From the principal…

This Thursday night is the first disco for 2015 and will be coordinated by the Year 6 students and teachers to raise funds for Student Parliament. The K-2 children are invited along to participate from 5.30 - 6.30pm then children in Years 3 – 6 are invited to participate from 6.45 – 8pm. To assist with the parking issue, a staff member will be at the gate from 5.15 – 5.30 and from 6.30 – 6.45pm so parents can drop their children off and keep going without getting out of the car. If you are able to share the drop off and pick up between families, it will certainly help the parking issue.

During the last two weeks of this term (23/3-2/4) K-6 teachers will be offering times for parent/teacher interviews. To organise your own time follow the instructions later in this newsletter on how to book a time. Please organise your times as soon as you can. The booking option for an interview will close on Friday 20th March at 3pm.

A great effort by our students last Friday during our Clean Up Australia afternoon. This hands on activity is the practical part of the Environmental Education discussions that occur in our classrooms.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
Focus on Reading Workshop – Miss Bell, Mrs Tukavkin and Mrs McLaren

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings  8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons  2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS
10/3  Debating workshop
12/3  School disco K-2 5.30-6.30 Years 3-6 6.45-8pm
13/3  School Cross Country
16/3  P&C meeting 7pm
19-20/3  Band Camp
23/3-2/4  Parent/teacher interviews
25/3  T-Ball Gala Day
2/4  Easter Hat Parade & P&C raffle draw

AWARDS:
Gold:  3/4S-Elva M.  6E-Olivia S.
Merit Awards:  KM: Sweeney A, Rafferty V.  KT: Layla S, Isaac D.

INFORMATION CURRENTLY DUE AT SCHOOL:
1. BOOK LEVY ($60 K-5 and $140 Year 6)
2. ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA ACTION PLANS (from your doctor)
3. UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS (mauve sheet)
4. EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS payment
5. CHOCOLATES for the P&C raffle

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our online booking option to book an interview with your child’s teacher is now open. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type the letters 8GPRR into the school event code box and hit go. Follow the instructions and your time is booked. You will only see the times that are available. Once a parent books a time it is not offered as an option to anyone else. If you are unable to access the internet at home there is a computer in the office that you can use to book your time. Otherwise please contact the office.

DISCO
On Thursday 12th March night there will be a school disco organised by Student Parliament and supervised by staff. Cost of entry will be $6 for each student.

K-2 students will be ‘discoing’ from 5.30-6.30pm and the Years 3-6 will be ‘discoing’ from 6.45-8pm. There is a note accompanying this newsletter with all the details.

RIDING / WALKING
Stage 2 & 3 Riding / ES1 Stage 1 Walking. The purpose of this day is to show the school communities that riding and walking to school is easy, fun but SAFE, when we use all the rules we have learnt about keeping safe and happy on / or near roads.
UNIVERSITY OF NSW – EXTERNAL TESTS
The opportunity to participate in these tests is offered to students in Years 2-6. Participation is voluntary and each test has an entry fee. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the tear off form below and return to school with correct money for entry fees.
Entries close this Thursday 2nd April. This is the closing date for these tests and cannot be extended.

University of NSW – External Tests – ENTRY FORM
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P&C - EASTER RAFFLE
The P&C will again be holding an Easter Egg Raffle that is drawn on the day of the Easter Hat Parade. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and baskets to support this raffle which can be placed in a basket that is in the front of the office. This always a fun and successful raffle and the tickets will be sent home next week.

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

PHONE APP
Have you downloaded the phone app yet?
Did you know our mobile app will let you add events instantly to your calendar? Just click on the event and look for the + sign in the top right hand corner. Press the + and the Event is automatically added to your phone’s calendar. You can then set reminders for yourself. Some phone models may not allow this feature.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1 –KM
Kindergarten is learning about the letters ‘f’ and ‘i’ this week. We will be doing some cool craft activities making fingerprint insects and patty cake fish. Kindergarten is enjoying cutting, pasting and writing our ‘secret sentences’ each day.

Stage 1 –1/2M
1/2M has had a wonderful start to the year. We have been learning to use imaginative descriptions to improve our writing and had fun creating descriptive little Monsters. We learnt all about shapes and created tessellation patterns in Mathematics. All children have settled into their Literacy groups and are working extremely well.

Stage 2 – 3/4P
I can’t believe it is Week 7 already. This week is our turn to run the school assembly. We hope you can come along and see our performance. It will be a big day on Friday as it is our cross country carnival in the morning so we are hoping everyone is not too tired to enjoy our item. In English, we are studying characterisation in imaginative texts. We have been looking at a variety of books to see how authors build interesting characters in their stories. We have looked at the importance of dialogue, visuals and how characters think and act in a story. We are also developing our writing skills by learning to brainstorm, discuss and plan our thoughts before we actually begin our own writing. Introductions have also been a focus in our room. We have learnt 5 different techniques to begin our stories and hopefully hook our readers from the outset! In art, we are studying some famous rock formations which have been created through weathering over millions of years. Here are a couple of “The Twelve Apostles” masterpieces….

Stage 3 – 6W - Cheese Rap

I like my cheese
Don’t take it away please,
I like Gouda and cheddar
There ain’t nothing better
I aint takin’
Your awful bacon
Bow down to your knees for your beautiful cheese.
I'm begging your mama
Will you please
Make me a pasta
With ham and cheese.
I ain't takin’
Your awful bacon
Bow down to your knees
For your beautiful cheese.
So I'll go to the pizza shop
And ask my pop
"Hey, Give me a pizza with cheese on top!"
" We only got pizza with bacon and cheese
So say what you want or get out please"
I ain't takin’
Your awful bacon
Bow down to your knees
For your beautiful cheese.

By Kristian, Shayden, Haydn
SPORT
Cross Country
For students 8 years and older - Friday 13th March 2015 9.30am start. Parents welcome to attend. (Please be aware the access road to the school will be blocked off at the crossing from 9.20am for all incoming and outgoing vehicles)

Congratulations to Alyssa I and Callum F who will be representing Hunter in NSW PSSA swimming titles. Well done to our other swimmers who performed well at zone.

BAND NEWS
Senior Band is still a tuning their performance before they make their debut at Friday assembly soon. As there are now 37 members, it is taking a little longer to perfect their sound. Mrs Scott and the children are working hard to learn the National Anthem, School Song and another new song which everyone will enjoy. We look forward to hearing them very soon.
Band Camp is next week!! We are all extremely excited and are just waiting for some permission notes and final payments to be made. I will meet with the children before camp to discuss the cabin arrangements and the itinerary for the 2 days.

Reeds are available at the office for $3.50 ea. Please remember to add a reference when direct debiting. Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

LIBRARY
Last day for Book Club Friday 13th March 2015.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
KARATE-DO GoJu-Ryu style
for children & families at Caves Beach PS Hall.
Tiger Class (5-8 year olds) Friday 4.15-5pm
Eagle Class (9-15 year old) on Tuesday & Friday 5-6 pm.
Curriculums: Respect & discipline; fun & exciting karate; confidence & friendship; encouragement to achieve.
**1st week of training FREE**
Call Sensei David now 0414 235 447

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The Esplanade Swansea (next to Rugby grounds)
Ages 6-8
Ph: Liz after 3.30pm 0447 403 535

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES
Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2014

- STOPPING
  Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
  Meaning: $415 + 2 Demerit Points

- DOUBLE PARKING
  You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
  Meaning: $311 + 2 Demerit Points

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