PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The last week of the 2015 school year, can you believe it? The year seems to have gone so quickly. It is hard to believe that our Kinder children have finished their first year at school and our Year 6 students have finished their primary years.

As we move into the final part of the year, of course we must bid farewell to some of our staff.

Mrs Stien, our librarian who will retire and Mrs Muller, our Reading Recovery teacher who will not be holding this position next year. For your support of the students at our school, your professionalism as a member of our staff, your willingness to give so readily of your time and energy to improve the outcomes for our children and for your friendship, I thank you enormously and wish each of you the best for the future.

To the families who are leaving us, we wish you well in the next exciting part of your journey, thank you for being part of our Caves Beach Public School community.

To all those returning in 2016, all students will remain in their 2015 classes until the end of the first week, while we wait for all our new kinders. On the first morning, all classes will line up under the COLA just like a normal Monday morning.

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to say an enormous thank you for all the support and friendship that has been offered to me during my time here at Caves Beach Public School. Quite simply, I have had a ball. I have enjoyed working with all the students and getting to know their parents. The students are the reasons why teachers do the work they do.

I would also like to say thank you to the P&C and School Council for their ongoing commitment and passion to do the best they could to improve the opportunities provided for the children.

To the staff, thank you also for the support you have offered me during my time here at this wonderful school.

To each and every family, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the time together, rest, relax and above all, tell each of your loved ones regularly how much you love them!

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

A previously mentioned, for all public schools across NSW Thursday and Friday this week are allocated as School Development Days, designed to provide opportunities for the professional development of staff. The staff at our school have already attended 3 half day sessions after school this year to complete professional learning activities and CPR training which leaves us only Thursday.

This morning will see staff present their Action Research projects and explore the new History syllabus that will become part of teaching/learning programs in 2016 as the final part of the Focus on Reading training.

P&C RAFFLE

Please don’t forget to return your raffle tickets, as the raffle will be drawn before the clap out on Wednesday afternoon. If you still have your prize at home, please drop it in to the office.

END OF YEAR PARTY DAYS

Years 3–6 Pool Party will be held tomorrow Tuesday 15th December 2015 at Swansea pool commencing at 9.30am. The cost will be $6 for the day to cover bus fare and pool entry.

K-2 will remain at school for a day of fun. Please make sure that you have sent in the permission notes and money for these events.

SPORT

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A note has been sent home about the Swimming Carnival for 2016 which will be held on the second day back at school next year. Because of the time frame, we are asking for the money and permission note before the end of this year.

All children in Years 3-6 plus any 2016 Year 2 student who turns 8 in 2016 and is a competent swimmer may participate. If your 2016 Year 2 child fits these criteria, please ask them to get a note from the office.

SOFTBALL

Last Thursday our girls softball team competed in the State Knockout finals at North Curl Curl. They played an excellent game but got knocked out in the semi-finals. The competition was very strong and the girls had an amazing experience competing against very tough opposition. Congratulations girls for all your efforts this year, it has been fantastic. Thanks also to the parents for all the support throughout the year.

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to everybody who has helped out this year. 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. If you can come and help out on that day - please let the School Office know or just come along on the day. Many hands make light work Happy Christmas!

Congratulations

Well done to Lilly-Rae D, who has been selected for the ‘Elite Showgirls Squad’, at JB Dance Centre.
K-2 PARTY DAY

A few last minute reminders and notices for the Infants Party day tomorrow.

Thank you to those parents who have kindly volunteered to cut up the fruit or cook the snags on the barbeque.

Timetable (times are approximate)

9:30-10:30 Disco, outside play and face painting

FRUIT BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 Disco, outside play and face painting

LUNCH

1:00 – 3:00 Movie

What to bring:

- A water bottle
- Your favorite cushion or pillow pet to kick back and relax on during the movie screening
- If your child will not eat a sausage sandwich, please send in a sandwich for them

What to wear:

- Come dressed in your favourite clothes to party in – Christmas theme.
- Remember to wear closed in lace up shoes for safety reasons.
- For sun safety reasons – please make sure your shoulders are covered (no sleeveless tops) and you have your school hat for playtime.

STUDENT BANKING

Please note all current rewards ordered will arrive at the start of Term 1 next year.