From the Principal

Last week I had the pleasure of going to Canberra with Year 6 and Mr Egginton and Miss Wright. While the three days were certainly exhausting, it really was a great three days.

Several times during the trip, members of the public or tutors at the various venues we visited commented on what a well-mannered group of children we were accompanying. At the War Memorial, after we had attended a very moving closing ceremony during which our captains laid a wreath, we also had comments about how wonderful the students looked in their uniforms and what excellent ambassadors they were. Comments which Mr Egginton, Miss Wright and I totally agreed with. We were indeed very proud of our students.

I would like to thank Mr Egginton and Miss Wright for the time and effort that they put into organising and conducting the excursion, it is no mean feat to take 46 children away for three days. The learning that the students had undertaken in the weeks before the excursion was evident when they were able to answer questions posed at each of the venues. Witnessing question time in Parliament, visiting our local member, Mrs Jill Hall, role playing passing a bill and participating in an ‘election’ and a ‘referendum’ and learning how to count in a preferential voting system was really a case of seeing all they had been learning about in action.

It is hard to believe that there is only four and a half weeks until the end of the year. Please make sure you have popped into your calendar the end of year dates so you are able to come along.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern
Denise Rispen
Principal

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Non Violent Crisis Intervention – Miss Bell
Road Safety Education - Miss Bell
Your School and the History K-6 Syllabus - Miss O’Sullivan
Valid Science training - Miss Weekes and Mrs Thurston

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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

AWARDS

GOLD : 5W-Isabella A.

MERIT: 

THIS WEEK- Week 7
18/11  Kinder Orientation 10am-11am

NEXT WEEK- Week 8
23/11- 4/12 Intensive Swimming

FUTURE DATES
1/12  Band Presentation Night
1/12  Kinder Presentation
8/12  Presentation Day 10am Swansea High School hall-please note change of date.
10/12  Reports home
11/12  Fun Day
15/12  Party Day-Details to be sent home soon
16/12  Clap out and last day of school

FOCUS ON READING
The program emphasises:
• The integrated teaching of six research-based metacognitive comprehension strategies along with the importance of vocabulary knowledge and fluent text reading
• The importance and use of rich texts, particularly subject-based texts, multimodal texts and the types of texts that interest and motivate middle years learners
• The significance of engaging students in rich talk of the kind that encourages them to ‘show their thinking’ through talk
• Deliberate teaching that:
  -begins with insightful assessment
  -involves planning for explicit instruction based on students’ needs

  -supports and scaffolds students through modelled, guided and independent teaching

A Caring, Supportive School Promoting High Academic Standards
provides clear and purposeful feedback and constant opportunities for student reflection

- The importance of understanding and catering for diverse learning needs including students with special needs, ESL students and students who speak Aboriginal English.

BAND NEWS

Thanks to all the families who have paid their fees. It helps us a great deal to meet our financial commitments throughout the term.

Thank you to the children who applied for the special role of band leader 2016. Mrs Scott and myself are looking over the very strong applications and the new leader will be announced later in the term.

Band Presentation Night preparations are well underway for Tuesday 1st December (notes were sent home last week). This is always an enjoyable night of recognition and Christmas celebrations. We hope you can all make it! Have a special week! Michelle Thurston

KINDERGARTEN PRESENTATION MORNING

Just confirming that this special event will take place on Tuesday 1st December at 10am in our school hall. The children will be singing some songs to get us in the swing of Christmas and there will be a presentation to each child to acknowledge their first year at school - an amazing milestone. All the family are welcome so we hope you can make it.

Kinder Teachers

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1

How the term is flying! Only four & a half more weeks left of Kindergarten. It is at this time that the Kinder teachers become quite emotional about their little ones moving onto Year 1 and we are sure you are feeling the same way. Although the end of term is in sight, there is still lots of learning happening in the classrooms. Everyday I have so many children wanting to read or share their work in front of the class. They are so proud of their achievements that they take every opportunity to shine. On any given day there are always mini whiteboards displayed around our room showing sentences, words or numbers sentences which have been produced during group work. As their teacher, this almost makes me burst with pride. All teachers are currently writing Semester 2 reports which gives us time to reflect on the immense growth achieved by our students.

Wishing you a great week! Michelle Thurston

Stage 1

Term 4 is going very quickly in 1/2Z. As part of our HSIE unit, we have been researching our family heritage. Students in 1/2Z have links to the following places overseas: France, Ireland, Scotland, England, Malta, Tonga, Chile, India, NZ, USA and South Africa. We had an informative visit from Kye's grandmother, who was born in India. She told us all about her childhood and her journey on a big ship to Australia. 1/2Z students have been using news to share information about how their families celebrate special occasions. We have also looked at cultural celebrations such as Chinese New Year and Diwali.

We continue to be 'problem solvers' in class, recognising when we are in 'The Learning Pit' and identifying ways to climb out. It might be that we change our mental approach to a task, seek assistance from peers or try a new strategy. We are already seeing students become more responsible and persistent as a result of being 'problem solvers'.

We have begun preparing for our assembly performance with 1/2G in Week 9. Students are very excited about being the last assembly item for the year. Expect a touch of Christmas in the performance...

Stage 2

3/4M-We have been studying a very interesting science unit called 'Hot Hot Hot'. We are looking at different states of water i.e. gas, liquid and solid. The children have conducted experiments with ice and how heat changes it's state. It looks like we have some budding scientists!

Stage 3

5W have been working very hard as usual. In Science we are designing bridges and creating models to test their strength. As you can see in the pictures below we are using a range of materials, with some turning out more successful than others. Mrs Tia has been teaching us how to draw 3D bridges.

In English we are engaging with the 'Wishing Cupboard' unit which is providing some very rich discussions about belonging and family values.

We will soon begin designing our Year 6 t-shirt and attending Parliament to prepare for next year. Exciting times ahead for Year 5!
This fortnight's fabulous volunteers:

Week 7....
Monday 16th November  Ala B and Belinda P
Tuesday 17th November  Kristy J and Rebecca P
Thursday 19th November  Jo C & Mel Mc
Friday 20th November  Alicia D, Sonia F, Kiani K and Jackie B

Week 8....
Monday 23rd November  Wendy S & Sarah D
Tuesday 24th November  Sue G & Kerry W
Thursday 26th November  Jackie R, Bec W & Benita O
Friday 27th November  Liana W, Yeni L, Denise M, Kim S & Lisa G

MONDAY - SUSHI DAY!!
Sushi Mondays have been a huge success - the kids are loving our freshly made sushi!! We will be introducing a new vegetarian option from next week (with carrot, cucumber & mayo) as well as our popular Teriyaki Chicken. Sushi sells for $3.00 and remember - it is available Mondays only.

Rescheduled Meeting...
If you forgot/couldn't make our meeting last week - you didn't miss your chance to have your say!! We have had to reschedule our meeting due to illness. Our final Canteen Meeting for 2015 will now be held TONIGHT at the Caves Resort (7pm start). Do you have some ideas for our canteen? We'd love to hear them! We will be working on the menu for 2016 and also our special/promotional days and fundraisers. Now is a perfect opportunity to provide your suggestions or feedback for YOUR school canteen. We'd love to see you there!!

UNIFORM SHOP
Kindergarten Orientation/Extended Opening Hours
It is that time of year again - our new Kindys for 2016 are coming to join us for orientation. This Wednesday (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. Heading to orientation? Call in & see us before 10am and we'll have your order ready to pick up at 11am when orientation is finished. 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!!

NSW PSSA RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE OFFICE
Kayne G has been selected in the NSW PSSA Athletics Team. Kayne will represent NSW at the SSA National Athletics Championships in Canberra in 3 weeks time.
Fundraising raffle tickets to assist with the cost of attending this event are available from the school office for $2 each. Huge Congratulations to Kayne!

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property is overflowing. Please collect any items that belong to you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
CAPS encourage positive family support and a safe home environment to support children and young people. It offers a broad range of community development activities that strengthen and support children, family and communities.
CAPS have recently launched a new training package to support newly arrived families, and families from culturally diverse backgrounds in their transition into Australia.
‘Achieving School Success’ is the new package designed to help families navigate the education system, and knowing where to turn to for assistance.
For further information, free call 1800 688 009, or the Achieving School Success training package can be downloaded for free from http://www.childabuseprevention.com.au/resources/achieving-school-success.html