From the principal...

Our school is a great school however our parking issue, which we try to manage as best we can, remains an ongoing issue. I ask for your patience, consideration and courtesy to other drivers when you pick up your children. Here are a couple of points that would help to ease everyone’s problems: Please

- Do not park in the school grounds (and that includes up in the car park near our garbage bins – that is an out of bounds area for your child, even if they are with their parents);
- Do not leave your car if you are parked on the school side of the road and move forward into the space in front of you even if your are just about to pick up your child or trying to get out into the traffic;
- Do not park on the grass near the pedestrian crossing.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Good luck to all our students participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival this week.

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
25/2 Zone Swimming 11.30-3pm
24/2 AECG meeting 6pm Hunter Sports HS
25/2 School Council meeting 7pm
27/2 Clean Up Australia Day for schools

AWARDS:

NEWSLETTER
Please send in your email address so we can email you the newsletter!

3 THINGS CURRENTLY DUE AT SCHOOL:
1. BOOK LEVY
This Work Book levy ($60 for K-5) 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. Year 6 - a Year 6 t-shirt ($35), GRIP Leadership Day ($45- early Term 2) and the levy = $140. If you are experiencing difficulties with this, please let the office or myself know.

2. 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.

3. UPDATED 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.

PHONE APP AND SCHOOL WEBSITE
For our new families - a reminder that we have a school app for your phone that can help you keep up with school news. You are able to access the newsletter and website via this app. Go into the app store and download the Caves Beach Public School app. There are currently 173 families who have downloaded the app. For new and old users, please make sure you have enabled push notifications so you can receive messages that are sent out from school. Just in case your app is playing up, don’t forget that you have to keep your phone operating systems up to date.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten attended their first whole school assembly last Friday. They displayed their best manners and enjoyed the Year 6 item. As mentioned in the information sessions, all parents are welcome to assist with reading groups.

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from this week. Contact your teacher for times. Last week the children had fun learning about how things move. We discovered some deep thinkers and others who were excited to share their ideas. We will continue our science lessons every Thursday afternoon.

**Stage 1 - 1/2L** has happily settled into the year with their new friend 'Lesedi' the travelling rhino. Lesedi has travelled throughout Australia and New Zealand to bring the plight of the rhinos to the attention of the world. There are only FIVE species of rhino left in the world and all five species are endangered and/or facing extinction. 1/2L has been raising awareness throughout their local community by taking Lesedi and her travel diary into their family homes and to after school activities, taking photos of her adventures along the way. Within the classroom, students have been discussing the importance of making a difference in the world and proudly created “Save the Rhinos” posters to spread the word throughout our school community.

**Stage 2 – 3/4M**

We are off to a great start to the year. Our current Science unit on Rocks is very interesting. The children have learnt about sedimentary and igneous rocks. This week we will be making a class model on the formation of the sedimentary rocks. You could say that 3/4M is rockin’.

**Stage 3 – 6E**

It has been all systems go in Year 6 for the last few weeks practising for our items and performing them for the assembly. In Maths we have been looking at Multiplication and division problems and working on how to develop strategies to solve problems in real life scenarios such as cable length measuring and floor covering quotes. In Literacy we have written our school raps that will be presented to the rest of Year 6 this week and we have also worked hard on writing “Power Sentences” to make our writing richer. We have some sample sizes for our Year 6 shirts that we will be trying on this week so we can order the right sizes. Make sure you have paid for your orders so when we are ready we can get the shirts as soon as possible.

**From the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) – Mrs Coughtrie**

Welcome back. It is now Week 5 and all children have settled into their new classes. As part of the *What’s New in the Classroom* section, here is an outline of the LaST program available in our school in 2015.

This year I am mostly working in class with the classroom teacher, though occasionally this may involve withdrawing a group to review work or provide extra practise of a specific skill.

My primary focus this Term is Stage 2. Each Stage 2 class has three sessions per week in which we are specifically targeting writing skills and reinforcing reading strategies for accessing text.

One session will be Numeracy which will allow classroom teachers to spend more time with specific groups of students in either extension or revision activities. I will also be supporting in class both Year 5 classes, with Literacy and Numeracy.

Stage 1 also has time allocated for Literacy sessions with the only withdrawal group coming from Year 2. These students should have brought a note home last Friday outlining this support. Stage 1 students also benefit from extra support, in the form of withdrawal for three 40 minute sessions per week. These are run by Mrs Kerry Stoker. Students involved were also given a note last week explaining the program.

**Reading Recovery** is running again this year for our Year 1 students. This involves half an hour every day one to one for approximately 20 weeks. These students have already started.

**AECG**

Tomorrow at is the first meeting of the year for the Minimbah AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group). The meeting will be held at Hunter Sports High School at 6pm, all welcome.

**SPORT**

Congratulations to Kaylee D & Kayne G for their outstanding performances at the Regional Little Athletics Championships last weekend. Kaylee won GOLD in both 800m & 1500m events and Kayne won GOLD in both Discus & Shot-put. Kayne also broke the Regional Record in Discus. They will now compete at the State Championships next month at Homebush. Zone swimming today and Wednesday. Good luck to all our swimmers.

**BAND NEWS**

Excitement continues to build as Glenrockin’ approaches. Full payment is due by the end of the week. A note detailing all arrangements will go home this week. A reminder to parents to please be cautious when dropping your child off to band. It is safest to drop off on the same side as the pedestrian gate, and not to let them out in the car park. The car park is not to be used due to safety reasons. Thanks for your cooperation with this ongoing issue.

Our new band shirts look fantastic! Your child will receive their shirt when the $35 or the receipt from a direct debit transaction has been received. If the size is not right I can swap it. Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319. Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

Caves Beach Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4
SCHOOL COUNCIL
The School council is made up of parents, staff and community members and the School Principal. We meet 5 times each year to discuss financial, policy issues and parental/community concerns affecting the school. The next meeting will be held this Wednesday February 25th at 7 pm in the staff room. It would be wonderful to see some new faces attend.

Our current School Council members following the AGM last November are: Kelsey Scott (President), Mrs Denise Rispen (Principal), Kate Griffiths (Secretary), parents: Kiri Mathieson and Bernard Goldman, staff: Greg Manning and Karina Pengelly. We would like to acknowledge the previous President Bradley Gabb, Community Member Brendan Curran and staff members Helen Sandall and Karina Pengelly for their valuable contribution to the school council over many years.

If you have any issues that you would like discussed at the School Council then you can leave a message for the School Council members at the Office or you can contact a member directly. Thank you – Kelsey Scott

CANTEEN
Roster
Monday 23 Feb  Georgie Piper and Belinda Puttergill
Tuesday 24 Feb  Kristy Jackson and Rebecca Pead
Thursday 26 Feb  Mel McSpadden and Jo Corbett
Friday 27 Feb  Jo Mazzitello, Alicia Drain, Denise McKenzie and Sonia Fred

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform Shop Coordinator - Paid Position
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 apply in writing (approx. 1 page) to Mrs Denise Rispen (email cavesbeach-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) outlining the experience you have that support your suitability for this position. 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
COASTAL VALLEYS REGION GIRL GUIDES
Come and Try Guides – 1st March
Gwandalan Reserve, Kowoong Rd
10 am to 1 pm
Welcoming girls aged 6-17 years
Leadership development opportunities for women 18+

Guides enjoy a challenging and fun program of indoor & outdoor activities – Leadership, life skills, games, craft, cooking, camping, travel, community awareness and involvement.

For information on the location and available meetings in your area contact:
Region Membership Advisor …
helenEG2@live.com.au
Visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Girl Guides
Our Mission: to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members.

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