Huge congratulations to both the Junior (Highly Commended Award) and Senior Bands (First Place) on their success at Bandfest and the Family Band Night last week. It was wonderful to see the passion and concentration so clearly evident on the children’s faces as they played their instruments at both of these venues. Their hard work, the encouragement from their parents and families and the Band Committee, leadership from Mrs Scott, the tutors’ tutelage and Mrs Thurston’s support and organisation has paid off this year.

Our grounds have certainly taken on a fresher look this year with the new softfall under the equipment, refreshed playground markings and the new garden bed (built and planted earlier this year by three of our parents) near the COLA! Huge thanks to the P&C for their willingness to contribute half of the cost of the softfall, we couldn’t have done it without you!

Denise Rispen
Principal

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Diabetes Awareness – All staff

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

Week 4 3/4B
Week 5 3/4P

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 - 9.30am  Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm

AWARDS

BAND NEWS
We continued to celebrate our Bandfest success all week! Such a fantastic result for all our band students and a special thankyou to Mrs Scott for all her preparation. Congratulations to all involved in Family Band Night as it was a huge success. Junior Band will move to Senior Band starting tomorrow at 8am. Our brand new band members will begin tomorrow at 9am. Our final event will be Band Presentation Night later in the term. I will confirm a date in next week’s newsletter. Have a great week! Michelle Thurston.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1
Our term already feels like it is flying by. K1J are doing some amazing work with huge changes in the way they approach tasks and the maturity that shines through in the answers they give to some deep thinking questions. Gone are those nervous little souls that started 2015 in this composite class and in their place are confident, helpful and hardworking children who are ready to take on any challenge. I’m so proud of all of them.

We read twice each week with our buddy class 5W. The big kids read a beautiful picture book to us and then we get to practise some of our own brilliant skills.

We have been doing some fabulous artwork in response to our study about cultural identity. I’m intending to send home a little research project for the children (with help from some family history buffs in each household) in coming weeks as we learn about where
in this big world our ancestors started their journey to Australia. A BIG BIG BIG REMINDER - Grandparents Day is Wednesday of Week 4 from 10 until 11.15. We welcome Grans, Nans, Pops, Noonas (pardon the spelling), Nonnas, Gramps, Pas, Nannies, Poppies - gosh I'm running out of ideas - Mas, Lolas and Lolos, Opah and Omah (I may have dreamt that one). We look forward to seeing you there for a lovely morning of games and chats, old and new.

Stage 1

I/2 G have been using the vocabulary from the picture book 'The White Crane by Junko Morimoto' to write impressive Haiku poems.

Melancholy voice
Breaking the icy silence
Swift and gentle bird
by Maddie and Lori

Fantastic white crane
Miserable in the thick snow
Heartbroken and trapped.
by Alivia, Evie and Anenida

The cherry blossoms
Growing on enchanting trees
The vibrant moon rises.
by Steven and Declan

A big congratulations to Steven in our class for making it into The Mathletics Hall of Fame, coming 13th in the 'Worlds' Top 100 Students and 1st in Australia's Top 100 students.

Stage 2

3/4M. Term 4 has arrived. We had the opportunity to brighten up our lives by performing a series of jokes at our assembly. We are working on a new science unit focusing on 'how the state of matter can change'. i.e. solid, gas and liquid. It is very interesting, and we are looking forward to learning a great deal.

Stage 3

5W are very excited!!! We are off on our first camp this week and we cannot contain our excitement. We are looking forward to giving every activity a go and pushing ourselves to the limit on the rock climbing wall and giant swing. We finished reading our Dragon Keeper novel last week and it kept us in suspense right until the very end. Some of our predictions were verified when we found out what the dragon stone actually was (it's ok, we won't tell you and spoil the story). In Science we have begun our 'Bridging the gap' unit and were shocked by some of the crazy bridges we discovered around the world.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that children arrive at school in time to commence the day's activities. Students are expected to be punctual out of respect for other members of the class. It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to ensure that their children arrive at school on time. Classes start at 9.20 am, so all children should be at school before this time. It can be very disruptive if your child continually arrives late for class. Parents bringing children to school after the commencement of the teaching program are asked to go via the Office and fill in a Late Pass, which is then handed to the classroom teacher. This will ensure that your child is not marked absent. If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early, it is required that you notify the child's teacher in writing and sign the child out at the Office before collecting your child. If a person other than a parent is calling for the child, the school must be notified in writing prior to collection. If an emergency arises, a telephone call from the parent to the school prior to collection of the child will be acceptable.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to make regular checks of the lost property box and could parents please check the names on your child’s belongings because with 405 children all wearing the same things, it is easy for children to take home the wrong jacket/jumper. Lost property is currently overflowing with items. Please have a look when you are next going past the office.

LIBRARY

Thankyou to Lex James, the painter of our wonderful playground art, for the kind donation to our library of his book "Nautical Nonsense". This book is a wacky look at some unusual sea creatures with equally unusual names - and is a fantastic product of a local artist. You will find it on the "What's New" shelves in the library this week.

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS - PEANUTS/NUTS

Just a reminder to all parents about our anaphylaxis policy here at school that aligns with DEC requirements and ensures that students, staff and caregivers are aware of anaphylaxis conditions, what foods need to be avoided and the procedures if a student or adult have an anaphylaxis reaction.

As part of our commitment parents are asked not to send raw nuts and peanut butter or nut product sandwiches to school in their children's lunch. These procedures are put into place to ensure a safe learning environment for all children and your support in ensuring safe practices are followed is greatly appreciated.

SPORT

Sporting Schools is a new program developed by the Australian Government which aims at increasing children's uptake of sport, improving sporting skills and promoting healthy lifetime habits. Caves Beach Public School has been lucky enough to be accepted into the program and has been granted funds towards offering our students a range of sporting opportunities. This term a golfing program will be run for students in Years K-4, with a professional coach mentoring our students on Thursdays and Fridays in Weeks 2-7. There is no cost involved for parents and so far students are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS 2017

Applications for entry to selective high schools in 2017 are due by the 16th November.

Information regarding this process is available on the intranet at: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsww/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement

Important information:

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.
CANTEEN
This fortnight's fabulous Volunteers:

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

Week 4.
Monday 26th October Wendy S
Tuesday 27th October Su G & Kerry W
Thursday 28th October Dea F & Benita O & Bec W
Friday 29th October Liana W & Yeni L & Kim S & Lisa G & Denise Mc

Please remember to return your Halloween lunch orders.

UNIFORM SHOP
THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S FRIENDLY UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS
Wednesday 21/10  Bron F and Karen C
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.

Inspired by our H.I.S.E unit ‘Cultural Diversity’ this term, 1/2G created Japanese scrolls and Chinese Dragons!