From the principal …

Tomorrow is our last official assembly for the year; hopefully many parents will be able to come along. All students, from Years K-6 will be in attendance. The event will commence at 10am sharp and hopefully conclude about midday.

I must apologise about the confusion regarding the timing of last Friday's assembly. The time was changed to accommodate all the students who were attending Swim School and were in line to receive a Gold Award. The right time was on the invitations to the families of the award winners and the time in the section of the newsletter that is always in there to remind parents of the time for assembly remained unchanged. An oversight, I assure you, but at a very busy time of the year we can only profess to be human – my sincere apologies.

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

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
2/2 New Kinders begin

ASSEMBLY- Tuesday 8th -10 am
Presentation Day at Swansea High School Hall

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

THIS WEEK
7/12 Visiting Band Performance
8/12 K-6 Presentation Day 10am Swansea High School Hall
10/12 Reports to 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

STUDENT REPORTS
All students Semester 2 reports will go home this Thursday. Included with this report will be an extra evaluation that we have not used before. This semester, we have asked the children to write their own reports as a means of self-reflection. These reports are exactly as the students wrote them; we hope that you and your child will be able to discuss and perhaps compare the information included within. As always, if you have any questions about the information in the report, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

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.

DOGS AT SCHOOL
It is against Departmental policy for dogs to be on school grounds (even on a leash). This is for all children’s safety.

BAND NEWS
Band Presentation Night was an enjoyable night. Congratulation to all band members on such a successful year and well done to our award recipients.

Senior Band Leader 2016    Molly F
Senior Band Person of the Year  Kristian B
Commitment Award          Sarah G
Most Improved             Maya-Jayne H
Junior Band Person of the Year    Kobi K

A Caring, Supportive School Promoting High Academic Standards
Commitment Award  Amelia S  
Most Improved    Amy W  
Eric Boyd Trophy Memorial Award  Luca S  
Encouragement Award  Ayla G  

Many thanks for everyone’s commitment over the past 3 years to help the band grow in numbers and to further develop in skills and talent. Their final performance will be at Presentation Day tomorrow. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Michelle Thurston

**WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS**

*Early Stage 1*

KT  We have been having a lovely time reading Christmas stories and talking about the different ways we all celebrate Christmas. It’s such a beautiful time of year as we share special memories of Christmas with one another. On behalf of all the Kinder teachers, we wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas. We have had such a wonderful year teaching your children and look forward to watching them blossom even further next year.

*Stage 1*

Dear Parents;

1/2 M have had a wonderful time this term. We have been doing exciting things in our class. We practised hard all term at learning songs on our recorders to play as our class assembly item. We were all a bit nervous on the day, however our performance was truly magnificent and we were all proud of ourselves.

We have been writing and acting out a news broadcast. This has been a fantastic experience for us all and we are all becoming brilliant actors.

There is a visitor in our classroom, he’s name is Mr Claus (also known as Santa Claus). He lets us take turns cuddling him each day. We have had so much fun decorating our classroom with our Christmas craft.

Written by the children of 1/2 M.

*Stage 2*

It has been a very busy, exciting and productive year in 3/4B. I feel privileged to have taught so many beautiful, kind and dedicated students and together we have been a great team. These last few weeks have been very busy and we have consolidated our knowledge of many concepts learnt over this last year. We have done some self-reflection of our own learning and created goals for next year. We have focused on using all our maths skills and strategies learnt and applying these to a variety of problem solving questions over the past few days. The festive season is here and we have already started to get creative with our Christmas craft including our sun catchers and Christmas stars. Not long now until we all get to enjoy a much deserved break! Thank you for a lovely year. Have a relaxed, safe and enjoyable break!

*Stage 3*

With only 8 days to go 5W are wondering where Term 4 has gone. We have loved being part of a collaborative classroom this year. Not only has it been comfortable, it has encouraged the students to direct their own learning and make sensible behaviour choices. Having low tables and the inclusion of beanbags fostered cooperation and allowed for social support and rich discussions. It also made it easier to share equipment and technologies when working as part of a group. We are so excited for the holidays, but even more excited for Year 6 Fun Day and the Pool Party.
LIBRARY
Thank you for all the bags being brought in by students, there were a few cleanouts in Caves Beach households last week! We will have plenty of spare ‘emergency’ library bags to start the new year with.

On Presentation Day tomorrow, there will be four students receiving a very special Premier's Reading Challenge Platinum Award. This award recognises students who have completed seven years of the Premier's Reading Challenge. We will also be farewelling our retiring Teacher Librarian Kerrie Stein.

Please continue to finalise all returns this week so that we have all library items back by the end of term.

P&C NEWS

Don't forget to bring in your raffle tickets and purchase some more from the office, and drop in your Christmas hamper donations. Think of what you would love to win in a hamper and put it in the class baskets. All items will be packed into hampers and drawn during the Year 6 class clap out on the last day of school.

Caves P&C

CANTEEN

This week’s fabulous Volunteers:

Week 10....

Monday 7th December Manda S & Diahann M
Tuesday 8th December **CANTEEN CLOSED-PRESENTATION DAY**
Thursday 10th December Bec P & Nicole E
Friday 11th December **CANTEEN LAST DAY FOR 2015**
Michelle C, Nicole O, Kristie K, Denise M & Kerrie-Lyn J

Your School Canteen Needs You!
Keep an eye out for our volunteer 2016 flyer. 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 (tomorrow). 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 THIS FRIDAY the 11th of December 2015. It is Pizza Day - a preorder day. Order forms were sent out in Week 9 and all orders needed to be in by 9am Monday 7/12. No late orders can be taken. The canteen will be open on Friday during lunch & recess for cool treats and drinks.

Thank you to all our Volunteers!
We would like to thank the amazing team of volunteers who have served thousands of chicken sticks, poured hundreds of slushies and all with a smile, throughout 2015. We look forward to celebrating a great 2105 with our Christmas Party on December 9th!!

Uniform Shop News
As we approach the end of the school year for 2015, this Wednesday afternoon 2:30-3:30pm will be our LAST day for 2015. We will NOT BE OPEN on the last day of Term 4 (16/12). Orders left in the office will be filled & dropped to classrooms/office up until Tuesday 15/12. We will reopen for 2016 on Wednesday the 28th & Thursday the 29th of January 2016 from 9am-12pm. We will have plenty of stock, in all sizes, ready to go for all our existing and new families.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING
This week is the last week for school banking.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Faculty of Business and Creative Industries
Belmont Campus

Do you need skills for the future?
Do you need training in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Medical, Bookkeeping, Information Technology or Retail?
A range of courses will be offered including full-time, part-time and flexible delivery options in our Personalised Learning Centre. Both day and evening classes are available.

Ring NOW to express your interest for Semester 1, 2016 courses.

INFORMATION/ENROLMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2016 AT 10.00AM
Classes commence 1 February 2016

For further information, please give us a call on 4979 6154 or check our website at www.hunter.tafe.nsw.edu.au