PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Another great week last week, with our Senior Choir performing beautifully at Charlestown Square and a group of talented Year 6 students presenting their results at the Galgabba Science Fair at Swansea High School – two more events which showcased the enthusiasm and talents of our students and staff.

Congratulations to the students who participated and thank you to Miss Lovell (Choir) and Mrs Pengelly (Science Fair) for the support and guidance they have given to the students to prepare them for these events.

Attached to today’s newsletter is information regarding the next school disco which has information about a change to parking on the night, hopefully it might alleviate some of the issues around the drop off/pick up routines.

Last week an invitation was sent home regarding a parent workshop this Thursday night to begin the development of the next three year plan for our school.

As previously mentioned, our Book Week, Education Week and Art Show activities will all be held in Week 10 at the end of Term 3. As one of these activities will be the annual Book Parade, here is the theme of this year’s Book Week, so parents can begin to think about a costume - Connect to reading ~ Reading to connect. We are hoping that our library refurbishments will be complete by then.

A reminder to all parents, please do not drop your children off in the car park at any time to walk into school – the pedestrian gates are there for them to walk into the school.

Denise Rispen
Principal

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
6/8 Girls touch
7/8 Parent Workshop 6.30-8pm
8/8 Joel O’C Fundraiser
11/8 Zone Public Speaking Stage 3 at Floraville PS
12/8 Zone Public Speaking Stage 2 at Eleebana PS
UNSW Maths competition
AECG meeting Hunter Sports High School 7pm
13/8 Zone Athletics
14/8 Zone Public Speaking Early Stage 1 Marks Point PS
Zone Athletics
School Disco
15/8 Zone Public Speaking Stage 1 Belmont PS
Family Band Night Swansea RSL

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
The Family Band Night note is being sent home today.

Thank you for assisting in our chocolate fundraiser. Money and any unsold chocolates are due back by Wednesday 20th August. Have a great week!

Band fees are now due. Band Account number 00903319
Commonwealth Bank BSB 062820
Michelle Thurston
Band-Co-ordinator

SPORT
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.

BOYS TOUCH
Congratulations to the boys touch team! They were victorious against a very strong Jewells team. They’ve now progressed to the 4th round of the competition and we’re awaiting on results to see who they play next.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to these children who have successfully completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. 2L-Charlotte W. 5L-Jayne D, Kayne G, Blythe M.

2014 BICYCLE NSW ARTWORK DESIGN COMPETITION
This competition is proudly sponsored by the NRMA Motoring & Services to support Bicycle NSW’s initiative to raise awareness about bike use and safety among young riders across the state. Stage 3 students have been invited to participate in this activity. All finished helmet designs to be collected this Wednesday 6th August. Thank you Rose Toohey.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
Final payment notes have been sent home. 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.

NAIDOC Assembly
Congratulations to Corey, Logan & Zane for leading our NAIDOC celebrations on Friday. Mr Lombardi conducted a traditional smoking ceremony and taught everyone an Aboriginal song. Every child was able to walk through the cleansing smoke as he sang. We turned our quiet area into a sea of hands symbolising recognition and reconciliation. It was a truly special experience. Rose Johns.
**CANTEEN**

This week is “healthy bones week” and so to promote this the canteen will be giving every child in the school over the next two weeks a milky bite. This product is a small frozen flavoured milk cube which is also new to our menu. We also still have chicken chipees on sale for $2.00.

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, Megan Boerjte & Mel McSpadden

Monday 11th August  
Denise Houston & Jane Davidson

Tuesday 12th August  
Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead

Wednesday 13th August  
CLOSED

Thursday 14th August  
Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines

Friday 15th August  
Alicia Drain, Hanna Krs, Brett Hedley & Cassandra Sutton

**GALGABBA SCIENCE FAIR**

Last Thursday night some of our talented Year 6 scientists attended the Galgabba Science Fair at Swansea High School. William F, Marnie N, Brayden M, Oscar N, Ken S, Rachel B, Ellie B, Emma C and Olivia C presented the research they carried out to solve a scientific problem of their choice. It was a fun, interesting and informative event which showcased all their hard work and knowledge learnt along the way. Well done to all our participants!

**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!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?**

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

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