From the principal...

Huge congratulations to all the children who participated in Bandlink last week. Their performances at the end of the two days were amazing with Mrs Thurston full of praise about the way the children conducted themselves.

While it is Education Week across the state this week, our school will be combining our Education Week and Book Week activities on one day in Week 5 (10-14th August). Make sure you pop that week in your diary!

As I waited with the children at the gate each afternoon last week, I spoke to a few families about leaving their car unattended on the school side of our road. When I mentioned to them that the idea is to stay in the car and move forward as a space became available in order to keep the traffic moving, they said they didn’t realise that was the case.

My apologies, perhaps it has been remiss of me not to regularly explain that part of the parking routine, so I thought the best way was to outline it in this week’s newsletter.

When you pull up on the school side of the road, PLEASE DO NOT leave your car. Then when a space opens up in front, cars can move forward to allow cars to move in behind and keep traffic moving. Our parking issue, of course, is compounded by the way traffic blocks up the end of our street. If we are able to keep traffic moving at this end, I am sure all parents would be grateful.

As grandparents and other family members sometimes pick up the children, it would be good if this procedure could also be explained to them.

We have still been experiencing some problems in the mornings and afternoons with parents ignoring our signs and parking and leaving cars unattended in the drop-off zones. This practice makes it unsafe for children waiting to be picked up by parents who are doing the right thing. Children are dismissed at 3.00pm and should be encouraged to wait near the lower pedestrian gate or to cross at the crossing with older siblings if you wish to pick them up by car at the school. Under no circumstances should the staff carpark or the access beyond the crossing be used and no children should walk through that area. The safety of all children must be our prime concern.

Hopefully this Tuesday, we will be able to finalise our Athletics Carnival, keep your fingers crossed!

Denise Rispen – Principal

ASSEMBLY – Friday at 12.15pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings  8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons  2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS

THIS WEEK
27/7  P&C meeting 7pm
28/7  Athletics Carnival
29/7  UNSW English competition
30/7  Rescheduled (again) K-2 Reptile Park excursion
Galgabba Public Speaking Competition Stage 2 & 3
Science Fair Swansea HS

NEXT WEEK
6/7  Boys’ soccer game

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS
In Term 4, our school will be moving towards a paperless newsletter. Our newsletters are currently available by email, downloadable from the website and accessible on the school app. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please make sure you send us your email address, otherwise you will need to download it electronically. We do have some parents who already access the newsletter this way.

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.

THE SCHOOL APP
The school app is now available for Windows phones. Simply search ‘Caves Beach Public School’ in your app store.

WOOLIES EARN & LEARN
Woolies have begun their Earn to Learn program again so remember to fill up those sticker sheets and pop them into the box in the office.
HEAD LICE
Parents, please be aware there are always head lice in the school. Please check your child/children’s hair regularly, and assist us by taking the necessary action to treat your child/children’s hair. After shampooing, please make sure you comb the hair until all eggs are gone.

DOGS AT SCHOOL
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (section 14.1[e]) dogs are prohibited to be on school grounds. Parents are requested to ensure that their dogs do not enter the school grounds. This ultimately protects our students.

BAND NEWS
Congratulations to all the children who attended BandLink last week. It was such a valuable two days of musical tuition, performing and bonding. The children represented our school proudly by displaying great behaviour and respect to all the tutors, teachers and conductors. A big thank you to Mrs Mazzitello and Mrs Paterson for assisting with supervision and to Caroline Brown for once again transporting the instruments.

Band fees are now due ($50 - juniors and $60 - seniors). Please pay via direct debit (use your child's name as the reference) or pay by cash or cheque in a clearly marked envelope. Please remember to add a reference when direct debiting. Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.

Band is still on Tuesday and Thursday this week, even with sports carnival and excursion that are taking place.

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1-KM
Kindergarten will be getting their new sight word booklets and homework sheets home today. We are a week behind with the sight word lists, so just start on the first one. These words help your child become a more efficient reader. If they regularly see these words they will not have to stop to sound them out when reading a book. Their reading will sound better and have more meaning. If you have any concerns about your child's ability to remember these sight words please talk to your child's teacher. We may be able to offer you some different strategies or an individual learning plan.

Kindergartens are getting excited about their concert item. The girls are following in the footsteps of Elsa and Anna, while the boys are getting their hip-hop groove on. I'm sure there has been a lot of practise going on behind closed doors. A note will be going out next week about costumes, so please keep a lookout for that one. They're looking good!

Stage 1-1/2M
1/2 M have enthusiastically commenced Term 3. It is difficult to believe we’re already half way through year. This term, we are studying perspective and characterisation in our English unit. The children are enjoying reading stories that explore other peoples' points of view. The children are also enjoying learning all about weather in their Science unit.

All the children have been busy rehearsing for the school concert which will be in Week 9. We definitely have some fantastic performers in our class.

On Thursday this week, we are very excited to finally get to go on our Reptile Park excursion. Hopefully it's a beautiful day! If you have not returned your child’s note, please do so immediately.

Once again I’d like to thank all the parents for their support and give a special thanks to all parents who volunteer with our literacy groups. Your participation is always appreciated.

Stage 2 –3/4M
Wow! Semester 2 already! 3/4M would like to welcome Miss Vershelden to our class for term 3. This term will be one filled with great excitement and full of change. Stage 2 is modifying the math's program; studying British colonisation of Australia; completing a great deal of practice and putting lots of effort into the school concert.

Stage 3 –5W
This term 5W began studying Antarctica. After researching an animal which lives (or has lived) in Antarctica, we used Google Docs to create an informative text. We then uploaded our texts to our very own websites and created QR Codes to allow people to easily visit our websites and view our work. Using a QR reader on your phone simply scan a code in the pictures and you too will be able to easily visit one of our websites (remember they are a work in progress).

SPORT

SOCcer

Last Friday our soccer girls had a marvelous 11 – 0 win over Jewells PS in round 2 of the PSSA state K.O. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ally B, Olivia S and Chloe S for being selected in the PSSA Hunter Girls Softball Team. They will now represent the Hunter at the State Championships at Wagga Wagga in August.

Also congratulations to Kayne G for being selected in the boys PSSA Hunter Boys Softball Team. Kayne will now represent the Hunter at the State Championships at Curl Curl in September.

LIBRARY

This term will be a very busy and exciting time in the library. We have book week in week 5 of this term - culminating in the Book Week Parade and Book Fair on Friday 14th August. Start thinking about what book character you might like to dress up as. This term we also have a visit from the author and illustrator of the wonderful book "Lessons of a Lac". All stages will be attending this session on Friday 28th August. Further information about both of these events will be sent home closer to the time.

This week's reading stars who have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge are Rianna B, Amara D, Yvette L, Tori S and Maya-Jayne H. Great reading Caves Beach!

CANTEEN

Canteen Pie Drive
It's chilly outside - now is the perfect time to stock up on delicious pies and sweet treats. Order forms for our Pie Drive have gone home today - orders are due back to the canteen by Tuesday 4/8/15. Check it out there is something for everyone!
Order for you, your family, your neighbours, your workmates & your friends.

All profits go directly back to your kids and your school. Your orders will be delivered fresh on Thursday 13/8/15 and will be available for pick up after 2pm from the canteen.

**Class Competition**

For the class with the highest sales we will reward each child with a 'canteen dollar' to spend on something yummy!! There will be 1 prize awarded to the highest sales in K-2 and another for ted to Years 3-6. Family orders will be split evenly across the children’s’ classes.

**Athletics Carnival**

Tomorrow is the Athletics Carnival (again!). Thank you for everyone's help in getting canteen orders back so quickly last week.

Unfortunately our Glee drink supplier has not been able to deliver prior to the Athletics Carnival. We will supply juice poppers to all children that have ordered Glee’s for Tuesday. If your child really does not wish to substitute their drink they are welcome to return it, unopened, to the canteen for a refund.

Thanks in advance for your understanding!

The canteen will be operating on a pre-order only basis for lunches (for all classes). We will be open throughout the day for treats and drinks.

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Roster Week 3
- Monday 27 July – Tania S
- Tuesday 28 July – Danielle W and Alicia I
- Thursday 30 July – Fiona R and Georgie P
- Friday 31 July – Amanda O, Stacey G, Shani W and Leanne F

Roster Week 4
- Monday 3 August – Mandy S and Diahan M
- Tuesday 4 August – Belinda W and Denise R
- Thursday 6 August – Rebecca P and Nicole E
- Friday 7 August – Michelle C, Nicole O, Denise McK, Kristy K and Kerri-Lyn J

Thank you to all of our volunteers 😊

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Perfect for those cold days, Microfiber Track Pants have been added to our school uniform range - black, straight leg, fully lined, with a zip at the leg bottom (Size 4 - 16). These will sell for an introductory price of $25 for Term 3. From Term 4 they will be $29.

With the chilly weather well and truly here we also 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 - who are 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.

**ORDERING YOUR UNIFORMS - TOO EASY!**

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!!

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

From Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from your school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets they have been provided. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend*. Once they complete their sticker sheets they can place them in a collection box, at either your school or local Woolworths.
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