From the principal…

It is hard to believe this is the last week of a very hectic, unusual, eventful term. Storms, trees, rain, cancelled school events and of course, semester reports that will go home this week. We have had a disco, NAPLAN, CAPApillar Day, school photos, the beginning of the Year 6 transition activities and their class placement activities, Stage 2 Blue Mountains excursion, parent dinner at Salina’s, the twice attempted Athletics Carnival and of course, the hugely successful Mothers’ Day stall and breakfast. Phew, no wonder everyone is a little bit tired!

Term 3 heralds more change for our school. Miss Thea O’Sullivan takes up the Assistant Principal position (left vacant when Mrs Gibson was appointed to a principal role on the other side of the lake) and Mrs Kelli Bell takes on the SAM (School Administration Manager) position (left vacant when Mrs Cambourakis took up a position at Warnervale) at the end of last year. We look forward to their joining our team here at Caves Beach Public School.

While welcoming new staff is always exciting, it also means that we farewell some staff members who have made significant contributions to our school.

Mrs Shannon House, who has been a fantastic SAM - organising excursions, managing the office, solving administration ‘issues’, balancing the school financials and staff across the school. A huge thank you Shannon, for the enthusiasm, generosity and professionalism that you have displayed over the last semester.

Mr Zaia, thank you so much for all that you have offered 1/2Z this semester. A proactive member of the school team, careful planner of class and stage teaching programs and the MILO cricket activities; thank you so much. A huge thank you to you too, for all you have offered this year.

As mentioned later in the newsletter, Jackie Bugeja has resigned from the Canteen Supervisor’s position so she can increase the hours in her other employment. Jackie has always been an active member of our school community being involved in activities such as the uniform shop, canteen, P&C and as the Canteen Supervisor. While I know that Jackie still intends to volunteer in the canteen, I would like say a huge thank you to Jackie, for all that she has offered to our school. We wish you well, thank you for everything you have offered.

This week all teachers will participate in Planning Days to discuss the teaching programs for Term 3.

To all our families, a safe and happy break, see you next term.

Denise Rispen - Principal

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
The first day of Term 3 is a School Development Day. During the day the staff will work on the Focus on Reading program and stage based planning activities.

SCHOOL DATES TERM 3
13th July School Development Day - STAFF ONLY
14th July Students return to school

ASSEMBLY – Celebration Assembly Friday at 12.15pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

THINK WEEK - Week 10
23/6 Students reports go home
25/6 9.30am - library - Parent Information Session – How to assist your Kindergarten child with their reading Debate v Dudley
26/6 Celebration Assembly 12.15pm
Last day Term 2

WEEK 1 - TERM 3
13/7 School Development Day – staff only
14/7 Students return
17/7 K-2 Reptile Park Excursion

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016
If you have a child who 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 out ASAP.

RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE OFFICE
Chloe S in Year 6 has been selected in the NSW PSSA Soccer Team. Chloe will be going to Pacific Schools Games in Adelaide in November.
Fund raising raffle tickets to assist with the cost of attending this event are available from the school office for $2 each.
Great prizes including 55 inch 3D TV, Go Pro HD Action Video Camera, Apple IPAD Mini 32GB, Olympus TG-3 Waterproof Camera and Sony Noise cancelling Headphones.
5D SAYS GOODBYE
This week 5D says goodbye to Miss Flanagan. We have really enjoyed having Miss Flanagan teach us and will miss her very much. We wish her all the best as she heads back to Newcastle University to complete her studies. Good luck and Farewell Miss Flanagan.
From the Students in 5D.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1-K/1J
Poor Mrs Thurston has been really sick with appendicitis and although she’s feeling much better now, won’t be back with KT until next term.

Many apologies for postponing the Reptile Park excursion, unfortunately this pesky rain has caused quite a few disruptions, but we will be going on this excursion on Friday of the first week back after the holidays.
K1J has had the pleasure of Miss Anderson teaching several lessons these past weeks. She is doing her first practicum at our school and certainly gives me hope for the future of the profession. She has planned and implemented a variety of lessons across all subject areas and the children are very engaged in the tasks. Next term we will welcome Mr Dobb who will be doing his final practicum experience with the children. They have already met and given him the seal of approval.
Coming up at the end of this week is our Celebration Assembly highlighting the achievements and attitudes of one student from each class. It is a very fitting way to mark half way through our school year. It’s a shock, isn’t it? The time has flown and I can see the most amazing differences in all of the Jaysters - what a lot of growing up and learning has taken place.
Sadly, this is our last week with the beautiful Mr Zaia. He has been such a pleasure to work with as a colleague and I know that so many of the children will miss his dedication and kindness.

Stage 1-1/2G
The last week of Term 2 has arrived and what a busy term it has been!
I would like to congratulate 1/2G on their assembly item in Week 8. I was extremely proud of their enthusiasm and commitment and thought they all did an excellent job. I hope you were able to come along and see their performance. Hopefully you now have an answer to one of the greatest mysteries of all time, ‘Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty?’
In class we have been doing lots of maths activities, such as the split strategy for addition and looking at fact families for multiplication and division. For HSIE 1/2G designed and labelled a map of their local area using Aboriginal symbols and words. We have also been looking at our natural environment and making predictions about what it might look like in the future.
I hope you all have a fun holiday and get lots of rest as Term 3 is going to be very exciting and busy, our excursion to The Reptile Park, catch-up day for the Sports carnival and our Concert!

Stage 2 – 3/4S
Last week 3/4S studied Captain Cook and his first two voyages. In art we sketched the Endeavour which looks amazing hanging on our walls.
After all this rain we hope to get outside and participate in some games during PE activities.
Being the last week of Semester One, we will be bringing our reports home and hope this puts a smile on our parents/caregivers faces! The countdown to holidays is on, 4 days to go! 😊

Stage 3 – 5W
5W have been working hard this term. We are loving the ‘Inanimate Alice’ English unit, especially now we are creating our own digital texts for Episode 4. We will be uploading our texts to the school website shortly. Please locate our class profile in the ‘Our school’ tab and enjoy watching our creative and somewhat spooky texts

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - READING
Reminder Parents session Thursday, Week 10
This first session is for parents of Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), who support the teachers in morning groups.
We will start at 9:30 in the Library, but tea and coffee will be available from 9:20am.

Information will include:

1. Basic sight words necessary for beginning readers
2. Fluency—what does it mean?
3. How do we teach comprehension
4. Focus on Reading—strategies explained
5. Moving towards becoming an independent reader
6. How the brain learns and stores information

If you did not receive an invitation or have misplaced yours please fill in section below and return to the Office

Session 1
I would Like to attend YES NO (please circle)
Name: _____________________________
Child’s Class: _____________________

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
These photos are available for viewing at the office. Please return all orders/payment to school by this Friday 26/6/15.

SPORT
Athletics carnival has been postponed until next term with the new date to be advised.

BAND NEWS
Chocolate money is now due. Many thanks for your help. A BandLink workshop note was distributed last week. It is a two day workshop at Newcastle Jockey Club on 22nd and 23rd July.
The full cost is $60; however, half of this cost will be subsidised from the money raised this year. Therefore the final cost for each child is only $30. Please note that this subsidy can only be
accessed if your term fees are up to date

Upcoming events:
BandLink - 22nd and 23rd July at the Newcastle Jockey Club (details to follow soon)
Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston

CANTENE
Canteen Coordinator Position
Jacqui Bugeja has resigned as the coordinator of our canteen – we thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the role and look forward to seeing her on her monthly volunteer day!!
We are now seeking Expressions of Interest for the Canteen Coordinator position commencing in Term 3 2015. This position is a paid position – 12 hours per week (over the 4 days the canteen trades). There is an expectation that some additional time would be put into the position as a volunteer.
Our school canteen is a great example of our school community working together to provide a terrific service, while raising crucial funds for resources to support your children’s education. Without our volunteers, led by a capable and enthusiastic coordinator, this fantastic service would not exist.
This position is suited to a person with good communication and people skills, ability to work under pressure and react quickly to changing demands, an understanding of food handling guidelines, good organisational skills and some flexibility with working times. A specific statement of duties is available at the Office.
If you are interested – please apply in writing (approx. 1 page) to Mrs Denise Rispen (email cavesbeach-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) outlining the experience you have that support your suitability for this position. Please note appointment to this position is dependent upon satisfactory completion of a Working with Children Check.

Applications close: 2:30pm on Friday 26th June 2015.

Roster Week 10 Term 2
Monday 22 June – Amanda S and Diahann M
Tuesday 23 June – Belinda W and Denise R
Thursday 25 June – Rebecca P and Nicole E
Friday 26 June – Michelle C, Nicole O, Denise Mc K, Kristy K and Kerri-Lyn J

Roster Week 1 Term 3
Tuesday 14 July – Kristy J and Rebecca P
Thursday 16 July – Mel Mc S an Jo C
Friday 17 July – Jo M, Alicia D, Denise Mc K, Sonia F and Kiani K

Thank you to all our volunteers, hope you and all your families have a happy and safe break, see you all in Term 3, Jackie B 😊

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
With the chilly weather well and truly here we have plenty of stock in warm winter uniforms - Jumpers ($16), Jackets ($44) & Long Sleeve Tees ($10) plus long pants for girls & boys.
Did you know we stock scarves, gloves and raincoats too?? The uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2:30-3:30. A huge thank you to all our friendly volunteers - there to help with all your uniform needs each week! If you are available to help out in the uniform shop - twice a term for 1 hour, please leave your name at the office or call in & see us at the uniform shop. Just a reminder...For your convenience we also offer an order service -
2. Fill out your order form.
3. Pay online via direct deposit - details are on the order form. Attach a copy of your direct deposit receipt to your order OR Pay cash at the office.
4. Drop your order & receipt to the school office (or send with your child to hand in to the office).
5. Your order will be delivered to your child's classroom or you can collect it from the office.
It's that easy - no need to rush around!!

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to the following students who completed their Premier's Reading Challenge last week: Eloise F K/1J, Thomas F 3/4B and Emma B 3/4B.
Due to other activities happening in the school this week, some classes may not attend library during their normal class times. Please encourage your child to visit the library at recess to exchange their books so that they have some lovely new reading material for the long holiday days!

COMMUNITY NOTES

Hunter Wetlands Holiday Program
Bush Skills Adventure for 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Thursday 9 July 2015
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, and learn knotting and other bush skills.
Cost: $20 per child Bookings Essential Ph.4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders for 5 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Tuesday 7 July 2015
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.
Cost: $20 per child Bookings Essential Ph. 4951 6466
For more information and other activities visit www.wetlands.org.au

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