From the principal….

My sincere apologies… last week when I placed the information about parent teacher interviews in the newsletter, I included the wrong code in the instructions on how to make your booking. We did send out the correct information on Tuesday, but again my apologies. The correct code is in this week’s newsletter.

Have you looked at our vegie gardens and rainforest lately? They are looking fantastic due to the enormous amount of time and effort put in by our garden fairies! There are little low maintenance garden beds popping up everywhere - near the front gate, the garden bed at the top of the stairs near the Stage 2 assembly area, even a weed free garden outside the library full of flowering autumn crocuses and the ever changing beds outside the canteen.

Our garden fairies are one of our parents, Mrs Burrows, and one of our grandparents, Mrs Piper, supported by, Mr Paul Lane, the TAFE teacher from Swansea High School, and a group of boys from Swansea High School studying horticulture. We are deeply grateful for the imagination, dedication, hard work and enthusiasm that is demonstrated by Mrs Burrows and her team of workers! If any parents or grandparents would like to assist please don’t hesitate to contact the office and we will pass your name onto Mrs Burrows! Mrs Burrows also works with small groups of children to show them the wonders of the vegie gardens.

We are always grateful for any of the time that parents are able to give to support our students, whether it is in the classrooms, canteen, uniform shop, P&C, School Council or gardens.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

In order to update our records, we sent home last week a new Permission to Publish form, which parents only had to return if they DID NOT want to give their permission. To allay some concerns, this permission allows us to take photos of events at school that we may use for things such as the newsletter, website, Annual School Report or class display boards, any of which are not labelled with your child’s name. If you have any concerns re this permission please contact me.

Have you ever noticed how many children’s movies are PG? While we don’t use movies very often, visual literacy and multi modal texts are now a huge part of the new English syllabus and as such we thought it easier if we asked parents to sign one permission note rather than trying to chase up permission notes every time a lesson using this media as an example on one may be scheduled.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PHONE APP

Over the last twelve months, our school phone app has been advertised in the newsletter and we hope this access to school information has been helpful for parents. However, from the school operational side, it has been difficult to manage. As a result of our investigations into other apps, which highlighted improved options for home/school communications, we have decided to change providers and as such we have commissioned the development of a new app through a company called Skoolbag. Unbeknownst to us, when we commissioned a trial, the trial went live.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could download this app and delete the old one from your phone so there is no confusion. We understand it is a pain for you to change however, the new app offers a range of new features which will make communicating easier. Thank you for your understanding.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

As a result of parent and staff feedback, this year we are replacing the 'Assembly of Excellence' and the 'Gold Morning Tea' with a combined 'Celebration Assembly'. During the first section of the assembly a teacher will present one child from their class a certificate to acknowledge their special talent in any area. This could include sportsmanship, academia etc.

The second section of the assembly will be a presentation of a medallion to our Gold Award recipients. Throughout the assembly there will be performances by the band and other talented members of our school. We believe this will be a special recognition of our children as they strive to succeed in all areas. The assembly will be held on Friday 27th March at 12.15pm. All family and friends are welcome to join in our celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Malachi G competed in his first State Spearfishing Competition last weekend with his Dad and older brothers. It was a two day competition with a minimum of 5-6 hours in the water each day. Malachi came 2nd in the Sub-Junior section.

The family also bumped into Mrs Gardiner who was travelling with friends and were able to give them fresh fish for dinner on the Saturday night.

Congratulations to Kayne G who represented the Zone at the PSSA Regional Basketball Trials on Friday. Kayne made it into the Possibles & Probables Team, but unfortunately did not make the final cut to go to the State Championships.

NEWSLETTER

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

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 Thursday 2nd April. This is the closing date for these tests and cannot be extended.

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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. Donations can be placed in a basket which is located in the foyer of the office. This is always a fun and successful raffle and the tickets will be sent home next week.

For our new families, all the donated eggs, are bundled up into lots of different sized prizes and at the end of the Easter Hat Parade, to which families are invited, the prizes are drawn. With lots of donations, there are automatically lots of winners and lots of money raised which goes back to the school to support facilities for all students.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1 – KT

This week’s sounds are ‘r’ and ‘b’ and Kindergarten has been progressing well with their sight words. Please continue to consolidate these words as a part of your nightly reading routine. 10 minutes of reading a night makes a HUGE difference. KT would love some parent helpers for reading groups each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 - 10.20.

During maths we have been discovering and creating patterns using various shapes and colours. Last week in visual arts, we made a beautiful fishbowl painting to represent the sound ‘f’. Parents are welcome to drop into the classroom to take a look at these pictures and other lovely work. We are looking forward to creating our Easter hat with our buddies for the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term.

Stage 1 – 1/2Z

1/2Z has been having an absolute blast this term! We are learning all about ‘friendships’ in our English studies and how we can build positive relationships with those around us. Our writing is going from strength to strength – letters, diary entries, descriptions, even play scripts!

Recently each child performed a puppet show for the rest of the class that incorporated different expressions and voice overs. Jai O, Ava K, Connor P and Kye R had us all in stitches, as they entertained the whole class with their genius storylines.

In maths we have learnt about 2D shapes and even built some small scale buildings using 2D and 3D shapes. Do you like them? What shapes can you see?
**Stage 2 – 3/4B**

A part of our science unit, 3/4B have been exploring Australian natural landscapes that have been caused by weathering and erosion. We have created some fantastic artworks of Uluru and are just putting the finishing touches on our Wave Rock sketches, focusing on line, shading and texture. We have also been studying the causes and effects of erosion and are going to do some ‘hands on’ experiments to demonstrate what this would look like in action. Visit [www.cbpsstage2.weebly.com](http://www.cbpsstage2.weebly.com) Blog for photos and updated spelling lists.

**Stage 3 – 5D**

5D cannot believe how quickly Term One is zooming by. It is already Week 8 which means it’s time for our speeches to be presented to the class. With our topic set as ‘Free Choice’ Mrs D is looking forward to seeing and listening to a vast array of fascinating speeches. We have had great fun in science building circuits and making switches. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to watch our assembly. Ryan and Grace were so professional and handled themselves really well. Our ‘Balloon Danube’ was a great success too. Even though some technical difficulties interrupted the flow, the audience just loved it with many people asking us to do an encore performance at another time!

**SPORT**

Unfortunately the weather forced the school cross country to be rescheduled to Tuesday 24th March. Well done to all our zone trialists in girls and boys soccer and rugby league. Special congratulations to Chloe S, Ruby J and Travers R who have progressed to regional trials.

**BAND NEWS**

Glenrockin’ here we come!! A carpool note will be sent home this week which will include a last minute checklist of equipment needed and the starting and finishing times for the 2 days. Please download Caves Beach Public School Skoolbag onto your smart phone (in the app store) and turn the ‘band’ button on for notifications.

This will allow the school to send messages at short notice and also to send communication through from band camp (maybe a picture or two).

Bunnings have kindly offered us the opportunity to host the barbecue for their annual Easter Family Fun Night for the third year in a row. This is scheduled for next Thursday night (26/3) from 6pm at Bunnings Belmont with the profit going towards updating a few older instruments.

All members of the public are welcome to enjoy a night of fun and games including an Easter egg hunt, magicians, face painting and a jumping castle followed by a free sausage sizzle and drink for the children. The children do not play at this event.

We need at least 8 helpers for the night to transport food, drinks, ice, cook, serve and clean up. Even if you can only help for an hour it would be appreciated. Please leave a message at the school for me or let me know if you are able to assist. Please remember to add a reference when direct debiting.

**LIBRARY**


**CANTENE**

Please note that we will no longer be selling Focus Water, due to our suppliers no longer stocking them.

**Urgent, volunteer needed for a Monday position.** If you can spare 1 day every 4 weeks please give me a call on 0400006373.

**Roster**

- **Monday 16 March** - Diahann Moore and Mandy Stead
- **Tuesday 17 March** - Belinda Watson and Denise Roughley
- **Thursday 19 March** - Rebecca Paterson and Nicole Emanuel
- **Friday 20 March** - Michelle Coutts, Nicole Owens, Denise McKenzie, Kristy Kaslik and Keni-Lyn Janiszewski

Thank you

Jackie B

**HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

A reminder to all parents and carers in regards to tomorrow 17th March. Between 2pm - 3pm in the Library our Free “Lunch Box” session will be held explaining simple ways to get the whole family eating better. All are welcome. Please ring the office if you are a late registration.

**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.

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