From the Principal...

We have yet another busy week ahead of us. Our Zone Public Speakers will be participating in their respective Stage competitions at various schools throughout the week. We wish you all the best. Mrs Dennis and Mrs Pengelly have been asked to adjudicate at some of the speaking competitions this week which will be an exciting opportunity for both of them.

Wednesday and Thursday our athletes will attend the Zone Athletics Carnival at Marks Point. I know all representing students will make us proud not only by showcasing their athletic abilities but more importantly through the sportsmanship our students always display.

Our Term Disco has been organised for Thursday night. Proceeds of the night will go to our Year 6 Student Parliament who use the funds at the end of the year to buy a parting gift for the school. Please think about car pooling or walking from Park Avenue as the change over from Infants to Primary is always quite hectic along our access road.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Book Week Celebration Day on Friday.

Michelle Pascoe - Relieving Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.15pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 - 9:30am    Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm

AWARDS
GOLD 3/4P-Callum F, 3/4M-Lloyd R, 5W- Blake Mc D
MERIT KM: Maddison H, Andrew W. KT: Laine F, Ethan G.
K/1J: Roxy H, Jacob W. 1/2G: Steven R, Tanya D, 1/2L: Jackson D, Shanai M. 1/2M: Billy C Grace G, 1/2P: Jorjaya C, Cherry P.
5D: Zayne P, Imogen Mc L. 5W: Lachlan K, Maya-Jayne H.
6E: Travis R, Ella S. 6W: Yvette P, Jess M.

BAND NEWS
As you wander around the school in search of answers to the cryptic clues this Friday (Book Week), keep an eye out for various children busking around the playground. They are certainly looking forward to playing their extended repertoire which they learn separately from their band songs.

As I mentioned in the push notification last week, we will be playing at the Swansea Public School Family Fun Day on Sunday August 30th. I will confirm the time as soon as possible. It will be fantastic to get out into the community to showcase the talents of our exceptional school band. The organisers are thrilled with our attendance as we will no doubt add some variety to their entertainment. It's always nice to hang around afterwards to visit the various stalls and displays.

Family Band Night is happening later than normal this year. Please book the date into your calendars, Friday, 16th October at Swansea RSL. More details will follow later in the term.

Have a great week!

HELP WANTED!
We have just been informed this morning that due to a cancellation we now have the opportunity to run a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday at Belmont. Proceeds will go towards replacing Smart boards in classrooms. We would greatly appreciate any parent volunteers. If you are available please see Ms Weekes.
WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1-KT

KT had so much fun performing at assembly last Friday! I was so proud of them all. It was fantastic to see such a large audience come along to share our happiness. In the classroom, we have been doing lots of visual literacy, which provides excellent opportunities for the children to think and write creatively using their wonderful imaginations. Ask your child about the 'flying houses' and the story of 'Knick Knack' and the snow globe.

The children have enjoyed learning to tell the time (o'clock) and are now so interested in telling the time at different parts of the day. I wonder how many clocks you have in your house? Maybe ask your child to go on a clock hunt (analogue and digital). You will be surprised how many you have! I counted 22 in my house!

This Wednesday morning KT and KM are visiting the Uniting Care Village to take part in their 'Meet and Learn' program. We look forward to singing a few songs and sharing conversations about the Reptile Park and other aspects of school life. This is a lovely way to interact with our caring community. Please send in the permission note ASAP.

It has been fantastic to hand out lots of reading awards lately. Keep up the home reading, sight word practise and sentence writing as this truly makes a remarkable difference to your child's progress. As always, please come and see me, leave a message at the office or write a note if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely week!

Stage 1-1/2G

In our English units Stage One have been recognising the point of view portrayed in different texts after listening to and discussing 'The True Story of The 3 Little Pigs'. 1/2G are divided in their opinion as to whether or not The Big Bad Wolf was really to blame or was it just that he had a terrible cold and couldn't help huffing and puffing and sneezing. Perhaps that is why the poorly built pigs' houses of straw and sticks fell down. Another favourite text was 'Hey Little Ant'. The big question was – should the boy step on the pesky ant? This is how Tom resolved the problem.

Hey Little Ant I'll let you free
Because you deserve to be
On your way with a piece of pie
So I won't let you die.

Stage 2-3/4P

A change in 3/4P is happening this week with Mr Powell teaching the class for the rest of the term while I am relieving Principal. In English, we have been looking at how fairy tales can be altered and twisted in many ways. We are currently reading about Cinderella – the horrible and cruel girl that she really was.

Here is Ellie’s account. “Once upon a time when girls went through woods and pigs lived in houses; there lived a lovely girl named Cinderella. As many stories of Cinderella’s life would have it, this stunning girl was as generous and sweet and nice as she was beautiful. This I’m sad to say is a jaw-dropping lie. Cinderella was, in fact, torturous, vain, dirty and a spoilt brat. She loved nothing better than to roll in the dark grey cinders and green cow manure every day so the cleaners had to wash her clothes regularly. She also tried to torture her step sisters by putting snakes and bugs in their beds and at dinner parties that her father held; she put bugs in the food to poison the guests!”

In Maths this semester we have revised the concepts of 2D shapes and angles and place value, and have been learning how to solve subtraction with trading and short division algorithms. This week we are focusing on calculating the area of regular and irregular shapes and position of objects.

In History, we have been captivated by our country’s past. Throughout the year we have researched our first inhabitants, early European exploration (with a particular focus on Captain Cook) and now we are learning about the First Fleet.

Here is an acrostic poem based on historical facts written by Miranda:

Cook was born in a two room cottage in 1728.
As a young boy he was a farm boy.
People believed there was something special about him.
Transit of Venus in Tahiti was a failed mission.
Always had to be accurate with all of his maps.
In New Zealand, Cook discovered that they were actually two islands.
Never returned to England after his third voyage.
Cook reached Australia after he mapped New Zealand.
On the Great Barrier Reef he crashed into coral.
Overjoyed, Cook’s wife waited for him to come back.
King of England also waited for his return.

Stage 3-6W

6W have been loving reading their class novel The Thief Lord, we have been visualising the characters and the events as they unfold and are creating some very detailed illustrations. We now have our own Google Classroom where Miss Wright can set assignments and inform us about learning and events that are happening. We can access this from home, which is exciting. We have also been working hard on our concert items and are looking forward to the performance.

Our Zentangle artworks are finally finished; here is a picture of just a few of the amazing pieces.

Did You Know?

Stage 2 are currently trialling Maths groups for Term 3. Based on students’ knowledge of Stage 2 concepts in Semester 1, we have organised students into groups with similar levels of understanding. Mrs Coughtrie is also taking one of the groups which have also allowed us to make our Maths groups a little smaller than usual. Students stay with their own class teacher for Maths on a Monday, where the concept for the week is introduced. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the concept is further investigated to support each child’s level of understanding.

Library

Book Week is here! Please feel free to drop by the library this week to look at our Book Fair. The library will be open on 9-9:20am and 3-3:30pm each day this week (except Thursday) for purchases. We will also be open all day Friday (open day). If any parents are able to assist with manning the purchasing desk on Friday, even just for an hour, please see Kirsty Nash in the library.

With only 2 weeks left now of the Premier’s Reading Challenge, it’s great to see so many students finalising their reading records. Congratulations to Shirley D, Brooklyn R Charlotte W for completing their challenges this week. Well done too KM, KT, K/1J and 1/2G - all students in these classes have now also completed the challenge!
**SPORT**
Our boys and girls state KO Soccer teams played their Round 3 games. Both teams played well but were unfortunately defeated. A great effort by all. Well done and thanks to all our marvellous parent helpers.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**
The School council is made up of parents, staff and community members and the School Principal. We meet 5 times each year to discuss financial, policy issues and parental/community concerns affecting the school. The next meeting will be held this Wednesday August 12th at 7 pm in the staff room. It would be wonderful to see some new faces attend.
If you have any issues that you would like discussed at the School Council meeting then you can leave a message for The School Council members at the Office or you can contact a member directly.
Thank you
Kelsey Scott

**CACTEEN**
This week’s fabulous Volunteers:
Week 5....
Monday 10th August  Alia B and Belinda P
Tuesday 11th August Kristy J and Rebecca P
Thursday 13th August Dea F, Jackie R & Benita O
Friday 14th August Alicia D, Sonia F, Kiani K and Jackie B

Jo would love to hear from anyone who is keen to be one of our wonderful volunteers - just pop in and see her or leave your number at the office. With only a Term and a half left of 2015, you would only be rostered on 3 or 4 times for the rest of the year - it’s a perfect opportunity to come and try it out.

**Where's My Glee?**
We continue to have a problem with getting stock of Glee drinks - we appreciate the patience and understanding the children have been showing in choosing a milk or juice instead. We hope to have an alternative ready for later this week (shhhhh....OKFs are making a comeback!)!

**Pie Drive Orders**
A huge thank you to all the families that supported our pie drive. Don’t forget to pick up your delicious treats from the school hall (after 2pm) this Thursday. We will announce the winning classes of the pie drive incentive on Friday!

**UNIFORM SHOP**
**WHAT'S NEW??**
Our new Micro-fibre track pants have been selling well - black, straight leg, with a zip at the leg bottom (Size 4-16). These will continue at an introductory price of $25 for the remainder of Term 3. From Term 4 they will be $29.

**PRICE RISE**
Your school uniform shop is run by the school P&C and parent volunteers with an aim to provide quality uniforms at an affordable price. We have managed to maintain our prices for the past 2 years, but our major supplier has had a price rise in July which has led to a review of the pricing in our school uniform shop.
We have endeavoured to keep the price rises to a minimum. Our new price list will be effective from Term 4 2015.
Term 3 may be the perfect opportunity to stock up for next year and beat the price rise!!

**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!!

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**CAVES BEACH SURF CLUB REGO DAYS**
23/8/15 10am – 2pm
30/8/15 10am – 2pm
5/9/15 10am – 2pm

**THE ASSOCIATION OF THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE MENTALLY ILL (ARAFMI) NSW**
This is a Telephone Counselling Support Service for Carers.

ARAFMI Hunter is an incorporated, non-profit organisation and if you require any additional information please contact ARAFMI Mental Health Carers ARAFMI Hunter Inc on:

Contact details:
Admin: 02 4961 2842 or Email: arafmihunter@exemail.com.au
Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5pm

**ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION**
As part of the PD/Health program Year 6 have covered Organ and Tissue Donor Week at a stage 3 level. The topic of Organ and Tissue donation maybe an enlightening topic to be discussed at a family level.

Organ and tissue donation is a life-saving and life-transforming medical process. Organs are removed from a donor and transplanted into someone who is very ill or dying from organ failure. Eye and tissue donation can save or improve the quality of life for others.

Australia has one of the best transplant success rates in the world and research shows that the majority of Australians support organ and tissue donations. For more information go to the website donatelife.gov.au

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