PRINCIPAL REPORT
Wow, what a great start to the year! Our new Kinders had a great week, our students in Years 1-6 are smiling in the playground and the classrooms are buzzing as routines and teaching programs get underway. Thank you to all parents for your support in settling your child into their new year. I would also like to thank parents for the way all students look in their school uniforms. Your encouragement and support is much appreciated!

During a casual conversation with some parents this week, I realised there might be a number of parents who do not understand an acronym (AP - assistant principal, if our school was bigger we might even have a DP – deputy principal) regularly used in schools nor know the executive structure in our school, so I have included some information about that later in the newsletter.

Believe it or not our lost property is already filling up. If your child lost their sports shirt at the Swimming Carnival there are a few in lost property along with hats, goggles, c-shirts and school jackets. Please remember to check that ALL of your child’s belongings are clearly marked with their name. There are also quite a few lunch boxes already on the stage under the COLA that need to be claimed.

Just a reminder about the Parent Information sessions this week and next week…..dates and times for each class is listed later in this newsletter.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
Anaphylaxis training

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30 Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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COMING EVENTS
9/2 Ethics Classes Information session 6pm-library
P&C meeting – AGM 7pm general meeting 7.30pm
please note change of times
23/2 Zone Swimming 11.30-3pm

BOOK LEVY
This Work Book levy ($60) is now due for all students. This levy covers your child’s subscription to Mathletics and Reading Eggs, exercise books and folders, school magazine and a photocopying contribution.

A ‘heads-up’ for the Year 6 parents though, this term there will also be the cost of a Year 6 t-shirt ($35) and the GRIP Leadership Day ($45- early Term 2). You can pay these costs in one go or pay them off in instalments. However, the Year 6 shirts cannot be ordered until all children have paid and in order to maximise the wearing of the shirts we would like to order them this term. The Year 6 teachers will be sending home information regarding these shirts in the near future.

CAVES BEACH PS EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE
With a student population of 404 this year, the Caves Beach PS executive entitlement is for 3 APs (assistant principals). Our executive includes Mrs Pascoe (supervising Stage 2), Mr White (supervising Stage 3) and Mrs Johns (Relieving AP for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1). As Mrs Gibson was appointed principal at Fassifern PS at the end of last year, that AP’s position will be advertised this term. Mr Zaia is holding that teaching position until that appointment is made.

PARKING
To our new (and sometimes our long time parents…) a reminder that you are not meant to leave your car if you are parked on the side of the road nearest to the school office. Each car is meant to move forward as the car in front pulls away. If all cars on the school side of the road keep moving, the turning circle does not block up and traffic can keep flowing.

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA ACTION PLANS
Just a reminder that each year all students identified as anaphylactic or as an asthma sufferer must provide the school with an updated Action Plan completed by the family doctor.

UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS
Today we will be sending home Student Information sheets for all parents to complete to ensure we have the correct contact details for your child should we ever need to make contact. The forms are extremely important and we ask that they are completed and returned asap.
STAFFING
In last week’s newsletter all classes and their teachers were listed, however there are other staff members at our school that you might hear about so their names and roles are listed below.

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WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1 - Welcome to our new Kinder families. The little ones have settled beautifully into big school and their classes. We have two Kinder classes and a composite Kinder and Year 1 group. During the year there will be many opportunities for all of the Kinder children to get together for craft, sport, science and human society lessons. This will provide the chance for children to broaden their social groupings and get to know others in their grade.

Each class is exploring the school, meeting the teachers and visiting older children in their classrooms. If you visit, you may find a snaking line of little legs out and about, getting to know how big school operates.

Next week we invite Mums and Dads to visit the teachers after school to find out about what children need to bring for the year and what will be happening in the classroom. Dates and times can be found later in this newsletter.

Stage 1 – Years One and Two have settled happily into their classes. We have two new teachers in the Stage, Mrs McLaren is working with 1/2M and Mr Zaia is teaching on 1/2Z. We welcome Mrs Pengelly back to Stage 1 and Ms Johns has been upgraded and will be relieving Assistant Principal. The teachers make a great team and are excited to be working together to provide the best opportunities for the children.

Five of the classes contain both Year 1 and Year 2 students and one class is a Kinder/Year One composite.

During some lessons, such as sport, fitness, science and human society, all Year One students will work together and Year Two students will form their own groupings. This provides opportunities for the children to socialise with same age peers during learning activities. Many of our students are learning through this process the important life skills of cooperation, teamwork, resilience and making friends.

Stage 2 – We welcome our Year 3 students to Stage 2 and a ‘welcome back’ to our Year 4’s. Our first few weeks have been busy setting our classroom goals, expectations and routines to ensure the smooth running of a successful year ahead. We have also been doing a lot of ‘getting to know you’ activities to build positive relationships not only with other students but also with the teacher. These types of activities are crucial not only at the beginning of the school year but at any time. We believe that if we are expecting children to share their opinions in the class on a regularly basis, participate in discussions with their peers, take risks with their learning, openly identify their strengths and areas for further development and work cooperatively with all students within the room then it is our responsibility to provide opportunities for children to feel safe and comfortable with each other. Our ‘class building’ lessons are the starting point in developing the firm foundations for a happy, dynamic and supportive classroom for the whole year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Parent Information Sessions this week where we will discuss the year in detail. Just a reminder that 3/4S is on Wednesday at 5pm, 3/4B is on Thursday at 4:15pm and 3/4M and 3/4P at 5pm on Thursday. See you all soon, Mrs Pascoe, Miss Bell, Mrs Scott and Mr Manning.

Stage 3 – Stage 3 have started the year in a positive manner, demonstrating that they are leaders of the school. Year 6 have had their first Student Parliament for the year and are now working hard around the school. Our Term 1 topics include Electrical Circuits and a study of North America and Europe.

COMPUTER

Welcome to the computer room. My name is Mrs Tukavkin and I will be the computer teacher for 2015. This year we will be learning a variety of skills from recognising the various keys on the keyboard to logging on and researching on the internet and adding data to documents. The lessons will be integrated with a stage learning area such as Science or English.

The computer room is available during recess for those students who enjoy playing games or researching information. I can’t wait to meet all the students and have a wonderful time exploring the world of computers together.

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS - PEANUTS/NUTS

Caves Beach PS has an Anaphylaxis Policy to support school practices for students with severe allergies. The policy aligns with DEC requirements and ensures that students, staff and caregivers are aware of anaphylaxis conditions, what foods need to be avoided and the procedures if a student or adult have an anaphylaxis reaction. As part of our commitment parents are asked not to send raw nuts and peanut butter or nut product sandwiches to school in their children’s lunch. These procedures are put into place to ensure a safe learning environment for all children and your support in ensuring safe practices are followed is greatly appreciated.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please see below the times that each teacher will be offering a Parent Information Session (approx. 30 minutes) regarding their class programs, expectations and organisation. Hopefully parents will be able to avail themselves of this opportunity. Your child’s class session will be held in their classroom.

Mrs Robyn Leggatt, Principal of Swansea High School, will also be present at the Year 6 meeting to give important information or to answer questions regarding the Year 6 students impending high school enrolments and procedures. Believe it or not, high school enrolment forms will be sent home soon.

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Kinder and K/1J Parent Information sessions will be next week, see below for times and days.

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ETHICS
A reminder about the information session tonight on the Ethics classes available this year for students in Years 3-6. 22 students only are able to participate in each of these classes. Those students who were part of these classes last year will automatically roll over into the 2015 stage groups unless parents indicate in writing that they do not wish their child to participate.

GOLD AWARDS
For all our new parents below is an outline of how our Gold Award system works. Children can earn a bronze by consistently demonstrating our school values over a long period of time.
Our School Values:
• Demonstrating ‘Respect’ for others and their property.
• Demonstrating ‘Integrity’ even when teachers aren’t watching.
• Being an ‘Honest and Trustworthy’ person.
• Demonstrating and taking ‘Responsibility’ for their actions.
• Demonstrating ‘Acceptance’ of others.
• Demonstrating ‘Care and Compassion’ towards others.
• Giving everyone ‘A Fair Go’!
• Always ‘Doing Their Best’.
All class teachers will award 5 Bronze Awards each week.

PLAYGROUND RULES
Be Safe:
• Follow the rules and use equipment correctly.
• Wear your hat and uniform.
• Play where the teacher on duty can see you.
• Sticks and stones stay on the ground.

Be Respectful:
• Follows the teachers’ instructions.
• Take turns and share, respect the property of others.
• Be nice to others, hands and feet to yourself.
• Learn the rules and play by them.

Be Responsible
• Put your papers in the bin.
• Return your sports equipment.
• Stay seated under the COLA when eating or drinking.

SPORT
The results of the 2015 swimming carnival are complete. Congratulations go to the Allyn house on winning the carnival and to our talented age champions.
Age Champions
12 Years Girls – Olivia S (P)
Boys – Oliver F (A)
11 Years Girls – Alyssa I (A)
Boys – Kobi K (A)
10 Years Girls – Karli W (G)
Boys – Callum F (A)

BAND NEWS
Everyone will soon receive a fee schedule for 2015. I was waiting to check our numbers last week before we could action this. Band camp balance is due by week 5. Seniors cost is $90 (overnight) and Year 2 children will pay $60 for the day visits. As mentioned at Presentation Night last year, our newly designed band shirts have arrived. They will be worn by the children at band functions throughout the year.
The cost is $35 and I will advise you next week where and when they can be purchased. Big thanks to Debbie Payne and Wendy Bunt for organising the design and print of the shirts.

Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.
Please don’t forget to add a reference otherwise we won’t know who has paid.
Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

P&C – AGM AND TERM MEETING
Tonight is the first P&C meeting for the year. All interested people are welcome to attend. The AGM will be at 7pm with the normal meeting to follow at 7.30pm in the staffroom. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.

LIBRARY
Book Club - Due Date Friday Morning 13th February.
Orders K – 2 Ms. Johns
3 - 6 Mrs. Stien
6W - Mr. White
Please do not send Book Club to the office. Please remember to write child’s name and class on order form. Last week I received 2 orders without names. Thank you again for supporting Book Club

CArEEN
Please note that we will not have any Glee drinks in stock for this week.

Roster
Monday 9th Feb – Fiona Twyford & Sarah McDonell
Tuesday 10th Feb – Danielle Woods & Alicia Insell
Thursday 12th Feb – Fiona Renes & Alia Burrows
Friday 13th Feb – Amanda O’Callaghan, Stacey Gay, Shani Walsmsley & Leanne Fox.

UNIFORM SHOP
We hope everybody had a nice holiday break and thanks to all our returning uniform shop volunteers.
The Uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Outside of these hours order forms and payments can be left at the School Office. The orders will then be filled during the week and given to your child in class or left at the Office for you to collect.
Order forms and direct deposit details are available on the school website or at the school office.
The uniform shop is in NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015. This involves helping out on the Wednesday afternoons (2:30-3:30 pm) about 1-2 times a term. If you are able to assist please leave your name and phone number at the Office.
We are also in NEED of a UNIFORM SHOP LEADER/COORDINATOR FOR 2015 to replace Jackie B. If you could assist that would be wonderful as after 5 years the baton is ready to be passed on…. Thanks

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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