From the principal…

It was great to see the large number of parents who were able to come along to last week’s Parent Information sessions, there are just a two more to go this week for the kinder classes. A huge thank you to the staff for the time they have taken to prepare and offer the information sessions.

The next formal opportunity for a chat will be the parent/teacher interviews scheduled for the end of this term. As always, if there is anything that concerns you please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself. Feel free to ring the school and leave a message for your child’s teacher and they will get back to you.

A huge welcome and enormous thanks to those parents who took up a role on this year’s P&C team. Your generosity and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

Our P&C is still looking for someone to coordinate the Uniform Shop. This position will now be a paid position. If you are interested in applying please see the P&C note later in this newsletter.

We would like to acknowledge all the hard work that Jacqueline Bugeja has invested in the uniform shop for the last 5 years. Jackie did a great job and worked hard to put the appropriate systems in place to ensure a smooth handover to an interested person.

The book levy for all students is now due. If you are experiencing difficulty with this please contact the office or give me a ring.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

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
23/2  Zone Swimming 11.30-3pm
25/2  Zone Swimming 11.30-3pm
17/2  Vision testing for Kinder
24/2  AECG meeting 6pm Hunter Sports HS
27/2  Clean Up Australia Day for schools

NEWSLETTER
Are you interested in making sure you get the newsletter? Please send in your email address and it will be emailed to you each week. We would very much like to reduce our printing costs! Other schools have been able to change to emailed newsletters, we would love to go the same way!

AWARDS:
Gold: 1/2P-Krystal W.

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.

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 annually by the family doctor.
UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS
Thank you to those families who have been able to return the mauve Student Details forms sent home last week. If you still have it at home could you please return it as soon as possible. The forms are extremely important and we ask that they are completed and returned ASAP.

YEAR 7 2015
Hunter Sports High School has finalised its Talented Sports Program for 2016, formulated its enrolment and downloaded all the information onto its website. All students and families interested in this program can access information documents on each sport and application forms from their website www.huntersports.com.au. Information about their Open Night and an enrolment form is available from our school office.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1 – KM
Our lovely new kindy students are settling in well at Caves Beach Public School. This week they will become more responsible by not having their buddies with them at eating times. Also, Kinder will be allowed to play on the outdoor equipment for the first time. What fun!

Stage 1 – 1/2G
Week 4 already! What a very busy and productive start to 2015. Our reading groups plus our Homework start today. All students from 1/2G have their login and password for Mathletics. Please remember to fill in the reading logs for home reading. We have been enjoying our writing tasks. Here are some excerpts…..

A good friend is someone who cheers you up when you are sad.

Here is a photo of our Love Bugs we made in class.

Stage 2 - 3/4B
What a fantastic start for our class this year in 3/4B! We have been busy working on complex sentences and how to make our sentences more interesting by adding more information. Take a look at some of our great sentences below:

After lunch, the sneaky monkey was snooping around the garden because he was still hungry.

Bella T
On Friday afternoon the spotty dog walked slowly because it was too warm outside to run.

Dale G
When I woke up my spotty cheetah ran quickly outside to catch his prey.

Yvette L
This term we will also be studying different types of rock formations, how they are formed and the cycle of day and night as part of our Science unit. 3/4B has already taken a look at how Sedimentary and Igneous rocks are formed. We will have the opportunity to demonstrate these formations with ‘hands on’ activities during the next couple of weeks.

Stage 3 - 5D Breaking Wave News!
Welcome back for another great year at Caves Beach Public School. 5D are settling in very well to their new stage and new teacher! We have learned a little more about each other by creating and sharing videos called ‘Animotos’. We are getting our science unit underway by making a Voki to share. A Voki is a student created avatar that can actually speak! You will be able to see them both on our class blog so make sure the ‘Permission to Publish’ form is filled out and returned to school. Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to the information session, it was great to catch up.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Kinder Parent Information sessions this week, see below for times and days.

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SPORT
Zone Swimming Carnival
The notes for the children representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival next week have been sent home today. Good luck to our swimmers representing at Regional next week.


Congratulations also to Chloe S and Taya M who participated in the diving trials last week.

BAND NEWS
A detailed camp note will be sent home by the end of the week. This will be a hard copy as I am still waiting for a large number of people to provide their email contact. Full payment is due by the end of next week. Please let me know if you need extra time.

Band shirts have arrived and look fantastic. The cost is $35 and will be available for purchase from this week at the beginning of band practice for the next two weeks. Alternatively you can send through payment in a labelled envelope or make a direct deposit with your child’s name followed by ‘shirt’ as the reference. If using direct deposit, please print the receipt and send it to school with your child. Band Camp will be the first opportunity for your child to wear their shirt.

Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

LIBRARY
A big thank you to Mrs Bugeja for recovering our stools/chairs in the Library. They look fantastic.
CHESS CHESS CHESS
Entry is open for Chess Club! Come along to the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday morning at 9am to join the Chess Club. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to join. Parents might also like to pop in and say hello to Boe and myself whilst getting that pesky paperwork signed.

The 2015 Chess season will commence very soon so all keen players are encouraged to come along and try out for a spot in the squad. I hope to field at least 2 teams (Rookies and Knights) this year as we build up to including a Kings team in the future.

Once again we are very fortunate to have the skills and talents of Mr Kräuter to work with our young stars.

DEBATING NEWS
Try outs are coming up for a position on the Caves Beach Debating Team. I am running a little bit differently this year in that we will be having a "Train - On" squad and a "Premier's Team". The train-on squad will be made up of Year 5 students with no debating experience. These students will debate against other schools' train-ons and are entitled to a Year 6 mentor and a training day at Jewells Public School. The Premier's Team will consist solely of Year 6 students who may have had previous debating experience. Please note: A great public speaker is not necessarily a great debator and inclusion in last year's team does not guarantee a position in the Premier's Team. Watch this space for further developments! Mrs Dennis. Debating Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS
Tegan T from 3/4M won bronze at the Little Athletics Regional Championships on the weekend for under 8 girls 700 metre event. She finished a close third in 2.40 minutes. Overall she is fifth fastest in the state.

P&C
The P&C held their AGM and meeting last Monday and the following people were elected: Sam Brown (President), Natalie Hogan (Vice President) and Robyn Bartholomew as Treasurer. Thanks to the monies raised by the canteen last year the P&C were able to meet their commitment of paying for half of the library upgrade. Also, over $380 made from the sale of used clothes in the uniform shop was given to the school to contribute to resources for the Reading Recovery Program. Well done to the P&C and the P&C subcommittees for the wonderful work they did last year in assisting the school.

It was great to see a few new faces at P&C. The P&C members are aware that attending the P&C meetings might not be everyone's cup of tea or it might not be a possibility due to other commitments, however if you are interested in assisting in other ways such as Mother's and Father's Day stalls please leave your name at the office and it will be passed onto the P&C.

CANTEEN
We now have full stock of Glee drinks. We also have a different range of Pizzas on the menu, types available are Cheese and Ham and Pineapple and the price is still $2.00.

Roster
Monday 16 Feb Mandy Stead and Diahann Moore
Tuesday 17 Feb Belinda Watson and Denise Roughley
Thursday 19 Feb Rebecca Paterson and Nicole Emmanouel
Friday 20 Feb Michelle Coutts, Kiani Kingston, Nicole Owens and Denise McKenzie

SCHOOL BANKING
Student banking will officially start this Thursday. Please note the change of day from Friday to Thursday. If anyone is interested in banking you just need to open an account at the Commonwealth Bank. There are lots of great rewards to earn.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform Shop Coordinator - Paid Position
The P&C are happy to announce that following a vote among members at the recent P&C Meeting the Uniform Shop will remain as part of the school community.

Following on from this - the Uniform Shop Coordinator/Supervisor will become a paid position. We formally thank Jacqueline Bugeja for her time and outstanding commitment in fulfilling this role voluntarily for the last 5 years.

The Uniform Shop aims to serve and accommodate our school community with their uniform requirements in a friendly and helpful manner. With a paid coordinator/supervisor position we aim to increase the opening hours and streamline the operations.

Consequently, the P&C is seeking expressions of interest for the Uniform Shop coordinator/supervisor position for 2015 - 4 hours per fortnight. This position is suited to a person with good communication and people skills, an understanding and commitment to supporting the needs of parents/carers and students of our school community, good organisational skills and some flexibility with working times. A specific statement of duties is available at the Office.

If you are interested – please email or leave an application (by way of a letter) for Mrs Denise Rispen (email cavesbeach-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Please note appointment to this position is dependent upon satisfactory completion of a Working with Children Check. Position information is available from the office.

Applications close: Monday 2nd March 2015

COMMUNITY NOTICES
MYTIME – supporting parents of children with disabilities or chronic medical condition
Mytime groups provide local support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition. Parents can socialize and share ideas with others who understand the rewards and intensity of the caring role.

For further information please contact Nicole Barnett 0411191298 or email andrewnic1@bigpond.com

WARNERS BAY JUNIOR AFL CLUB
Feighan Oval, Seaman Ave Warners Bay
2015 Registration Dates at Feighan Oval
Tuesday 17th February 4.30pm – 6.30pm
NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
Juniors - 9 Years to 17 Years
$160 for 1st child (includes $20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)
$150 for 2nd child (includes $20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)
$140 for 3rd child (includes $20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)
New Players receive a Club Polo in place of the Voucher
Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years
$60 (includes Shorts & Socks)
Register On-Line – www.warnersbay.org.au

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