Principal's report

Dear parents,

Thank you to the small group of parents who were able to come along last Thursday to assist in the ongoing development of the school vision and school context statements. The discussion and comments will also be part of the development of the school’s directions for the next three years.

Hopefully lots of dads will be able to come along to the Father’s Day breakfast this Wednesday morning. The children will be able to purchase their gifts on Thursday (Kinder) and Friday (Years 1-6) mornings.

Another huge week last week for our students. Congratulations to Lily W for the highly commended award she received at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition last Monday. Lily had to present a prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech.

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Denise Raken
Principal

Assembly - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

Week 8 4/5W
Week 9 4P

GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

Upcoming events:

1/9 P&C meeting 7pm
2/9 Gold Morning Tea 12pm

BAND NEWS

Well done to Senior Band who played at the Assembly of Excellence last Friday. I am sure you will sound just as great at BandFest next term.

I will let the Senior Band students know tomorrow whether we have enough members to play at the Bandits playout at Valentine Public School on Sunday 14th September.

Just a reminder that all chocolate money is now overdue, please return any unsold chocolates and money by tomorrow.

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

P&C DISCO/PIZZA NIGHT
Following the recent complications with the Domino’s Pizza order at the K-2 Disco, the P&C contacted Dominos to indicate our dissatisfaction with their promised service. Dominos were very apologetic. As a result Swansea Dominos have offered us a very special compensation by agreeing to provide 4 pizzas for every K-2 class on the last day of this school term (including 2/3P) for FREE! This is a very generous offer and we are very excited. Congratulations K-2 what a great last day you will have for Term 3!
Samantha Brown
P&C Vice President

ONLINE PAYMENTS
When making online payments for excursions, please remember to send in the receipt and signed permission notes so we know who has deposited money. All permission notes are official school records and as such are archived for two years as part of official school records.

SPORT
Athletics
Congratulations to the following children who will represent the Hunter Region at NSW following last Friday’s Regional Carnival.

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Senior Girls Relay: 1st Lilly C, Elise K, Jess F and Abbie L.

Well done to all our representatives. Other results include:

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Cross Country
Joel O'C returned from the Australian Cross Country Championships where he placed 21st, which is a great result. Joel also received Bronze awards in the NSW team and 6x1500 metre events. Congratulations Joel.

Rugby League / Rugby Union
Harry McN has returned from NSW and Regional Representation in League and Union. The highlight was Harry’s NSW Rugby League team placing second behind Queensland at the Australian Titles.

Softball
Olivia C and Olivia S have returned from Hunter Softball Representation with the team placing equal 5th at the NSW Carnival. Well done girls.

LIBRARY
Thursday 18th September
Open day, Art Show, Book Fair, Book Parade.

Keep this day free if possible. Activities will be happening all day. The Art show will be open in the hall all day and the Book fair will be in the Library. In the morning from 10am there will be a performance under the COLA. Drama, dance, choir, band and drumming groups will all be performing. The canteen will be open at lunch for pre-ordered sausage sizzle and refreshments and at recess break tea, coffee, cakes etc will be available. The middle session will involve open classrooms and a treasure hunt. The book character parade will conclude the day’s activities. Bring along a folding chair and enjoy the day.

Did you know that some of our classes at Caves Beach have websites or blogs? Class blogs and websites provide parents and friends of the family with a window into our classrooms. Visiting them regularly can also provide you with a starting point for a conversation with your child about what they are learning at school. On each site you will find photos of students working cooperatively and collaboratively, published work samples as well as wonderful pieces of artwork. The students love to know when someone has visited the class page, so if you visit please leave a comment to let the students know what you thought about their work.

You can visit the following class blogs or websites at these addresses:
1/2S - http://caves12.weebly.com
2C - http://caves2c.weebly.com
2L - http://caves2.weebly.com
3/4C - http://missbell34c.weebly.com

Coming soon: Blogs to share the work of our GATS groups and a technology blog to share some of the work completed by students during their computer lessons.

CACTREE
We still have a vacancy on a Friday volunteer for the canteen if anyone is interested please contact Michele Stewart 0429877095 or Jackie Bugeja 0400006373, your help would greatly be appreciated.

Fathers’ day Breakfast is on this Wednesday and will be served between 8.00 am and 9.00 am. Unfortunately due to catering purposes we are unable to accept any late orders.

Tuesday 2nd September  Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley
Wednesday 3rd September Fathers’ Day Breakfast Only
Thursday 4th September  Monique Kaiser & Rebecca Paterson
Friday 5th September    Katrina Castedine, Megan Boertje & Mel McSpadden
Monday 8th September   Denise Houston & Jane Davidson
Tuesday 9th September   Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead
Wednesday 10th September CLOSED
Thursday 11th September Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines
Friday 12th September   Alicia Drain, Hannah Krs & Brett Hedley

LOST PROPERTY
Please check before the end of this term. All unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing pool.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Caves Beach Netball Club – Bunnings Fathers’ Day Family Night
Please come along to join with the Caves Beach Netball Club in their Fathers’ Day Family night at Bunnings Belmont on Thursday 4th September from 6-8pm. The more families that turn up, the more money we raise!!

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. Call Jackie for bookings 0400 006 373 (limit of 4 students per lesson)

Caves Beach – Swansea Area
Sustainable Neighbourhood Group
Join us! Help us create a more sustainable neighbourhood.
You can help us plan and organise great projects, own ideas, join our regular meetings, or just join our email list to stay informed of upcoming activities.
Contact us on 4921 0117 or sustainableneighbourhoods@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

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