From the principal…

On Friday I had the opportunity to go along to our Band Camp to listen to the band sectionals, share the lunch, chat to the students and marvel at the exciting atmosphere in the camp. What an amazing experience for the students, teachers and parents who were there to help. There were many scratchy, tired eyes (parents and teachers), amazing musical pieces being played (eg Happy and Sweet Caroline) and enthusiastic conversations between the students about how much they were getting out of the camp.

A huge thank you to Mrs Thurston for the hours of work that she puts into the band every week and to the group of parents who are always there to support her and the students – Band Camp was fantastic! Congratulations! Amazing children!

This week is the first of our Celebration Assemblies for the year. For our ‘old’ parents, this will replace and combine the Assembly of Excellence and the Gold Award morning teas which was explained in last week’s newsletter.

Our school’s Cross Country event is now scheduled for **TOMORROW, 24th March**. Originally we rescheduled this for this Friday but because of clashes with Regional sports commitments, the T-ball Gala Day and our Celebration Assembly, we will hold it **tomorrow**.

Please note the important information about the change to our school app included in both last week and this week’s newsletter. We are sorry that parents have to change the app, but we have found the old one more difficult to manage than this new Skoolbag app. If you are experiencing difficulty please don’t hesitate to drop in and perhaps we will be able to help.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

**Denise Rispen**
Principal

**ASSEMBLY** - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 9</th>
<th>Week 10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Celebration Assembly</td>
<td>Easter Hat Parade</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TERM 2 – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

The first day of term 2 (20th April) is a School Development Day - **STAFF ONLY. School resumes for students on TUESDAY 21st APRIL**.

The focus for our School Development Day next term will be a 3 hour workshop with the schools in our Galgabba Group of schools (LMG) - Pelican, Nords Wharf, Blacksmiths, Swansea and Marks Point Public Schools on the teaching of spelling. The rest of the day will be spent examining the new Professional Development Framework - a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Communities and the Teachers’ Federation to support the accreditation of teachers in our schools.

**GATE CLOSURE TIMES**

- **Mornings** 8.45 – 9.30
- **Afternoons** 2.30 – 3.15

**COMING EVENTS**

- **23/3-2/4** Parent/teacher interviews
- **24/3** Cross Country
- **25/3** T-Ball Gala Day
- **2/4** Easter Hat Parade 2pm & P&C raffle draw - last day Term 1
- **20/4** School Development Day - **STAFF ONLY**
- **21/4** Term 2 begins - students return to school

**AWARDS:**

- **Gold:** 1/2P-Shelly O. 5W-India L.

**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
6. **PERMISSION TO PUBLISH** form
7. **PG movie permission**
8. **Easter Raffle Tickets** P&C raffle
These payments are now overdue. There is approximately $6000 in payments still outstanding and we would like to be able to finalise all invoices by the end of the term. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact us.

Harmony Day

Wednesday is Harmony Day at Caves Beach Public School. All children are invited to wear orange and participate in activities to raise awareness of being tolerant towards others.

Boardies Day

Our Student Parliament will be holding their first fundraiser for the year on Thursday March, 26. Boardies Day is aimed at raising money to support Surf Lifesaving Australia, a cause close to our hearts. We encourage all students to wear their boardies and school shirts to school on Thursday and bring a gold coin donation. Normal school shoes are a must.

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.

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 so if you have sold the tickets that were sent home last week, please feel free to grab another book from the office to sell!

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.

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.

University of NSW – External Tests – Entry Form

Name: ________________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Class: ____________________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Digital Technologies</td>
<td>$8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>$8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writing</td>
<td>$17</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spelling</td>
<td>$11</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>$8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>$8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What’s New in the Classrooms

Early Stage 1 – KM

Easter! Easter! Easter! Yes Kindergarten will be getting ready for Easter this week. We will be doing lots of craft, singing songs, reading stories and of course making our Easter hats in preparation for the Easter Hat Parade next week. Let’s celebrate and enjoy this special time of year.

Stage 1 – 1/2G

As part of our HSIE unit “Past and Present: Family life”, 1/2G have been exploring the differences between life today and life in earlier times. Students have particularly enjoyed finding out about differences in transport – and toys! We have been practising using careful observation to notice details of the differences between then and now, and from these have created some fantastic descriptions. Parents are welcome to drop in to the classroom and have a look at the wonderful writing that 1/2G have been doing, as well as our informative “the way we were” display.

This week we are looking forward to making a start on our Easter hats, and have been working hard at practising a special song that we will be performing for all families and friends who attend the Easter hat parade on the last day of term.

While Mrs Gilbert is spending some time with her family till the end of the term and for the first few weeks of Term 2, Mrs Kirsty Nash will be teaching 1/2G. Please feel free to drop in to say hello, or share with her any information about your 1/2G student. As previously notified, the parent/teacher interviews for 1/2G will be held after Mrs Gilbert returns, from week 3 of Term 2.

Stage 2 – 3/4M

The Students in 3/4M are working very well. In Maths we have been writing on 2 aspects of measurement – length, identifies the content unit on measurement and – attributes of 2D shapes. We have also been studying fractions and decimals. In Science we have been building our understanding of Uluru - how and when it was found, it’s age and dimensions. We thoroughly enjoyed performing Raining on the Rock for the school assembly.

Stage 2 parents please return expression of interest for the Blue Mountains Excursion by this Friday 27th March.

Stage 3 – 6E

It has been fantastic listening to all the speeches in Year 6 over the last week and we look forward to hearing the next round this week to finish them off for the term. It has been a pleasure to listen to the
students who clearly have prepared and learned their speech as it really makes a difference to their content and delivery. Well done to everyone who has put in a lot of work.

In Maths we have been looking at Area and fractions. We measured out a hectare on the oval and have talked about different areas that might fit inside a hectare and why we need different units of measurement for various things.

In Literacy we have finished reading the book ‘Holes’ and are looking forward to comparing the text and digital versions of the story and analyse the pros and cons of both.

SPORT
Congratulations to Kaylee D and Kayne G for their outstanding performances at the State Little Athletics Championships held on the weekend at Homebush. Kaylee came 5th in the 1500m & 7th in the 800m events. Kayne won a Bronze medal in Shot-put and became State Champion in Discus. A great effort by both of you.

BAND NEWS
It is hard to put into so few words the amazing time we had at Glenrockin’ - Band Camp last Thursday and Friday at Glenrock Lagoon with sixty four band members in total (50 overnighters and 14 daytrippers). Nords Wharf School Band combined with our children for 2 days of intensive tutoring and lots of fun in-between. We were all blown away by the band’s performance on Friday afternoon. The parents could not believe their ears as they listened and watched their talented children perform. The children displayed patience, resilience, good behaviour and lovely manners.

I would like to thank the following people who helped to provide this amazing opportunity for your kids - Dea Freebody and Kim Surman (head caterers), Jo Mazzitello (catering and night patrol) Jane Gabb, Rebecca Webster, Benita Oglivie and Caroline Brown. A huge thank you also to Mrs Scott, for all of her preparation before and during camp (including night patrol). Thanks to all the helpers who transported equipment and instruments to and from the camp. Also thanks to the teacher, parents and kids from Nords Wharf. The biggest thank you is to all the parents for giving your child the gift of music so they can participate in all of these wonderful, morale boosting events. Each child will receive a CD with lots of photos from camp. Hopefully this will be ready by the end of term.

Easter Family Fun Night
Bunnings Belmont is holding their annual Easter Family Fun Night this Thursday night from 6 - 8pm. The whole school is invited to this FREE event which includes Easter craft, face painting, a jumping castle, entertainers and an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny. The band committee will be running the barbeque (for the third year in a row) where each child receives a free sausage sizzle and drink (adults can purchase one also). Bunning will donate money from each sausage sandwich we give away or sell. This will allow the band to begin to replace some of our old, high maintenance instruments.

Many thanks to those band parents who have offered assistance, however more help is still needed from 5.30pm. This is always a fantastic night for the students so please come along if you can.

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
Premiers Reading Challenge is now online.
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/

CANTEEN
Please note that we will no longer be selling Focus Water's and cookies.

Monday 23rd March  Mel McSpadden & Sally Hunton
Tuesday 24th March  Mel McSpadden & Rebecca Pead
Thursday 26th March  Brett Hedley & Jo Corbett
Friday 27th March  Jo Mazzitello, Alicia Drain, Denise McKenzie & Sonia Fred

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ASTHMA FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA
JUST A REMINDER OF THE GREAT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR EVERYBODY WITH ASTHMA OR ANYONE WHO LOOKS AFTER SOMEONE WITH ASTHMA.

1) Asthma Assist Registration - Available to anyone with Asthma or anyone who looks after someone with Asthma. Gives them the opportunity to receive 1) A phone call from an Asthma Educator 2) E - newsletter 3) Asthma Update magazine 3) Asthma control pack. They can tick all 4 boxes or just 1.

2) Asthma Wallet Card Registration - Available to anyone with Asthma. They will receive a FREE Asthma Wallet Card and Asthma Control Pack. Asthma wallet card to be carried on them at all times. If they start to have signs and symptoms of having an Asthma attack they pull the card out and emergency contact details are on the back.

Information regarding these services are available online from the Asthma Foundation.

FREE CONCERT IN SYDNEY TO COMMEMORATE THE FREEDOM RIDE ON FRIDAY, 20 MARCH
The University of Sydney in partnership with NSWALC and the Charlie Perkins Trust will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Ride with a free concert in Sydney. This ‘FREE’ concert will feature Paul Kelly, Troy Cassar-Daley and other well-known special guests.

WHEN: 7pm-10pm, Friday 20 March
WHERE: University of Sydney campus, on the Front Lawns at University Place.

Bring your family, take a picnic basket and enjoy the show. Original Freedom Riders and people involved and affected by the historic event will also share their stories on the night.

The Freedom Ride was a pivotal moment in our history and changed people’s lives in many ways. To find out more about the history of the Freedom Ride and its legacy, read our fact sheet at http://www.alc.org.au/media/95607/freedom_ride_50th_anniversary.pdf

The concert is a dry event - no glass or alcohol is permitted. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. For more information visit www.facebook.com/freedom/de50th or www.sydney.edu.au/freedomride. Check out NSWALC’s images from the Freedom Ride events in Dubbo, Walgett, Moree, Bourraville and Kempsey at www.facebook.com.au/nswalc/photos_stream

Disclaimer: The advertisements included in the schools newsletter should in no way be considered as recommendations by this school. Any advertising fees paid, help to offset printing costs.
Swansea Accounting & Tax
Public Accountant
www.swanseatax.com.au
TAX RETURNS
(02) 4971 5150
Office 6, Level 1, 172 Pacific Hwy, Swansea NSW 2281
(Above the AMCAL Pharmacy)

TMP Dance Studios
www.tmpdancestudios.com.au
Ph - 0412982919
info@tmpdancestudios.com.au
ENROL NOW FOR 2015!
CLASSICAL RAD /
JAZZFUNK /
STREET HIP HOP /
LADIES CLASSES /
CONTEMPORARY /
PRE-SCHOOL /
STRETCH/TONE /
LOCATIONS: CAVES BEACH, SWANSEA, WALLSEND

Caves Beach Pharmacy
T. 4972 0795
F. 4972 0977
Shop 4, 64 Caves Beach Road

ONE VISION
ONE DREAM
ONE NAME
ONE AGENCY
EASTLAKES
0414 840 699 or 4971 6000

KIDS PARTIES WELCOME
7 MAWSON CLOSE, CAVES BEACH. PH 4980 9999
www.cavesbeachsidehotel.com.au

CAVES BEACH UPHOLSTERY
TONNOS’N’STUFF
Tonneau Covers and Accessories
Cars | Boats | Caravans | Small Furniture & Repairs
3 Ironwood Close Caves Beach NSW 2281
40+ Years Experience
Contact DAVE 0414 576 881 or DAN 4972 2050

need a printer that understands your marketing goals?
call our design & print consultants to help bring your ideas to life
1800 245 077
art@austnews.com.au

Ray’s Maths Tutoring
Teacher with 30 Years Experience
Excellent Results - Years 1 to 8
Specialising in Naplan and Selective School Entrance Exam Preparation
Phone: 0421 987 022 Email: ray99903@gmail.com

HAIR & BEAUTY
HAIR • MAKE UP • NAILS • WAXING • TINTING • TANNING • EXTENSIONS
Shop 196B Pacific Hwy, Swansea 2281
(Next door to Swansea Hotel)
02 4971 3260
Find us on Facebook

Swansea Dental Practice
Dr Scott Speirs & Associates
Special interest in children’s dentistry
Orthodontics/Braces
Swansea’s Only Quality & Safety Accredited Practice
Phone: 4971 1432

Swansea Physiotherapy and Yoga
Experienced physiotherapists specialising in
manipulative therapy and sports injuries
Certified yoga teachers with classes to suit everyone
Massage and Pilates also available
1 Wood St, Swansea
ph: 4971 3541

Printed January 2015

These advertisers support us, please support them: