffith
Monday 19th May  Kiani Kingston & Fiona Twyford
Tuesday 20th May  Jo Corbett & Benita Olgivie
Wednesday 21st CLOSED
Thursday 22nd May  Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster
Friday 23rd May  ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - HOTDOG DAY

LIBRARY
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
Guy S 3/4, Shirley D 3/4, Maya-Jane H 3/4, Swaye R 5/6

Book Club
All orders to be placed by Thursday morning 15th May.

Library

K-2 – Ms Johns

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let’s get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!