From the principal…

Last week, I was fortunate to be able to go along to the Zone Cross Country with the team of representatives from our school. We were all even luckier that the whole day went by without any rain!

What a wonderful group of children! All runners represented themselves, their family and our school admirably with all children going home much wetter and muddier than when they arrived. The students were all thoroughly proud of what they had achieved.

Huge thanks to those parents/grandparents who were able to help me pack up the shelter at the end of the day (the procedure was new to all of us!). When I left school in the morning I wasn’t sure if all present at the Cross Country would be using the shelter to protect from the sun or rain.

Don’t forget that our school photos are on tomorrow! Please remember to wear full school uniform!

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

As part of the training in the Focus on Reading course, staff participated in a three hour workshop last Monday afternoon to begin Phase Two of the program. During the year staff will participate in three more 3 hour sessions of professional learning after school. These sessions will replace the two School Development days at the end of Term 4.

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS

Gold: 1/2P-Quinn W. 1/2G-Maddison W. 5D-Luca S. 6W-Logan D. Zane B. Tamika D.


COMING EVENTS

4/5  P&C meeting 7pm
5/5  School photos
6/5  Mothers’ Day breakfast
8/5  Mothers’ Day stall
Regional X Country
12/5  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Language & Writing
13/5  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Reading
14/5  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Numeracy

SCHOOL PHOTOS 5/5/15

Photo envelopes were sent home with the Newsletter last week. Please do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Family envelopes are available upon request from the school office. PLEASE ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY as no change is given - cash and money orders only. (Sorry NO credit card accepted) Further enquiries please contact MSP Photography on 49668292 or Fax 49668293

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ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016

If you have a child that will be commencing Kindergarten next year please contact the Office at your earliest convenience with their details. This will enable us to place all names into our system and get the Enrolment package to you ASAP.

P&C

The P&C meeting is on tonight in the teachers’ staff room starting at 7pm and new members are more than welcome. Thank you for all of the donations for the Easter Egg raffle and for selling the raffle tickets; it is only through these contributions that the raffle was such a great success. The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 8th May with many great gifts ranging in price from $1 - $6. If you are able to assist with the Mother’s Day stall please place your name at the office or just turn up on the day. The stall begins when school starts and is usually finished by 12.30.
UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be opening Tuesday morning from 8:20-9:20am for any last minute purchases for school photos. We will still be open as usual on Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm

FURNITURE FOR FREE
We still have some library tables that are looking for a good home. If you are interested please drop in and let Mrs Stien know.

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 term. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact us.

ACTIVE TRANSPORT PROGRAM FAMILY SURVEY
Included with today’s newsletter is a survey designed to assist Lake Macquarie Council and the school identify opportunities to make riding and walking to school safer and more accessible for families.

The school and Lake Macquarie City Council are working together to assist students to use active modes of transport, like walking and cycling, in their commute to school. Walking or riding to school can be a fun, social and healthy activity for students (and parents) and can also help to reduce vehicle traffic around the school. While Council encourages people to walk or ride to school where practicable, we recognise this is a decision for each parent.

Please return the survey by 8th May

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1 KT– This week we look forward to continuing our English unit with ‘Edward the Emu’. Music lessons will explore the concept of ‘beat’. The children’s job is to listen to any type of music and recognise the beat by using body percussion. We are having fun with this in the classroom. Please don’t be overwhelmed by your child’s new sight words list each week. It is important to consolidate any previous words before they move on. This may mean only concentrating on a few words at a time instead of the whole list. If your child can read each sight word, the next steps are to recognise them in a text and verbalise a sentence containing that word.

Don’t forget that ‘Reading Eggs’ and ‘Mathletics’ are valuable educational resources for you to access at home. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are having password difficulties.

Please continue to share at least 10 minutes of reading a night with your children. Research proves that this important daily activity increases cognitive and academic development. For more information go to the following document http://www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/imported/alldocs/rsrch/30388RAExtra10min.pdf As always, please talk to your teacher or contact the office if you have any concerns, questions or feedback.

Have a lovely week.
Kinder Teachers

Stage 1 1/2Z - What a dramatic way to start Term 2! I hope all the students, parents and Caves Beach community members managed to stay safe and secure during the storm.

Any extra reading students are able to read about Australian animals is brilliant, because we will be studying this as an overlapping concept across subject areas.

Parents, we are studying and learning how to write persuasive texts, so be wary of your child, who may attempt to convince you and persuade you to buy them more McDonalds!

A quick reminder about Homework:
- Reading: 10 mins each night (enter into reading log)
- Time to talk (News): Once a fortnight
- Mathletics: Complete weekly set task and take on the world- in ‘world challenge’!
- ABC reading eggs
- Spelling: LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK highlighted words

We have got our class assembly coming up in Week 6! Woohoo! Also any parents able to support our reading groups from 10:45-11:15am Mon-Wed, could you please let me know! Thank you

Stage 2 3/4B – Our class has been super busy this week working on our time facts during maths. We’ve been learning to read, write and convert between analogue and digital times and we particularly liked playing ‘Stop the clock’ on the smart board and ‘Quiz, quiz, trade’ for those tricky time facts! 3/4B liked to pretend that we were still on holidays last week, so we wrote descriptive postcards during a writing activity. Take a look below! This week, we will be studying the relationship between the sun and the Earth and how this causes day and night. If you have a small torch that you could send in for us to complete an activity to demonstrate this, it would be greatly appreciated! Don’t forget this Friday, 3/4B will be running our school assembly and will also perform for you.

We hope you can come along and watch.

Stage 3 5D– Hello Everyone,
My name is Miss Flanagan, I’m an Intern from The University of Newcastle and I am completing the final year of my degree. I will be working alongside Mrs Dennis on 5D for the rest of the term. I am very excited to be working with the wonderful students here at Caves Beach Public School. I will be teaching lots of interesting lessons, with lots of hands on activities.

If you see me around the playground please come up and introduce yourself. I look forward to getting to know you over the next few weeks.

Kind Regards
Kirri Flanagan

SPORT
Last Thursday the following children represented our school with pride at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. It was a wet and muddy day but that did not stop the students giving it their all as ran, slipped and skidded their way to the finish line. Congratulations Riley MC, Olivia S, Jye S, Isabel G, Anakin M, Tegan T, Alyssa I, Shelly O’C, Charlotte W, Tori S, Oliver P, Brent R, Taylin I, Chloe

Huge congratulations to Tegan T (1st), Taylin I (1st), Callum F(6th), Kaylee D (1st), Hayley W (2nd), Alyssa I (3rd), Chloe S (5th) and Joel O’C (1st) who will represent our school at the Regional level on May 8. We wish them the best of luck!

BAND NEWS
A big thank you to Bunnings for their $952 donation from the Easter Family Fun Night. As mentioned earlier, this money will go towards the updating of our ageing instruments.

Thanks to those families who returned their band camp survey. The response was overwhelmingly positive and will really help to organise the next band camp (possibly next year!). Both Junior and Senior band children will have a combined photo taken tomorrow in their band shirt. Please bring it along to change into before the photo.

We understand some families experience financial pressure at the beginning of each term. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like to make regular part payments throughout the term as part of a payment plan. Reminder: band fees are $50 (junior) and $60 (senior) per term. It is preferable that these are paid via direct debit or by sending the money to the office in an envelope clearly marked band.

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/

LOST PROPERTY
As the weather changes please remember to check your child’s belongings to make sure their names are clearly marked on their clothes. Already this term we have many items in the lost property container at the office.

Please also make sure that names are clearly marked on all parts of lunch boxes and containers that are sent to school.

CANTEEN
Reminder: Mothers Day breakfast Wednesday 6 May 8am.

Roster:
Monday 4 May – Ala Burrows and Belinda Puttergill
Tuesday 5 May – Megan Boertje
Thursday 7 May – Sue Gardener and Jo Corbett
Friday 8 May – Jo Mazzitello, Alicia Drain, Denise McKenzie, Sonia Fred and Kiana Kingston

Monday 11 May – Wendy Sharpe
Tuesday 12 May - Mel McSpadden and Kerry Williams
Thursday 14 May – Dea Freebody, Benita Ogilvie and Bec Webster
Friday 15 May – Liana Wright, Yeni Longhurst, Denise McKenzie, Kim Surman and Lisa Godde

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers 😊

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!
Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July ’15 and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light. Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, or call your local coordinator, Dianne on 0429406126 to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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