From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4! I am sure everyone enjoyed their break after the hectic time at the end of last term as the school prepared for the concert. Huge congratulations to all involved – staff, parents and students. A fantastic job well done!

Already this term’s calendar is filling up with exciting events, kicking off with Bandfest (good luck to both our Junior and Senior bands) and Family Band night this week, overnight excursions for Years 5 and 6, Kinder Orientation begins in November and the annual Intensive Swimming school in the first week of December, not to mention Presentation Day, Year 6 Fun Day and end of year events for Year 6.

This term there will be a staff change in the office. Mrs Brooks, who worked Monday – Wednesday has been transferred to Toukley. Those days will now be shared between Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Mills until a permanent appointment is made by the department.

Denise Rispen
Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

Week 3  3/4M
Week 4  3/4S

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 - 9:30am          Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm

AWARDS
GOLD: 1/2M-Grace G.  1/2L-Brodie M, Jackson D.  5D-Rochelle M.
1/2Z Jay P


THIS WEEK- Week 2
13-14/10  Bandfest
16/10    Family Band Night

NEXT WEEK- Week 3
20/10    AECG at Belmont PS.  6pm
21-23/10 Year 5 Camp

FUTURE DATES
27/10    Rocktober, Swansea Library

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS
This newsletter is our first paperless newsletter which will save our school in excess of $5000.00 per year and have a positive impact on our environment. Our newsletters are currently available by email, downloadable from the website and accessible on the school app. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please make sure you send us your email address, otherwise you can download it electronically. We have many parents who already access the newsletter this way.

TELL THEM FROM ME - TTFM
Please take the time between now and the 16th October to complete the parent survey about our school.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. We can use your feedback to make practical improvements and inform future school planning. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
Our School’s Parent Username = parent16912
Our School’s Parent Password = Cav4367

BANDNEWS
Welcome back to an action packed term ahead. This week is Bandfest! A transport note will be sent out today. Senior band still need two cars to transport to the venue on Wednesday so please let me know ASAP if you can assist. Junior band attend Bandfest on Tuesday (9-12.30pm) and Seniors on Wednesday. Please note, Seniors will not arrive back at school until approximately 3.30pm. Family Band Night is on Friday night, 6.00pm at Swansea RSL which is always a fun night.

We have had a lot of interest from new players wanting to join the band. If your child is interested, I can give them information to bring home regarding our band program. Our current juniors will move to Senior Band next week (practice - Tuesday/Thursday 8am - 8.55am). Our new Juniors will then begin at 9.00 on Tuesday, Week 3 (instead of Week 4). If you have already paid for instrument hire for the remainder of the year, your child will definitely have their
independence in their first practice.

I encourage all band members’ parents to download the skoolbag app on their smart phone and activate the band button as I sometimes send through push notifications to facilitate communication.

Band fees are now due - Junior ($50) Senior ($60). Please remember to add your name as a reference on your transaction. Account name: Caves Beach P.S Concert Band. BSB: 062820 Acc No: 00903319

Wishing you a great week at good luck to the children at Bandfest!

Mrs Michelle Thurston
(Band Co-ordinator)

Band Shirts
If your child has left the band and you would like to sell their shirt on consignment at an agreed price, please let Mrs Thurston know.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1
Welcome back to Term 4! Where has the year gone? We hope that everyone had a restful and happy holiday because we have a very busy term ahead. This term will be focusing on the importance of spelling high frequency words consistently in their writing. Our homework sheets will provide their target words for the week. Please help your child succeed in this area by practising them and reinforcing good spelling habits. Also, we are starting formal handwriting lessons, with a continued focus on pencil grip and letter formation.

In English and H.S.I.E we are learning about the cultural heritage of our families and exposing them to other cultures from around the world. They will be engaging in discussions about how there are common characteristics that all people share, as well as differences. In Science we will be looking at what things are made of and the behaviour of substances.

Lots and lots of learning to be done! Please feel free to come in and look around the room at your child's work. It's always on display and would be a lovely time to share with your child. Have a great term!

Stage 1
1/2Z have returned to school this term with a renewed focus and desire to learn! Our Year 2 students are aiming to improve their independent work habits before they move to primary education next year. They are trying to be 'problem solvers' as they think about the ways they can tackle tasks, thus developing their metacognitive skills.

This term we will be looking at cultural diversity in literature and also in the Caves Beach PS community. This week we have enjoyed the book 'Same, but little bit diff'rent' by Kylie Dunstan. We have been comparing our lives to Normie, who lives in the far north of Australia. 1/2Z have used Venn diagrams and tables to present their understandings.

To assist our study in this area, could 1/2Z students please bring in any information about their family's cultural heritage?

We look forward to a busy and productive term.

Stage 2
Term 4 has crept up so quickly! I cannot believe nearly a year has flown by with 3/4B. After a much deserved holiday we were creative with our writing and made 'Holiday Recipes'. First we needed to list our ingredients and describe our method. It was lovely sharing all the recipes with the class as they were all quite different! We have some examples to share with you. Great writing 3/4B.

Jasmine's School Holiday Recipe:

**Ingredients:**
- 2 tsp of boiling hot days
- 3 cups of fun sleepovers
- 1 L of cheering and screaming
- 1 gram of cupcakes at the museum
- 8 tbsp. of swimming at the beach
- 3 cups of movie watching
- 1 tsp of making origami swans
- 5 tbsp. of gymnastics and jellyfish stings

**Method:**
Whisk all ingredients in a saucepan and add a pinch of playing with pets, a litre of birthday parties and 1 cup of crystal rocks. Heat in the oven for two weeks.

Nathan's School Holiday Recipe

**Ingredients:**
- 3 cups of 3ft waves
- 6 cups of Cowboy fan excitement
- 9 tsp of NRL Nation
- 1 gram of Coby's treehouse
- 6 grams of sleepovers with friends and birthdays
- 2 cups of BBQ’s with family
- 4 grams of tiring mornings of swimming
- 1 late night

**Method:**
Spray pan with a can of anti-rust to ensure your holiday does not get rusty. Heat in oven for two weeks and I guarantee your holiday won't be rusty!

Stage 3
Term 4 is off to flying start! This term in Science we are becoming engineers as we study the whys and hows of bridges all over the world. History is looking pretty exciting this term because we are Mrs Dennis' guinea pigs! Lucky us; we get to work on a trial program that integrates History and Technology in a really fun and interactive way.

YEAR 5 CAMP NEWS
Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned the green medical/permission note and finalised payments. Camp is definitely going ahead!! Even the teachers are excited!! Students not attending camp are reminded that it is 'school as usual' and are expected to attend school each day while we are away.

CHESS AND DEBATING
Chess and Debating have now wrapped up their zone competitions and with tremendous success all round. I am currently waiting to be officially informed as to whether we will be representing Caves Beach at regionals. I will let you know as soon as possible.

Jo Dennis

LIBRARY
Please note the following changes to class library days (these changes will apply for the remainder of the year):

- Mon: 1/2G, 1/2L, 1/2M, 1/2P, 5W, 5D
- Tue: 1/2Z, 3/4P, 3/4S
- Wed: K/M, KT, K/1J, 6E, 6W
- Fri: 3/4B, 3/4M

Towards the end of term 4 we will conduct a stocktake of library resources. Early in the term you will be receiving a list of your student's overdue borrowings. We ask that you please review this list and return any overdue items promptly to assist with stocktake. We understand that system errors sometimes occur, and items that are listed as overdue may in fact have already been returned. If this applies to you, please let our Relieving Teacher Librarian Kirsty Nash know by return note and it will be
investigated. Please also let us know if books have been lost so that we can remove them from the system and discuss replacement copies. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**Canteen**

This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

**Week 2.**
- Monday 12th October: Manda S & Diahan M
- Tuesday 13th October: Belinda W & Denise R
- Thursday 15th October: Bec P & Nicole E
- Friday 16th October: Michelle C, Nicole O, Kristy K, Denise Mc & Kerri-Lyn J

**Week 3.**
- Monday 19th October: Ala B & Belinda P
- Tuesday 20th October: Kristy J & Rebecca P
- Thursday 22nd October: Jo C & Mel Mc
- Friday 23rd October: Alicia D, Sonia F, Kiani K and Jackie B

**Canteen Meeting**

Did you know our canteen raises much needed funds for our school P&C - in recent years donations totalling over $20,000 have been made thanks to the hard work of our committee and amazing team of volunteers. Do you have some ideas for our canteen? We’d love to hear them! This week, we will be reviewing our menu items and planning our menu and events for 2016. Our next meeting is this Wednesday 14/10 from 7pm at the Caves Beach Resort. We’d love to see you there!!

**Uniform Shop**

Thank you to this week’s friendly Uniform Shop Volunteers:
- Wednesday 14/10: Kate L & Sue G

The uniform shop is open 2:30pm - 3:30pm Wednesdays during the school term. If you are unable to visit during this time we have a simple and convenient order system in place.

**Price Rise**

Your school uniform shop is run by the school P&C and parent volunteers with an aim to provide quality uniforms at an affordable price. We have managed to maintain our prices for the past 2 years, but our major supplier has had a price rise in July which has led to a review of the pricing in our school uniform shop. We have endeavoured to keep the price rises to a minimum. Our new price list is now effective. The new price list & order form is available from the office, the uniform shop and on the school website.

**P & C**

A big thanks goes out to everyone who sold or bought tickets in our Rydges Hotel Raffle drawn last term at the School concert. Without you we would not have been able to raise over $1,000 dollars towards this year’s fundraising goal. Check out our progress so far: Fundraising Goal: $24,000 - for playground equipment soft fall Raised so far: Easter Raffle - $1,800, Mothers Day Stall - $1,200, Pizza/Disco - $1,500

**Swim School**

Arrangements have been made to include a Learn to Swim Program in our school curriculum. This intensive Learn to Swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival will commence in Week 8 of this term. The Program is provided free of charge with the only cost being transport and pool entry. It is conducted over two weeks with each daily lesson being 45 minutes.

**Reminder from the Learning and Support Teacher**

We would like to run 2 information sessions for Stage 2 and Stage 3. The first will be Focus on Reading and what it looks like for your student. The second will be on Numeracy. Preliminary feedback from parents indicates that sessions should run in the first 4 weeks of Term 1, 2015.

1. Focus on Reading: Thursday, Week 3
2. Numeracy: Thursday, Week 4

We will send out information Week 2 in the newsletter and on the website. Push notification will be sent the day before as a reminder.

**Attendance Slip**

Please return to the Office

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