PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our new demountable classroom is almost ready to move into. The path has been finished, cabling almost complete and even though we are still waiting for the furniture to arrive, the class will move in this week and use the library tables until the ‘real’ ones arrive. I am hoping, though that they will be here soon! 3/4C has certainly been extremely patient!

Keep everything crossed that the weather stays fine for the Athletics Carnival this week. The oval needs lots of dry weather so it can be in peak condition for Friday. Parents are welcome to come along for the day or part of the day or just for a picnic lunch. K-2 classes will participate in a range of activities near the hall while the activities for students in Years 3-6 will be held on the oval. The carnival will kick off about 9.45am.

The P&C application for a Sustainability Grant to further develop our vegie garden and establish a sensory/bush tucker has been successful! Congratulations to Jackie Bugeja for all her hard work in completing the application. Jackie approached many businesses for money or goods to support the application. I know many people have already spoken to Jackie to offer their assistance, but if you haven’t and would like to help, please let her know.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.
Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

ASSEMBLY
Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

AWARDS
Gold: 1E-Declan N. 1G-Airley W. 2C-Thomas F, Brendan L, Jessica W.
Merit: KG; Katelyn D,Will H. KB; Charlie B, Anendha M. KR; William G, Eloise F. 1G; Shanai M, Jai O. 1E; Katie B, Alex E. 1/2S; Tyler I, Riley McL. 2C; Elle G, Keeley S. 2L; Bailey H, Ruby W.2/3P; Riley F, Sam H.3S; Jack P, Jasmin M. 4P; Guy S, India L. 4/5W; Oliver F. 5L; Aurora Z, Kristian B. 6M; Lillian S, Caleb P. 6S; Bella F, Ben H.

SCHOOL APP FOR IPHONES AND ANDROID PHONES
Did you get around to downloading the Caves Beach Public School phone app? We have already had messages from parents for attendance and change of details. We will continue to share 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 AWARENESS - PEANUTS/NUTS
Caves Beach PS has an Anaphylaxis Policy to support school practices for students with severe allergies. The policy aligns with DEC requirements and ensures that students, staff and caregivers are aware of anaphylaxis conditions, what foods need to be avoided and the procedures if a student or adult have an anaphylaxis reaction. As part of our commitment parents are asked not to send raw nuts and peanut butter or nut product sandwiches to school in their children’s lunch. These procedures are put into place to ensure a safe learning environment for all children and your support in ensuring safe practices are followed is greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day which works perfectly for our Athletics Carnival. This initiative is now in its 15th year and aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term heath of our children. To be involved all you have to do is encourage, and possibly accompany, your child as they walk to school.

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
Just a reminder about applications for the OC class as the closing date is May 23rd. Applications are available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
KINDY NOTICEBOARD

Next Friday (Week 5, 30th May) is ‘B’ day. This is a day where the children dress up in the ‘b’ theme and we have a fun day of ‘b’ activities. A more detailed note will follow in the next few days.

Just a reminder about weekly reading groups times where parent and/or grandparent assistance is most welcome. We would love to see you in the classroom so just turn up if you can:
- Kinder Green - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10.20-11.20.
- Kinder Blue - Monday - Thursday from 9.30
- Kinder Red - Tuesday and Wednesday 9.20 - 10.20

We are excited about the Athletics Carnival on Friday which will be held in the school grounds. All families are welcome to come along for the day to help cheer on the children.

Over the past 2 weeks each Kindergarten class has been experimenting with our new ipads. We have been using them in small group activities including reading and maths groups and whole class activities also. As digital technology is now a major part of all our lives, we are delighted to have the opportunity to introduce engaging activities on the ipads in an educational setting.

Kindy Teachers - Mrs Thurston, Mrs Johns, Mrs McDonald and Mrs Scott

CAPA DAY

CAPA day will be held on Wednesday 4th June (Week 6). Thanks to all those children who have returned their note and payment to the office as the closing date is this Friday. We hope all invited children can attend however, if your child is unable to attend please let their teacher know by tomorrow so another child can be invited in their place. Although the permission note states that canteen facilities will be available on the day, the canteen will be closed as it is a Wednesday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Many Thanks
Mrs Thurston

SPORT

AFL: Good luck to Zach M who will participate in the NSW AFL Carnival this week.

TOUCH FOOTBALL: The following children will trial for Zone Touch Football Selection today at E.L.M Trial: Kye B, Zane B, Caleb P, Zach M, Cruz K, Mathese L, Jess G, Abbie L, and Ally B. Good luck to everyone.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Knights Knockout team will participate in the competition tomorrow. Good luck to the boys.

BAND NEWS

I found great delight in leading the Senior Band in rehearsal last Thursday morning. Thanks for having me, I really enjoyed the experience!

Upcoming events, details for which will be provided later in the term: 23rd and 24th July - BandLink at Newcastle City Hall 15th August (Friday night) - Family Band Night at Swansea R.S.L

Have a great week!
Mrs Michelle Thurston

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to William F in 6M for finishing the Premiers Reading Challenge.

CANTEEN

Just a reminder- Athletics Carnival Hot Dog orders are to be handed in by tomorrow Tuesday 20th May. Unfortunately we are unable to accept late orders due to catering purposes. There will be no other Hot Food available on this day.

Tuesday 20th May Jo Corbett & Benita Olgivie
Wednesday 21st May CLOSED
Thursday 22nd May Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster
Friday 23rd May Leanne Fox, Shani Walmsley & Stacey Gay - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Monday 26th May Mandy Stead & Diahann Moore
Tuesday 27th May Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley
Wednesday 28th May CLOSED
Thursday 29th May Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser
Friday 30th May Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper, Megan Boertje & Mel McSpadden

COMMUNITY NEWS

KC Dance Term 2 Enrolments

Dance classes for kids and teens: Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Ballet, Tap, Cheerleading, Boy’s Hip Hop, Musical theatre, GLEE classes, Acro and tumbling, Drama.

Casual Fitness Classes for adults: Zumba Mon 6:45pm, Konga Tues 6:30pm.

Located; 5/468 Pacific Highway Belmont Ph: 0404043405
www.kcdancehq.com.au

Lake Macquarie City Council

Come along to a FREE information session to learn strategies and hands on ideas you can use every day to improve your child’s positive behaviour and to help you stay in control. There will also be an opportunity to have any questions you may have about your child’s behaviour answered.

Where: Windale Public School Hall, Kilfera street, Windale
Date: Wednesday 21st May 2014
Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm
RSVP: Customer Service 4921 0333 before Monday 19th March

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Be a host family for an overseas student. Learn to live together by living together. To find out more, come along to a FREE public information session: “The Place” (Community centre) Charlestown Square, Wednesday 21st and 28th May. Arrive 7.15pm for start at 7.30pm.