From the principal…

Congratulations to our girls’ softball team! For the second year in a row one of our teams have made it to the state finals. Our very excited team will travel to Sydney in the last week of the term for the next exciting round of the competition. Huge thanks go to Mr Egginton and the parents who have so willingly supported the girls as they progressed though this year’s competition.

We also wish Chloe S and Kayne G all the best for their sporting representation over the next couple of weeks. Chloe is currently playing as vice-captain in the State soccer team and Kayne will represent at Nationals in a couple of weeks. To support Kayne’s trip, we will be holding a Blues Day this Wednesday – students are encouraged to wear blue clothing (shoulders covered and closed in shoes to be worn) and are asked to contribute a gold coin.

This week is the first week of the annual Intensive Swimming program – we were so excited to see the 60 places taken up so quickly. Now we just have to get the children to remember to bring their gear each day (and take it home to dry!) Mrs Scott and Mrs Lovell will accompany the children to the pool.

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

ASSEMBLY - Friday at 12.30pm

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

AWARDS


B.5W: Imogen W, Guy S.6W: Tamika D, Jordan L. 6E: Lauren H, Kynan M.

THIS WEEK - Week 8
23/11-4/12 Intensive Swimming
25/11 Blues Day

NEXT WEEK
1/12 Band Presentation Night
Kinder Presentation 10am

FUTURE DATES
8/12 Presentation Day 10am Swansea High School hall
10/12 Reports are sent home
11/12 Fun Day
15/12 Party Day K-6
16/12 Clap out and last day of school

BAND NEWS
Thanks to senior band parents who have paid their fees.
Preparations are well underway for Presentation Night/Christmas Party next Tuesday night (6 for 6.30pm).

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

FOCUS ON READING
There are 7 key messages in the Focus on Reading program that is being implemented at CBPS.

- Encourage the use of the six research based metacognitive comprehension strategies. We will again introduce all six strategies explicitly across the school in 2016, providing opportunities for students to practise these in modelled, guided and independent tasks. Staff will continue to ‘read to’ children and model ‘think aloud’ strategies.

- Use rich stage-appropriate texts, particularly subject-based multimodal texts that engage and motivate learners. This includes providing students with access to age appropriate texts and teaching reading across other KLAs.

- The significance of engaging students in rich talk about texts to build comprehension, world knowledge and vocabulary (teacher-student & student – student). This includes the explicit teaching of vocabulary and asking questions that deepen discussion.

- Quality literacy teaching via explicit and systematic teaching using modelled, guided and independent strategies.

- Assessment for and as Learning
• Differentiation of content, process and product
• Purposeful feedback and student reflection

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1

The students of KM have been talking about how they celebrate Christmas and other special events with their families. The students have really enjoyed sharing their memories, customs and traditions with their peers. We will continue these discussions over the next few weeks as well as learning about how people from other countries celebrate Christmas and other festive events.

As part of Kindergarten tradition, we will be starting to do lots of Christmas craft this week in order to decorate our room ready for the festive season. If any parents would like to share craft or cooking ideas with us, please let us know as we would love to have you involved. We hope you come up and have a look at our room some time before the Christmas holidays.

As this is our last newsletter entry for 2015, Mrs Tia and I would like to thank all of our parents for their support throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your little ones and we hope that they enjoyed their first year at 'big school'. We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Stage 1

What an extremely busy and productive term. 1/2 G never ceases to amaze me with how clever and creative they are! Here are some samples of the work they have been producing in class.

Maths: They looked at the maths concepts relating to circles.

English: Made story maps based on 'The Little Refugee by Anh Do and Suzanne Do'.

Creative Arts and Science: Designed lanterns and sun catchers.

I am a very lucky teacher to have such a hard-working and highly motivated class.

Stage 2

In 3/4S we've been having a blast carrying out icy experiments! The favourite so far has been making ice cream because we got to eat our results! Last week we wrote a persuasive poem about the beach and we all produced amazing work using emotive language that has been displayed in our classroom! Our golf lessons have been fantastic! We can’t wait to continue our skills in PE lessons. Swim School starts this week and 3/4S students who are not attending the pool will be working in other primary classrooms for the middle maths session for two weeks, where they will have set work to complete.

Please look at the important dates in the newsletter as the next 4 weeks are extremely busy!

Stage 3

Our Year 6 students participated in an educational excursion to our Nation’s Capital where they were given the fantastic opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy including visits to New and Old Parliament House, the National Museum (where we got to see Pharlap’s heart), the AIS, Royal Australian Mint and Questacon. We were also privileged to be part of a moving ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Instead of refunding this money to each
family, our school reduces the cost of the excursion to parents by $20.

**LIBRARY**

Stage 2 have been working on their persuasive writing skills in library by creating a book review using a web tool called Voki. You can see some samples of these on our school website library page, see http://bit.ly/1MFA9mF.

Book Club issue 8 closes this week to ensure delivery before the end of the term. Please make sure your online or paper order is submitted by this Wednesday. It's a great opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents!

Thank you to all the families who have searched high and low and located all those missing books or paid for a replacement, it is very much appreciated. We understand that sometimes books may have ended up back on our shelves but haven't been scanned onto the system properly - please just let us know by returning your overdue notification with details.

We are running short of spare borrowing bags. If you have a pile of excess plastic bags at home, offload them to our library! This allows students who have forgotten their library bag to still borrow. If your student has borrowed one of our bags, could you please return it.

Kind regards
Kirsty Nash
Relieving Teacher Librarian

**P&C NEWS**

Please place donated items in classroom baskets and give tickets and money to office by Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} December.

**CANTEEN**

**This fortnight’s fabulous volunteers:**

\begin{itemize}
  \item **Week 8:**
    \begin{itemize}
    \item Monday 23rd November: Wendy S & Sarah D
    \item Tuesday 24th November: Sue G & Kerry W
    \item Thursday 26th November: Jackie R, Bec W & Benita O
    \item Friday 27th November: Liana W, Yeni L, Denise M, Kim S & Lisa G
    \end{itemize}
  \item **Week 9:**
    \begin{itemize}
    \item Monday 30th November: Tania S & Czarina B
    \item Tuesday 1st December: Fiona T
    \item Thursday 3rd December: Fiona R & Georgie P
    \item Friday 4th December: Amanda O, Stacy G, Shani W & Leanne F
    \end{itemize}
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**MONDAY - SUSHI DAY!!**

Sushi Mondays have been a huge success - the kids are loving our freshly made sushi!! Our delicious new vegetarian option is now available (with carrot, cucumber & mayonnaise) as well as our popular Teriyaki Chicken. Sushi sells for $3.00 and remember - it is available Mondays only.

**New Menu Additions**

Based on some feedback from some of our children we have added a few new items (twists on our new additions actually!) - our fruit juice cups will now be available chilled or frozen selling for 40 cents each. They are available in apple or apple/blackcurrant varieties - a cool refreshing and healthy treat! We will also be selling fresh veggie sticks (usually carrots, cucumber or celery dependant on availability) - 20 cents for approx 10 fresh crispy sticks.

**School Presentation Day**

As our Presentation Day will be on Tuesday the 8th of December the CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN at all on this day. We thank you for your understanding - all parents deserve the opportunity to attend this end of year celebration.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

After a few weeks with extended opening hours we are back to our usual Wednesday afternoon opening time of 2:30-3:30pm. We will be continuing the Kindy Orientation special offer for all K-6 students - 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 2 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!

**VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED**

_Do you love working with children? Are you a committed Christian and an active member of a church? Are you willing to do some training? We are currently looking for scripture (SRE) teachers for 2016 for years Kinder - Grade 3. SRE is held each Thursday at 09:30 & 10:00. Contact David Benge (Co-ordinator) Tel: 4971 1861, or email aussie_dave_benge@yahoo.com.au for information about this great volunteering opportunity at your local school._