Dear Parents,

Excitement is building as the day for the Art Show, Book Week and Education Week activities draws closer. I hope all the costumes are ready and that your sausage sandwiches are ordered or picnic is packed. Surely all the rain has fallen and the day will dawn bright and clear. An almost completed refurbishment of the library is on show and the clues for the pirates hidden in the classrooms are all organised. We look forward to seeing any parents, grandparents and family members who are able to come along and share in the day.

Year 5 attended the Outdoor Centre at Morisset last week and had a fabulous time. When I visited them on the Tuesday night, the staff at the Centre and Mr White and Mr Lindsell couldn’t wait to tell me what fantastic children attended Caves Beach Public School. I was very proud to be able to say I know. Great work Year 5. Mr White and Mr Lindsell said they both slept very well on the Wednesday, their first night at home. Thank you to both of them for giving up their nights to take their students to camp.

Congratulations to our Girls’ softball team, they too are the Hunter Regional Champs this year!

This week was again another big week in sport. Congratulations to our sporting teams. Mrs Sandall will have all those details later in this bulletin.

A couple of dates already for parents to mark on the calendar for next term – 6pm on Tuesday 14th October for a K-6 parent work on maths and again on the 28th October for a parent workshop on technology. In these sessions parents will be participate in the same kind of hands on activities that assist learning in the classroom.

Another not to miss event for the Grandparents of Kinder students will be Grandparents’ Day (27th October). More details regarding these events will be available in the newsletter next term.

This has been a very busy term, (I think I said that last term) and next term’s calendar is already filling fast (I think I said that last term and the term before that!), so keep your eye glued to the coming events section in next term’s newsletters.

There is no School Development Day next term, staff and students are back at school together on Tuesday 7th October. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS
17/9 Year 5 GATs Program – Swansea High School
18/9 Open Day
Book Week Parade and Book Fair
19/9 Last day of Term 3
7/10 School resumes for students and teachers
14/10 Parent workshop – Maths 6pm
28/10 Parent workshop – Technology 6pm

AWARDS
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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.

INTERACTIVE ART SHOW
Don’t forget that you will be able to access information about the some of the items in our Art Show this Thursday through the QR code app on your phone.

To be ready for the Art Show download a QR code reader app from the App Store or the Google Play store. There are lots of free ones available but my preferred free scanning app is NeoReader, which is available for both iPhones and Android phones. Once you’ve downloaded the app try it out by scanning the QR code below.

DANCE 2bFIT
Just a reminder that all monies for this K-6 activity next term is due by the end of this week. If you are experiencing difficulty with this please contact the office.

PREMER’S SPELLING BEE
Last Monday, Zac N, Kristian B and Clair G represented our school at the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee competition. The regional final was held at Coal Point Public School. All three of our students performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to Zac N for winning the Stage 2 Regional Final. He will now compete at the State Final to be held in Sydney. Also, a big thank you to the parents who were able to assist with transporting students to this event.
SCHOOL BLOGS
The Caves Beach GATS website is now ready for viewing. You can check out some of the faboulous programs that students have been participating in throughout the year. Photos from the Science GATS program are coming soon!
Visit at http://cavesgats.weebly.com

BAND NEWS
We are looking forward to hearing both junior and senior bands perform at our Open Day concert this Thursday morning. Many senior members will also be 'busking' around the school as you walk from class to class.

BandFest times and dates (Term 4 - Week 2) should be confirmed by the organisers this week. I will be requesting transport assistance to the Performing Art Centre at Warners Bay for these days. Your child will only be attending for approximately half a day during the competition. Thank you Elva M. for playing the trumpet during the National Anthem last Friday. We look forward to hearing her each week.

Upcoming band events:
Sunday 26th October – 7.30am to 2pm (our time slot is 10-10.30 - still TBC) Volunteer Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie Open Day 2014
In the Park, Lakeview Parade, Pelican (Next to the Rescue Boat Base and Pelican Boat Ramp)

Band fees are due - please let me know if you are having difficulty and we can make payment arrangements. Band Account number 00903319 Commonwealth Bank BSB 062820 Michelle Thurston - Band-Coordinator

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE CLASS 2016
There is an information session for Year 5 students and parents intending to sit the Selective School test in 2015 for entry to Year 7 in 2016 at Merewether High School on Wednesday 8th October in Bensley Hall at 5pm. RSVP is essential. Please email merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au to let them now if you are attending.

SPORT
Girls Softball
Congratulations to the State Knockout Team on their Round 6 victory against Hallidays Point P.S. The girls won the match 19 – 2 making them Hunter Champions. Well done to everyone. This result means both our girls and boys State Knockout teams are Hunter Champions. They are now up to Round 7, the quarter finals, making them down to the last 8 teams in the state.

Girls Soccer
Our girls played superbly in a very physical game losing 2 – 1 to Forster P.S. Thanks to all parent helpers.

Boys' Touch football
Our boys went down to Muswellbrook P.S in their Round 5 State Knockout match last Friday. The score was 5 – 3. Great effort boys during the whole competition. Well done.

LIBRARY
Thursday 18th September - Open Day, Art Show, Book Fair, Book Parade. Hopefully you will be able to come along for part if not all this day.

Book Fair Hours
Tuesday 8:30am – 9:20am
3:00pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Thursday All Day

Friday Closed

CANTEEN
Tea/coffee/cakes will be available from the canteen for $2 on our Open Day this Thursday. The only other hot food available will be the sausage sizzle that had to be pre-ordered. Orders for the Sausage Sizzle on Thursday have now closed. This will be the only hot food available on the day. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any late orders due to catering purposes.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY for cleaning and stocktake.

Tuesday 16th Sept  Sue Gardner & Sarah McDonnell
Wednesday 17th Sept  CLOSED
Thursday 18th Sept  Michelle Coutts & Kristy Jackson
Pre Ordered "SAUSAGE SIZZLE" CLOSED
Friday 19th Sept  Monday 6th October  CLOSED
Monday 7th October  Tuesday 7th October  Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor
Wednesday 8th October  Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson CLOSED
Thursday 9th October  & Rebecca Webster
Friday 10th October  Leanne Fox, Shani Walmsley & Stacey Gay

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR SEWING CLASSES
$60 for 5 week course (Plus material). Learn the basics of sewing and sew your own bag. Classes start - Wednesday 8th October – 12th November 2014. 4.00pm – 5.00pm. (limit of 4 students per lesson)
Call Jackie for bookings 0400 006 373

SHORTLAND WETLAND CENTRE
There’s always plenty to do at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire, but in the September/October holidays there’s even more! Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:
Full Day Kids Creative Writing Workshop with popular local author Jess Black for 10-13 years ($40) - with the stunning backdrop of the wetlands, Jess will inspire kids to write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants using them as characters in their stories.

Bush Skills for 8-12 years ($20) – build a shelter, make a damper and learn knots and other skills.

Weaving at the Wetlands for 8-12 year ($20) - gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames create an outdoor gallery.

Wriggly Wetlanders for 5-8 years ($20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and craft activities. For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or Phone 02 4951 6466

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014 HOLIDAY PROGRAM IN SWANSEA & CAVES BEACH
Our Vacation Care Programs are operated by Swansea Community Cottage, 228 Pacific Hwy Swansea Ph: 02 4971 1229

Can cost as little as $7.60 a day including excursions (Depending on your Child Care Benefit & Rebate) * A surcharge may apply to some activities Accounts must be kept up to date
Open to all 4 – 12 year olds enrolled at school (up to the age of 13). Call 4971 1229 to secure your booking now

School Holiday Dates Monday 22nd September until Friday 3rd October (7.15am to 5.15pm). Excursions depart at 9am and return at 4pm

Our centres have trained child care educators with a wealth of experience and knowledge. They carry their current Working with Children Checks, are trained in Child Protection and have current First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training along with supporting qualifications.

What you need to bring each day? Morning, afternoon tea & lunch, a refillable water bottle, a hat with brim and a jumper. Please note we are NUT FREE CENTRES. Wear a shirt or top to cover your shoulders and covered in shoes (no thongs or slip ons)
For the full detailed program visit the website www.swanseacommunitycottage.com.au

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