From the Principal …

Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who were able to come along to the Kindergarten Grandparents’ Day last week. As always the children stole the show with their singing and were very proud and excited to be able to share some of their school activities with their families. It was also lovely to see the families who were able to stay and share in some lunch together under the trees.

On Wednesday we begin the Kinder Orientation program for the 2016 Kindergarten intake. This will continue for the next 3 Wednesdays and will consist of classroom visits for the students and parent information sessions on literacy, numeracy and general school information in the hall for the parents.

GONSKI REFORM FUNDING AT CAVES BEACH PS

This year the extra funding provided to our school under the Gonski reforms have been used to:

- Increase our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) allocation - Mrs Coughtrie - from 3.5 to 5 days per week to support students in the Year 3 - 6 classrooms;
- Conduct the Early Intervention Program for students in Years 1 & 2 three times a week;
- Offer a Speech Program to Kinder students;
- Provide a Cultural Program for our Aboriginal students;
- Release the Assistant Principals to work with teachers in their classrooms to embed and strengthen the use of the Focus on Reading strategies;
- Further develop the planning of explicit teaching strategies and improved differentiation in class programs through whole stage planning days; and
- Provide professional learning and support in ways to embed and strengthen the use of technology in the learning in the classrooms.

As we move further into Term 4, the evaluation of these 2015 programs and interventions begins. The results of NAPLAN and the Tell Them From Me surveys that parents students and staff were asked to participate in, our internal testing data and anecdotal records will be analysed to ensure that our actions continue to support the School Plan that is available on our website. The results of these evaluations will be used to complete this year’s Annual School Report. These reports are always published on our website.

Every child's safety is everyone’s concern
Denise Rispen
Principal
The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too. You can find out more at Transport for NSW.


THIS WEEK- Week 5
4/11 Kinder Orientation 10am-11am
4/11 School Council AGM and term meeting 7pm

NEXT WEEK- Week 6
9-11/11 Canberra Excursion
11/11 Kinder Orientation 10am-11am

FUTURE DATES
18/11 Kinder Orientation 10am-11am
23/11- 4/12 Intensive Swimming
1/12 Band Presentation Night
2/12 Kinder Presentation
9/12 Presentation Day 10am Swansea High School hall
10/12 Reports home
11/12 Fun Day
16/12 Clap out and last day of school

BAND NEWS
Welcome to all our new Junior Band members. They have all brought along with them high levels of excitement and enthusiasm. We hope they enjoy their experience of being part of the school band. Our new combined band played the National Anthem extremely well at last Fridays assembly - well done.

Family Band night raised $501! Adding this to the previous money raised, we have been able to purchase three new clarinets and one flute. Those instruments have been allocated to our most senior members. We always encourage each child to take care of their instrument as they can be expensive to repair.

Band Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday (night), 1st December. More details will follow in the coming fortnight.

Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1
K/M- Kindergarten really enjoyed sharing Grandparents’ Day with their grandparents, family and friends. It was a wonderful experience for them to share their work and progress with their families. There were many smiley faces and happy memories created throughout the morning.

This week we welcome the 2016 Kindergarten students into our school for the first of three orientation days. On Wednesday, our Year 5 buddies will be meeting their students and families for the first time. There is a lot of excitement and buzz around the school at the moment as we prepare to welcome our new little Kinder.

Stage 1
1/2 M are having a wonderful time this term learning to play the Recorder. There are many spectacular musicians in our class.

In Science, we are learning about ‘Light and Sound’. We are exploring various sounds in our environment and have been identifying sources of light.

In HSIE, we are learning about celebrations which we love learning about. We are discussing different events and how we celebrate them with our classmates. Throughout the term we will continue to explore celebrations and learn about events other cultures celebrate.

Students have been developing their writing skills throughout the year and this term we are focusing on words we could use instead of said and descriptive words that can support the development of power sentences.

We would like to remind parents we are performing at the school assembly in week 7 and we hope you will be able to come along and watch us.

Stage 2
3/4P-Stage 2 has had a fantastic start to Term 4! We are all really enjoying our Science unit where we have been looking at how adding or removing heat can change the state of a solid or a liquid. It has been great to see everyone getting involved and bringing in materials to help with our experiments. This week in literacy, we are continuing our unit on persuasion, with our main focus being rhetorical questions and the incorporation of emotive language. Don’t forget that 3/4P will be performing at the assembly this Friday and we hope to see you there!

Stage 3
6W-This time next week we will be in Canberra for our final primary school excursion to explore the icons of our Nation’s Capital, a culmination of all our hard work completed in class. Please remember to bring in notes required for excursion. This week we are getting ready to organise and run modified sports and games for K-2, which the Year 6 students are very excited about. Last week our Year 6 book was sent off for printing and we will get it towards the end of term. Thank you to everyone who has brought their money in. An even bigger thankyou to Wendie and Maxine for everything they did to make it happen, we are all so appreciative and grateful for all you have done. It will be such an amazing memento of the children’s primary school life that they will cherish forever. Thankyou parents and carers for you continued support, Abbey Wright.

LIBRARY

Last Tuesday 43 Caves Beach students attended Rocktober at Swansea library - singing and playing up a storm! Parents and members of the public were treated to wonderful performances from our choir, guitar groups and instrumental soloists. It was a great opportunity to showcase some of the amazing creative talent we have at Caves Beach, and also provided our students with valuable performance experience. Well done Caves Beach for a thoroughly entertaining session. Thanks must also go to Swansea library for organising the event and for the kind donation of some new books for our library.

Overdue notices will go home this week in preparation for stocktake. If there are any books on the list that are lost, damaged beyond repair or that you think have already been returned, please discuss with Kirsty Nash in the library so that our records can be amended. Please ensure that overdue books are returned by the end of week 6.
Don’t Forget Your Lunch Order

Please remember to hand your lunch orders in to the canteen by the class bell at 9:20am. We do need to have our lunches ready by 11:15am - this makes for a busy morning and if we have late orders we cannot guarantee that they will be ready in time. Thanks for your help!

MONDAY is now SUSHI DAY!!

We will now be serving Sushi on Mondays (only). Teriyaki Chicken with cucumber & mayo is our initial ‘flavour’ - depending on orders we may trial some other varieties later in the term. Sushi will sell for $3.00 and remember - it is available Mondays only.

A New Healthy Snack

Our Stage 2 kids loved taste testing our new delicious & homemade, Hommus & vege dippers - we will be selling these for 80 cents.

OOPS - Sausage Rolls ARE $1.50 (not $1.30) - sorry for any confusion with the issue of our new menu in Week 3.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all our volunteers involved in our Halloween day last week - Thursday saw cauldrons working overtime to prepare for the spooks and witches to serve up a massive day of Halloween treats on Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP

It is that time of year again - our new Kinders for 2016 are coming to join us for orientation. For the next 3 Wednesdays (4th, 11th & 18th of November) we will be opening the Uniform Shop from 9:00am - 12:30pm to help outfit our newest students (and our existing students too!) - This is in addition to our usual Wednesday afternoon opening time of 2:30-3:30pm. We have plenty of stock in all sizes, and as a special offer, if you spend over $150 you will receive a FREE school bucket hat (valid until end of term 4). We also have some great package offers for new students - with everything you need to outfit your new Caves Beach Kid! Drop by the uniform shop for more details.

Can’t make it during these times? Easy.....

2. Fill out your order form
3. Pay online via direct deposit - details are on the order form. Attach a copy of your direct deposit receipt to your order OR Pay cash at the office.
4. Drop your order & receipt to the school office (or send with your child to hand in to the office).
5. Your order will be delivered to your child's classroom or you can collect it from the office.

It's that easy - no need to rush around!!

Week 5....

Monday 2nd November Tania S & Czarina B
Tuesday 3rd November Fiona T
Thursday 5th November Fiona R & Georgie P
Friday 6th November Amanda O, Stacy g, Shani W & Leanne F

Week 6....

Monday 9th November Manda S & Diahann M
Tuesday 10th November Belinda W & Denise R
Thursday 12th November Bec P & Nicole E