PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Last week we had a huge amount of tree pruning carried out as part of our bushfire preparation. We are still waiting on the report from the arborist regarding any further pruning.

A huge thank you to all families for supporting our Harry M day on Friday; I am sure that Harry’s family welcomed the generosity of the Caves Beach community to assist his selection to play in the State team for rugby league. Last week heralded further good news in the sports arena for our school, when Joel O was selected to represent the State in Cross Country. Joel will travel to Albany in Western Australia so we will hold a similar day for Joel later this term. More details later in the newsletter.

As mentioned in recent newsletters, this is the final year of the 2012-14 School Plan. In order to develop the next plan, we must now evaluate our current programs and practices so we can plan our direction for the next three years. To begin this process, I would like to invite all parents along to a workshop on Thursday 7th August from 6.30-8.00pm. The focus of this workshop will be the development of a school vision statement. Later this week I will send home a reminder note re this workshop with a tear off section that parents can return to indicate their attendance.

This week we will hold our NAIDOC Week activities which will culminate in a smoking ceremony to be carried out at Friday’s assembly. More information about this later in the newsletter.

Today we welcome back Jess F, one of our Year 6 students from the Hunter GATs camp. Jess went along to participate in extension work in the area of Visual Arts.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
Focus on Reading – Mrs Coughtrie and Mr White

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

| Week 3 | 6M |
| Week 4 | 1G |

GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS

28/7 P&C 7pm
29/7 UNSW English
30/7 Soccer Gala Day
7/8 Parent Workshop 6.30-8pm
8/8 Joel O’C Fundraiser

AWARDS
Gold: 1/2S: Ayla G. 2C: Hugh L-G.
Merit:

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 have been sent out.

BAND NEWS
Our Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising box will be handed out this week. All monies raised will go towards upgrading our ageing instruments. If you do not want to take a box, your child can just let me know.

Congratulations to those children who participated in the BandLink workshop last Wednesday and Thursday at the Newcastle City Hall. It was an intense few days, however all 35 band members displayed and maintained incredible focus, persistence, patience and discipline. These are very special qualities to possess at such a young age. As parents, you should be all extremely proud.

I know as a school, we are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of children in the band.

Many thanks to Joanne Mazzitello, Rebecca Paterson and Debbie Payne for their assistance with supervision over the 2 days. A special thank you also to the parents who were able to assist with transport and a huge thanks to those who also transported the equipment, including Jackie Richardson, Caroline and Brett Howat, David Longhurst and Debbie Payne. BandLink photos will be up on our school website in the next week or so.

Family Band Night is nearly upon us. A detailed note will be sent home this week. This is yet another event where the band members can showcase their unique talents to an audience in a relaxing, supportive environment. Mrs Scott and I will be talking to the children regarding the piece they would like to play on the night.

I would like to say farewell to our trumpet tutor Bob Henderson who has been with us for many years. He has decided to wind down his teaching commitments and we wish him all the best for the future. I am sure we will still see him attending our school band events. Mr Michael Bell will be our new trumpet tutor from this week. We look forward to a long association with him as we begin to further build our brass section.

Band fees are now due. Band Account number 00903319
Commonwealth Bank BSB 062820
Upcoming Band dates:-

Friday 15th August - Family Band Night at Swansea R.S.L.
Thursday Week 8 (8.15am) - Band Committee Meeting
Sunday 26th October (time T.B.C) - Performance at the Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie Open Day (more details to follow)

Michelle Thurston
Band Co-ordinator
Have a good week!

ATTENDANCE
Please remember to always follow up your child/ren’s absence from school with a message explaining why they were away. This explanation can be in the form of a note, email, phone call or through our school app. This is a legal requirement of your child’s enrolment in school.

SPORT.
A huge thankyou to the children of Caves Beach for their support in assisting Harry M (State Rugby League Representative) last Friday. As a school we raised $365.00. Student Council donated $200.00 and the East Lake Macquarie P.S.S.A donated a further $50.00. In total Harry received $615.00 towards his overall costs. Thankyou to everyone.

H.Sandall

State Knockout Results.
Congratulations to the following teams on their recent sporting achievements.

Softball:
Both softball teams had victories over Floraville Public School. The Boys’ team won 17 – 0 whilst the Girls’ team won 16 - 4.

Netball:
The Girls’ netball team was victorious in their Round 4 match against Dudley Public School The team won their match 23 – 4. Well done to all team members.

Fundraiser for Joel O’C (State Cross Country Representative)
A fundraiser to assist Joel will be held on 8th August. Children are asked to wear their brightest coloured joggers (or whatever joggers they have) in exchange for a gold coin donation. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Upcoming State Knockout Matches.
To date all our Knockout teams have been successful and are awaiting confirmation of their next matches.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Charlotte W Year 2 and Blythe M Year 5 who have completed their challenge.

Please note: Only 5 weeks to go until all challenges must be entered. No late entries will be accepted this year.

Book Club
All orders to be in by Tuesday morning.

K. Stien

CANTENE
We still have the special this week of Chicken Chipees for $2.00 and also we have strawberry milk bites for 15c.

Tuesday 29th July - Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor
Wednesday 30th July - CLOSED
Thursday 31st July - Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster
Friday 1st August - Leanne Fox, Shani Walmsley & Stacey Gay
Monday 4th August - Mandy Stead & Diaannah Moore
Tuesday 5th August - Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley
Wednesday 6th August - CLOSED
Thursday 7th August - Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser
Friday 8th August - Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper, Mel McSpadden & Megan Boertje

NAIDOC Assembly
At this week’s assembly the school will be recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during our NAIDOC activities. The assembly will begin at 12 noon with a smoking ceremony, followed by students placing a sea of hands in the quiet area (weather permitting). During the week all students will be learning about reconciliation, which will be exemplified by the display of artwork showing children holding hands. It is at this assembly that the surfboard, designed by students a year ago will be shown to the school.

PHONE APP
Caves Beach Public School App has just been upgraded to a new platform with new functionality making it a stable system for our app operator. Please look for an upgrade in the App Store and Google Play. Some users may find deleting and reinstalling will be necessary. And don’t forget to share to other parents our really cool school app!

Caves Beach Public School Phone App: Do you have it?

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
Final payment notes have been sent out last week. The full amount for the excursion is $285.00. All parents/students who have paid the $50.00 deposit will now have $235.00 outstanding. This can be paid in full or in instalments to be finalised the last Friday of Term 3.

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