From the principal…

After ten weeks we still have some forms and monies outstanding. The mauve Pupil Information sheets and the Asthma/anaphylaxis action plans are requested for students’ safety. Please help us to keep your child safe by returning these forms. Another copy of the mauve sheets will be sent home this week to families who still have not returned their forms. The Action plans must be completed by the family doctor.

We would also deeply appreciate any book levies that are unpaid being finalised by the end of the term.

Hard to believe the term is almost at an end, the last ten weeks seem to have flown. As always it has been a busy but productive term and we look forward to seeing all our happy faces back again next term.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, enjoy your break and see you next term!

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

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.

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS
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

SCHOOL LEVY
A huge thank you to those parents who have been able to finalise this payment, we are now down to approximately $3500 in payments still outstanding. In case some parents have forgotten, reminder notes were sent home last week. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact us.

YEAR 3 / 4 EXCURSION TO CAVES BEACH
Due to inclement weather, we have decided to postpone our walk to the beach to Wednesday 1st April (that’s no joke!). We will leave school at 11.30am and return after recess. Children will eat their lunch at school before walking to the beach. A “new light green permission slip” will be sent home today with the re-scheduled date. Please return to school tomorrow.

P&C - EASTER RAFFLE
Please return any tickets for the P&C raffle to be drawn this Thursday. There are still books available in the office if you are able to sell more tickets.

STUDENT BANKING
No student banking this week.

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.

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. CHOCOLATES for the P&C raffle
5. Easter Raffle Tickets P&C raffle
We have a few more speeches this week and we are excited for the Easter holidays.

**Stage 3 – 5W**

We have been working hard at further developing our comprehension skills and understanding the Super Six Comprehension strategies. As part of our English unit we are thoroughly enjoying the novel 'Surviving Sydney Cove: The diary of Elizabeth Harvey'. We are questioning the text and learning a lot about the past. On the right you can view some of our visualisations from Saturday 3rd April 1970 journal entry.

**SPORT**

Congratulations to our 5 Hunter Reps Chloe S, Ella S and Taya M in diving. (Taya 6th in NSW), Callum F, Alyssa I in swimming 32nd & 18th respectively. Please see our honor roll of children who have represented our school at zone level or higher this term.

**Swimming**

Year 2 – Reegan I, Shelly O'C
Year 3 – Stephen C, Yvette L, Campbell Mc S, Jack P, Lily S, Tegan T.
Year 4 – Callum F, Taylin I, Harry L, Sampson L, Tori S, Karl W.

**East Lake Macquarie** – Olivia S, Callum F, Alyssa I, Hayley W

**Hunter** – Callum F, Alyssa I.

**Diving Hunter Year 6** – Chloe S, Taya M, Ella S

**Soccer Year 6** – Chloe S, Ruby J, Travis R.

**BAND NEWS**

Congratulations to the Senior Band on their Celebration Assembly performance last Friday. You sounded bigger and better than ever! Thanks to the parents who assisted at the Bunnings night last Thursday and thanks to all those families who came along. Fundraising aside, it was great to see mums and dads getting together to help out. The kids had a ball which is always our number one priority.

I sent a survey home last Friday to gain feedback from the band camp. I would appreciate as many returned as possible before the holidays so we can make the next camp even more successful. It has been such an eventful, positive and exciting term. Thank you to everyone. Mrs Scott and I look forward to coordinating more activities for your children to continue to build their love for music while improving their musical skills. Upcoming events for next term...BandLink and CAPA Day.

Please remember to add a reference when direct debiting. Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.

**LIBRARY**

Special congratulations to Dakota V 3/4B Ellie A 3/4P Karl W 3/4B that have all completed the 2015 challenge already. Hope we have some more finished after the holidays. Happy Easter reading.

Premiers Reading Challenge is now online.

CONGRATULATIONS
“...A big well done to Caves Beach students Lachlan S, Maddison S and Kristian B who are part of the “Wall of Sound” band which performed in front of a large crowd at Caves Beach SLSC Presentation Day. This band has been together for about a year under the guidance of Glen Stewart. The band sounded awesome and we look forward to hearing more of their unique sound as they grow and mature. Well done.”

CANTER
Pie Day
As Thursday is the last day of the term, we will be having a pre order Pie Day. The order forms should have been sent home last Tuesday. One order form needs to be sent in per child. Please note that no other food will be available for lunch on this day and the canteen will not be open for recess due to our stock take.

Roster
Monday 30 March – Wendy Sharpe
Tuesday 31 March – Sue Gardener and Kerry Williams
Thursday 2 April – Dea Freebody and Benita Ogilvie

Week 1 Term 1 Roster
Tuesday 21 April – Danielle Woods and Alicia Insel
Thursday 23 April – Fee Renes and Georgie Piper
Friday 24 April – Amanda O’Callaghan, Stacey Gay, Shani Walmsley and Leanne Fox

I would like to sincerely thank all of our canteen volunteers, your contribution to our school is highly valued and I hope you and your families all enjoy your holidays, see you in Term 2.

Jackie B
Please note that we will no longer be selling Focus Water and cookies.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
SEEKING VOLUNTEER MENTORS FOR YOUTH FRONTERS MENTORING PROGRAM
Are you interested in sharing your skills and experiences with young people as a volunteer mentor or do you know someone who is?
Last month, the NSW Government’s youth mentoring program, Youth Frontiers was launched. Youth Frontiers is an electorate based program that targets students in years 8 and 9. Every year, more than 1,200 young people will have the opportunity to participate.
Young people participating in Youth Frontiers will receive a minimum of 30 hours mentoring, including at least 10 hours of one-on-one mentoring. The program will give young people an opportunity to build life skills and self-confidence by working collaboratively with their mentors to undertake a community project that makes a positive difference in their local community. Each year in Term 4 the young people who have completed the most innovative and effective projects across the state will be recognised with a number of sponsored awards.
The success of the program depends on the commitment of volunteer mentors who can give their time to share their skills and experiences with young people. If you are interested in participating as a mentor, please contact one of the following organisations who are working in collaboration with schools to deliver Youth Frontiers in your local area:
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Our program this month is “Pirates and Mermaids”. The children are having a great time creating their own treasure maps, pirate hats, eye patches, mermaid tales and little mermaid dolls. They are also constructing a giant paper mache mermaid.
In Term 2 we will have new exciting activities for our children to get creative and have fun with their friends. They also get to catch up with friends from other local schools. Along with our planned program activities we have a great selection of games, books, sports equipment and craft materials for free play time.
Afternoon tea is also provided and is a healthy snack such as fruit platters, pasta and rice dishes or mixed sandwiches.
School Holidays are coming up soon. Do you like activities such as Laser Tag, Ten Pin Bowling, Ice Skating, Catching the latest movie, Dolphin Watching, Fishing, Horse Riding, Magic shows, the circus and Interactive displays at art galleries and museums. If the answer is “YES”, join us!
Phone Caves Beach OOSH on 0418661321
Our Nominated Supervisor is Kerrie. We are located at Swansea High School and service Caves Beach, St Patricks and Nords Wharf schools.
Morning sessions are 7am to 9am and afternoons are 2.30pm to 6pm.

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