PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I think the holidays have been just as busy as last term and judging by the dates on the calendar already, Term 3 will be just as busy!

Perhaps you read in the local paper about our successful application for joint funding to assist with the refurbishment of the library? This is great news as the money will be combined with the support the P&C offered earlier this year as the focus for this year’s fundraising. So far some painting has been done, new shelving bought and other shelving ordered (that we are awaiting delivery of). With this money we can now go ahead and order the remaining shelving.

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I would like to thank Mrs Campbell for the passion which she injected into the programs she offered to the students in her class. I know Mrs Campbell cared deeply for her class and that her students and parents recognised her passion as well. Miss Campbell will continue to work at our school as a casual teacher.

On behalf of our school community, I welcome the new staff to our school. It is a great place to be!

Congratulations and huge thanks to the parents who were able to give up some of their weekend to begin our Community Garden. Mrs Bugeja’s plans are definitely coming to life and I look forward to witnessing the continued growth of the project!

You may also have noticed some changes to the pedestrian entry at the bottom of the stairs from Silky Oak Drive. Hopefully this work will alleviate some of the water issues we experience in heavy rain. The $17,000 cost of the ground and drain deviations, changes to the driveway and path and better drainage around the top pedestrian crossing were covered by our annual maintenance budget.

As part of the tree management program in schools, an arborist is still completing the examination of the trees in our grounds. Once his report is complete, the Assets Management section of the Dept. of Education will decide which trees, if any, need to be trimmed or removed.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

The School Development Day this week focused on the development of a School vision and increasing staff knowledge of the new English Language and English as a Second Language syllabuses. During this term, there will also be opportunities for parents to participate in the development of a School Vision and evaluate school programs in preparation for the formulation of the 2015-17 Management Plan.

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings  8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons  2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS

17/7 Girls’ Touch football knockout
16-23/7 Raw Art
22/7 Boys’ & Girls’ Softball 12-3 vs Floraville
23-24/7 Bandlink
23/7 OC test
25/7 Harry McN fundraiser

Dear parents and friends

My time has come. I leave Caves Beach School with the fondest of memories. Your warm wishes for a happy retirement, over the past few weeks, have heartened me. I have taught Caves Beach children for the past 17 years. These have been the happiest days of my career. Each and every one of the children I have taught has found a way into my heart. So I say to you, “Thank You” for the memories. I will cherish them always.

A bientot,
Alison Chapman

AWARDS

Gold: 1G - Kalan G

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

In the last week of Term 2, three students represented our school in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. Lily W and Jye B represented Stage 2 and Kaila R represented Stage 3. All three students delivered both a prepared and an impromptu speech on the day. Congratulations to Lilly, Jye and Kaila for the additional home preparation that is required with this competition and how they represented themselves and our school on the day.

Lily came first in the Stage 2 division and will now represent Caves Beach PS at the Regional Finals held later in this term. An outstanding achievement Lily! Two more public speaking competitions will be held this term. In Week 3, selected students from Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will participate in the Galgabba Public Speaking Competition at Swansea PS followed by the Zone Public Speaking Competition held in Week 5.
MSP PHOTOGRAPHY – GROUP PHOTOS
Special Group Photo orders that were sent home to those students involved last term are due back to the office no later than Friday 1st August.

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.

BAND NEWS
Upcoming dates:-
Thursday 17th July (week 1) Band Committee meeting 8.15pm
23rd and 24th July BandLink at Newcastle City Hall
15th August (Friday night) - Family Band Night at Swansea R.S.L
Have a good week!

SPORT
Touch Football
Good luck to the Girls’ and Boys’ Touch Football Teams who both have matches this week against Jewells Public School and Merewether Heights Public School.

Footy Friday
Harry McN recently gained selection in the NSW Rugby League Team.
In conjunction with School Parliament a “Footy Friday” fundraiser is being organised to assist with costs associated with Harry’s representation at the Australian Rugby League Carnival.
The fundraiser will be held on Friday 25th July. Children are asked to wear their favourite “footy or sports” clothing or colours in exchange for a gold coin donation.

Cross Country
Best wishes to our Hunter Regional Cross Country Representatives who will compete this Friday at the NSW Carnival.
Good luck to Jake M, Mitch M, Hayley W, Kaylee D, Joel O’C and Zach M.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS
Overall House Champions: Paterson
Champions
Junior Girls: Kaylee D
Junior Boys: Jake M
11 years Girls: Abbie L
11 years Boys: Oliver F
Senior Boys: Zach M
Senior Girls: Elise K

LIBRARY NEWS
Class Library days remain the same as Term 2.
Congratulations to Selena S, Jessica F and Jed H on completing the Years 5/6 Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

CANTEEN
We hope everyone enjoyed the school break and we look forward to offering you some more exciting meals this term. Jackie and I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped out on the last day of term for the Italian Day – Jackie Richardson, Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper, Stacey Gay & Jo Corbett and also a big thankyou to Dea Fonti for your knowledge and help. We hope all the children who ordered enjoyed their meal.

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CAVES’ WIKI POWAIKALIKO GARDEN
A huge thank you to those families who were able to give up their Sunday on 6th July to participate in a productive day constructing raised garden beds and painting some of the area around the gardens. We will be having more working bees in the next few months, so if you would like to help out in any way please contact me on 0400006373.

I would like to acknowledge all of the following businesses/companies that have contributed towards our project: Lake Macquarie City Council, Bill Saddington, Caves Beach Resort, Lake Coal, Swansea RSL, Bunnings and Dulux Paints. Please support these businesses wherever possible, thanks.
Jackie B

COMMUNITY NEWS
THE BEST BOY’S WEEKEND – YOUNGSTARS FATHER-SON ADVENTURE CAMPS
Dads can connect and bond with their sons without the distractions of technology and modern life at a special father-son adventure camp, the first being held on the Father’s Day weekend in the Hawkesbury.

Delivered by Sport and Recreation and The Pathways Foundation, the YoungStars camps are a chance for Dads to spend quality time with their boys and share their experiences of fatherhood with other dads. Activities will include setting up camp, playing games and sharing stories around the campfire.

The first YoungStars camp will take place at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on September 6-7. The second and third will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on October 19-20 and November 15-16. The camp is open to primary school boys aged seven up and their dads.

For more information or to book your place visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars or call Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.

FIRE AND RESCUE NSW FIREFIGHTER CHAMPIONSHIPS
Fire and Rescue NSW will be holding the 3rd round of the NSW Firefighter Championships in Quinn Park, Swansea on Saturday 19th and 20th July 2014. They would like to invite members of the public to watch some of the best firefighters from around the state be put through their paces. The weekend offers a rare insight to the roles and responsibilities of NSW firefighters.

Golden tickets will be put through their paces. The weekend offers a rare insight to the roles and responsibilities of NSW firefighters.

Competition begins at 8am and runs until 4pm.

NSW Firefighters thank you for your support.

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