Term 4 Week 9
30th November 2015

From the principal …

Last week invitations were sent home to invite our parent helpers and Scripture teachers to a morning tea in the hall on Thursday morning. We value our volunteers enormously and this is one way we can say thank you.

As part of our work to deliver the new syllabus documents, we have purchased a large number of picture books, which of course all need covering! If anyone is able to spare some time, please drop into the library, I know Mrs Nash would be very grateful!

As we move towards the end of the year, please check out our lost property bucket in the office. At the moment, it is overflowing with jumpers, jackets and hats.

This afternoon, the staff will be participating in the next session of the rescheduled end of Term 4 School Development Days. We have already held two after school sessions this year that delivered Focus on Reading training. Our final session will be on the morning of 17th December, when the staff will present their action research projects to complete the training requirements for Focus on Reading. Today’s session, from 3.30-6.30pm will focus on CPR training.

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

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
CPR – all staff

2016
27/1 School Development Day - STAFF ONLY
28/1 Years 1-6 students return to school
29/1 Swimming Carnival
28-29/1 Best Start testing for 2016 Kinders
1/2 New Kinders begin

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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

AWARDS
GOLD : 1/2M: Edward L, Ashton C, Will P.


THIS WEEK - Week 9
23/11- 4/12 Intensive Swimming
1/12 Kinder Presentation 10am
              Band Presentation Night
2/12 Special Assembly for Speeches 12pm-parents welcome
3/12 Parent Helper and Volunteer Morning Tea
4/12 Gold Award Assembly-1.45pm

NEXT WEEK
7/12 Visiting Band Performance
8/12 Presentation Day 10am Swansea High School Hall
10/12 Reports will be sent home
11/12 Fun Day

FUTURE DATES
14/12 Year 6 Farewell
15/12 Party Day K-6
16/12 Clap out and last day of school

2016
If any families know they will not be re-enrolling at our school in 2016, please let us know. Having a firm idea about numbers helps us enormously to be organised for the beginning of 2016.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

We have had many students achieve excellent results throughout the year in the 2015 ICAS external examinations in the subject areas of English, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

Congratulations to all students who enter these optional exams. Special mention must go to the students who received Merits, Credits, Distinctions and High Distinctions.
BAND NEWS
With many of the children involved in swim school, the band are unable to play at Friday's assembly. However we look forward to hearing them on Presentation Day next week!

Junior Band's final practice will be this Thursday. I hope our new members have enjoyed the experience and wish to continue into 2016.

Next Tuesday morning, Senior Band will be required to practice in the High School Hall at 8am followed by the Presentation Day assembly.

Don't forget that ALL band members are welcome to come tomorrow night to Presentation Night. Could Senior Band please arrive by 6.15pm to set up and be ready to play by 6.30pm.

Next Monday we are having a visiting band from Sydney coming to provide a workshop for senior band followed by a whole-school performance. Could the band children please be at school on Monday by 8.30am with their instrument as we have to start earlier due to Presentation Day rehearsal later in the morning. This is yet another great opportunity for our children to collaborate with other like-minded children.

A camp note will be handed out in the next few days and I will talk more about it tomorrow night.

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1
What a fabulous few weeks in K1J. We have learned so much about many world cultures and more importantly, about how each of us, while very different, share a common humanity. We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to create a rangoli in the area between our classroom and the canteen. One of our lovely mums, Kirri Mathieson, taught the children the story of Diwali, which is about the triumph of good over evil - very timely. The Jays were fascinated and very excited.

We have also been reading the story of Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes. With a huge thank you to our buddy class and Mrs Weekes, we were finally able to make our own.

Now it is almost the end of the school year. With some regret, K1J have really been focusing on being ready for Years 1 and 2. It is difficult now to remember the timid and nervous little children who first walked through our classroom doors, as I look at the confident children who take on so many responsibilities both in the room and in the playground. This has been a year of huge growth in maturity with some amazing learning and changes both in attitude and physicality. Great work K1J, I am so proud of you.

Rose Johns

Stage 1
1/2P has had a wonderful start to Term 4. We have welcomed 2 lovely new students, Liam and Brayden, to our class and we are off to an enthusiastic start.

In English we are learning about different cultures and we have been inspired when reading 'The White Crane', to write some amazing Haiku poems about seasons.

(Winter)
Misty air, blue lips
Icey morning watching golf
Fluffy gloves are warm

By Cherry

(Summer)
The sun was shining
Deeply through the trees above
I was really hot

By Bodhi

We have also had fun playing money Maths games and constructing 3D objects and in PE, we are enjoying learning the skills of golf. We certainly are growing up fast.

Stage 2
In 3/4P we have been having a great time over the last few weeks!

Last week in science, we were still looking at changing states. As a class we conducted experiments, changing liquids and solids to form a gas, with some explosive results! Continuing on with our unit on persuasion in English, we have been looking at hyperboles and idioms - trying to incorporate them into our writing to make it more engaging! This week in maths, we will be having a big focus on problem solving and word based questions. Sadly, golf has now ended. However, we have been trying to get out and use some of the skills we learned with the golf club and apply this to a hockey stick in PE lessons. Swim school is continuing this week. It is always exciting to hear about some of the skills students in 3/4P are learning in the water. Not much left of term now. So make sure to check the newsletter, because I know there are lots of exciting things packed into the last 3 weeks and you don’t want to miss any of it!

Stage 3
It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! The last two terms have passed very quickly!

We have been very busy organising our Year 6 Fun Day activities, thank you to all the parents for supporting this day and assisting the children by buying items and bringing them in. It is going to be a very exciting day for all.
Just a reminder ‘Hello High School’ at Swansea High is on this Thursday 3rd December at 9.30am. Please remember to bring permission note and wear full school uniform.

The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching and the night is going to be fabulous. Could you please remember to bring in note and money as we will be finalising numbers this week.

Only 2 more weeks of primary school to go for our Year 6 children. It has been a wonderful Semester and I have loved being a part of Year 6 at Caves Beach and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays.

Miss Wright

LIBRARY

At this Friday’s assembly those students who have completed four years of the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) will be receiving a Gold certificate. Students who have achieved the impressive goal of completing seven years of the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a Platinum certificate on Presentation Day. All other students who completed the PRC this year will receive their certificates in class.

With stocktake approaching please ensure that all library items are returned no later than this Friday.

A reminder about the farewell gift for our retiring Teacher Librarian Kerrie Stien. We ask that a gold coin donation be left at the office to go towards the purchase of a gift from the students. Thankyou for your kind support in saying thank you for all her hard work and dedication to our school.

Kind regards, Kirsty Nash
Relieving Teacher Librarian

P&C NEWS

Please place donated items in classroom baskets or the office, and give tickets and money to office by Monday 14th Dec.

**CANTEEN LAST DAY FOR 2015**

Your School Canteen Needs You!

Keep an eye out for our volunteer 2016 flyer coming home this week. Our school canteen is run by a fantastic group of volunteers - we raise much needed funds for the school and provide a friendly and convenient service to the families of Caves Beach PS. If you can spare a few days a term we would love to hear from you!!

School Presentation Day

School 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 understanding that all parents deserve the opportunity to attend this end of year celebration.

End of Term - Canteen Last Day

The school canteen will be closed for cleaning & stocktake in Week 11. The LAST DAY for canteen this year will be NEXT FRIDAY the 11th of December 2015.

Thank you to all our Volunteers!

We would like to thank the amazing team of volunteers that have served thousands of chicken sticks, poured hundreds of slushies and all with a smile, throughout 2015. We look forward to celebrating a great 2015 with our Christmas Party on December 9th!! Also keep an eye out for your Volunteer Morning Tea invite - a thank you from the school!!

UNIFORM SHOP

As we approach the end of the school year for 2015, we will only be open for the next 2 weeks on Wednesday afternoon 2:30-3:30pm. We will NOT BE OPEN the last day of Term 4 (16/12). We will reopen for Term 1 2016 on the 28th & 29th of January 2016 from 9am-12pm. 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).

Thank you to our Volunteers!

A huge thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers that help out in the Uniform Shop - always there to greet families new & old with a smile and helpful advice. They offer their time to ensure that we can continue to provide our families with quality uniforms at a reasonable price. Keep an eye out for your Volunteer Morning Tea invite - a thank you from the school!!

K-2 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just a quick reminder that the Kindergarten to Year 2 Christmas Party notes and payments are due back this week please.

STUDENT BANKING

Please note that next week will be the last week for student banking.

THANKYOU FROM THE GILMORE FAMILY

To all students at CBPS, parents and all teachers.

We’d like to thank you all for supporting the “Blues Day” held last week for Kayne. Thankyou so much for your kind generosity. We are more than grateful.Kayne feels very honoured to represent his school; he’s been training hard and will definitely be giving it his best at Nationals.

Go CBPS, Go NSW! Thankyou so much, the Gilmore family.

2016 CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN SELECTIONS

On Wednesday, students in the running for leadership roles next year will present their speeches. A special assembly will be held at 12pm on Wednesday 2nd December in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend. Kristie Weekes

CONGRATULATIONS

Malachi G. has received a Premiers Sporting Grant to support his spearfishing endeavours.