From the principal...

An absolutely huge thank you to the parents who were able to come along yesterday and assist as part of the working bee. Even more gardens, were established, more colour added to our grounds solar features added and more mulching completed. A couple of hours work from a group of people achieves so much. Thank you to all the families who were part of yesterday! Huge accolades to Ala, for her energy, enthusiasm, leadership and generosity.

Unfortunately our Athletics Carnival was a washout last week, to which those who were able to attend would attest. Given the continued predicted rain and the state of the oval, the carnival will now be completed next week on the 22nd June (we hope!).

This week all students K-2, and some parents, will be heading off to the Reptile Park for an excursion. We certainly hope there is no rain for that day!

This afternoon, all staff will be participating in the next session that will replace part of the end of year School Development Days. The focus will be on child protection and explicit teaching pedagogies through the Focus on Reading program.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

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 - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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| Week 10 | Celebration Assembly |

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings  8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons  2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS
Gold:  3/4M – Renee B, Shirley D.  6W – Corey T, Jordan L.
K/1J: Meg N, Jacob W.  1/2G: Heidi H, Declan N.
1/2L: Alexander E, Sian Mc N.  1/2M: Lennox A, Ry A.
1/2P: Charlie B, Quinn W.  1/2Z: Lola I, Harper B.
5D: Kiana B, Mackenzie A.  5W: DJ W, Christina T.
6E: Ruby J, Hannah W.  6W: Kristian B, Hannah W.

THIS WEEK - Week 9
15/6  UNSW Writing test 7pm P&C meeting
16/6  UNSW Spelling test
17/6  Netball Gala Day
18/6  Girls Touch Football
19/6  K-2 Reptile Park Excursion
21/6  BBQ Bunnings Belmont

NEXT WEEK - Week 10
22/6  Rescheduled Athletics Carnival
23/6  Students reports go home
26/6  Celebration Assembly 12.15pm  Last day Term 2

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.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1 - KM
We would like to say a big welcome to our two student teachers to Caves Beach P.S. Ella Jackson is enjoying her time in KM and Tyler Anderson in K/1J. Kindergartens are looking forward to their excursion on Friday to the Australian Reptile Park. Let’s hope that the rain holds out for their special day. Please make sure money and permission notes are in A.S.A.P.
Our sounds for this week are ‘qu’ and ‘z’. Yes we are finally finished our single sounds! But, we will continue to revise them throughout the rest of the year. Have a great week!

**Stage 1- 1/2Z**

What a success our class assembly item was! Congratulations 1/2Z on a fantastic, confident and dynamic performance. The practise time at school and home paid off! Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes, line recitals, photos and videos. I’m sure you felt very proud of their effort.

In mathematics this past month, we have been learning about different forms of measurement. Blake was faced with the challenge of using blocks to find the area of a triangle. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Australian animals this term. I have been amazed at the depth of information students in 1/2Z have talked about in their speeches, discussed in class, written in books and researched on their own.

On Friday the 19th June we will be visiting the Australian Reptile Park. Please make the $20 payment to the office by Wednesday the 17th June.

**Stage 2- 3/4M**

We recently visited the Blue Mountains with the rest of Stage 2. A great time was had by all. We are now experts (well almost) on the formation of caves and the flora and fauna of the Blue Mountains.

We have been fascinated by the early explorations of Australia and look forward to learning more about our history.

**Stage 3-E**

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.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

An order form will be sent home to each child if they were involved in a special group photo. These photos are available for viewing at the office. Please return all orders/payment to school by Friday 26/6/15.

**SPORT**

Our Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to Monday 22nd June, 2015.

**ATTENDANCE**

It is important that children arrive at school in time to commence the day’s activities. Students are expected to be punctual out of respect for other members of the class. All parents/caregivers must ensure that their children arrive at school on time. Classes start at 9.30 am so all children should be at school before this time. It can be very disruptive if your child continually arrives late for class.

Parents bringing children to school after the commencement of the teaching program are asked to go via the Office and fill in a Late Pass, which is then handed to the classroom teacher. This will ensure that your child is not marked absent.

If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early, it is required that you notify the child’s teacher in writing and sign the child out at the Office before collecting your child. If a person other than a parent is calling for the child, the school must be notified in writing prior to collection. If an emergency arises, a telephone call from the parent to the school prior to collection of the child will be acceptable.

Some interesting facts regarding absences and lateness to school – Did you know...

- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

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**BAND NEWS**

We have a Bunnings Belmont BBQ coming up on Sunday 21st June. If you are able to help out (even for an hour) could you please register by following the link below. Any help is appreciated - www.volunteersignup.org/KQHYJ. Alternatively you can let myself or Dea Freebody know.

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 subsidized 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:
Bunnings BBQ - The Band are having a fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings Belmont this Sunday (21st June) from 9am-4pm. Please come along and support your school band. If you are able to help out on the day please contact Jane Gabb 0438 722042.
BandLink - 22nd and 23rd July at the Newcastle Jockey Club (details to follow soon)
Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston

DEBATING NEWS
Today’s debate against Belmont Public School has been postponed. New date to be advised.
Our next debate is Thursday 25th June at 10:30am at Dudley Public School. Parents are welcome to come along and support our team.
Jo Dennis - Debating Coordinator

CHESS NEWS
Congratulations to the following students who will be competing in the Interschool Country Chess Championship.
Our first matches will be against each other in the Multi-Purpose Room during regular Chess Club hours beginning Thursday 18th June at 8:45am. Regular Chess Club will only operate during the tournament if it is dry outside as the teams inside need official championship conditions.
Rookies A - Board 1. Jye B Board 2. Liam K
Board 3. Rochelle M Board 4. Mackenzie A
Rookies B - Board 1. Darcy M Board 2. Dale G
Board 3. Ryan Mc Board 4. Ebony K
4th. - Zeke R
Jo Dennis - Chess Coordinator

CANTEEN
Athletics Carnival Monday 22 June – On the day of the rescheduled Athletics Carnival the canteen will be operating as per normal but we will be selling lollies and other goodies. We will also have extra hot food available on the day. If anyone is available to volunteer on this day, it would be greatly appreciated.
Soup Day Friday 26 June - We will be having a pre order Soup Day on the last day of Term 2. Order forms went out last Friday, please fill out one order form per child, order forms and payments are due in Friday 19 June. Please note that no late orders will be accepted. As this will be the last day of the Term no other food will be served for lunch on this day.
Roster Week 9
Monday 15 June – Tania S
Tuesday 16 June – Danielle W & Alicia I
Thursday 18 June – Fiona R & Georgie P
Friday 19 June – Amanda O’C, Stacey G, Leanne F & Shani W
Roster Week 10
Monday 22 June – Amanda S & Diahann M
Tuesday 23 June – Belinda W & Denise R
Thursday 25 June – Rebecca P & Nicole E

Friday 26 June – Michelle C, Nicole O, Denise McK, Kristy K & Kerri-Lyn J
Thank you very much to all of our wonderful volunteers, the canteen could not operate without you all 😊

LIBRARY NEWS
Our Library monitors received their badges at assembly last week. This week sees the beginning of new team activities in the Library. Look out for the new sign on the Library door with the details.

COMMUNITY NOTES
2015 MARGARET IDA HOWIE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Aboriginal Education Council (NSW) Inc., as Administrators of the Margaret Ida Howie Awards established “for the education of NSW Indigenous women”, would like to remind you that the “Awards” for 2015 are now open.
This Award is targeted to assist Aboriginal women undertaking a course of study at University or TAFE in NSW. Up to four (4) scholarships valued at $5,000.00 can be awarded to students accepted for enrolment in a full-time university degree in 2015 with a further ten (10) assistance awards of $1000 open to students enrolled at university, TAFE or in a bridging program. Applications close on 31 May 2015.
Further information and the application form, for the scholarships may be obtained from our website at www.aec.org.au

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