From the Principal...

I feel exhausted just thinking about the week we just had! From Public Speaking competitions, kinder visits to the Anglican Care Village, school discos, Zone Athletics Carnivals, Book Week celebrations and Open Day activities as well as a Bunnings BBQ to top things off; Week 5 was certainly action packed.

I would like to take the opportunity this week to thank our wonderful staff for all the extra responsibility, commitment and organisation that they put their hand up for, which goes above and beyond the classroom, to ensure your children are provided with such a wide variety of schooling experiences. This was no more clearly evident than on Saturday at Bunnings Belmont. A special thank you to Mrs Pengelly, Ms Weekes, Ms Johns, Mrs Coughtrie, Mrs Scott and Miss Lovell, as well as two wonderful parents, Mrs Burrows and Mrs Surman for giving up their personal time to help raise money to ensure the technology at our school continues to meet the needs of our students.

Currently, the Smartboards in our school, which were mostly purchased through funds raised by our parent groups, are beginning to age and need replacing.

Michelle Pascoe - Relieving Principal

ASSEMBLY - Friday at 12.15pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 - 9.30am  Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm

AWARDS
GOLD: 3/4B- Mia S, 5D- Hayley W

THIS WEEK - Week 6
21/8  Premiers Reading Challenge Closes

NEXT WEEK - Week 7
28/8  Aboriginal Performance

Newcastle Permanent Maths Test (Stage 3)
28/8  Author Visit
Regional Athletics

REMINDER K – 2 PARENTS
Please pay Concert Money by next Monday 24th August 2015

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLEARANCES
In the past all volunteers in schools completed a declaration form regarding their suitability to work with children. Under the new Working with Children (WWCC) guidelines anyone working with children or volunteering must obtain a clearance. Information regarding the application process for WWCC Clearance is available at www.kids.nsw.gov.au. This clearance is valid for 5 years unless cancelled.

As we need to update all our records it will be easier if we just update once rather than ask parents to complete one form now and then a new one in a couple of months. You can complete the online application form which can be accessed at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au. If you are experiencing difficulty with this, please see Mrs Bell in the office.

For all the canteen helpers, Jo Mazzitello will be able to assist.

BAND NEWS
We are looking forward to our community play out at the Swansea Public School Family Fun Day on Sunday 30th August (11-12pm). It will be a great opportunity to showcase our talented school band. Please send in your notes ASAP.

Please remember band fees are now overdue. When paying band fees, please remember to add a reference when direct debiting. Direct deposit details: Account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319.

DID YOU KNOW?
A band recruitment information session will be held on Thursday 3rd September (Week 8) at 5.30pm in the band room (next to the canteen). Mrs Scott, our band conductor and I will be informing parents (Grades 2-5) about our band program including commitment, cost and various events the children participate in throughout the year. We will also give advice regarding your child’s suitability to a particular instrument. We hope you can come along.

Michelle Thurston

YEAR 5 CAMP
Year 5 students are already getting excited about our 3 day camp to the Outdoor Education Centre at Morisset. The total cost has been confirmed at $260 per student and payable at the school office. You may decide to start paying off the total now, which is fine. Information, medical forms and permission slips will be going home soon.
BUNNINGS BBQ UPDATE
On Saturday we held a Bunnings BBQ at Belmont to fundraise towards replacing the dying Smart boards in classrooms. Unfortunately it was not the best weather however; we still raised an impressive $630. A huge thank you to Mrs Burrows, Mrs Surman, Mr Scott and all of the teachers who volunteered their time to make the fundraiser possible.

CONCERT BOOKINGS
The bi-annual school concert will be held on the 10th September 2015 in Swansea High School Hall. We will be holding a matinee performance beginning at 12:00pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. Tickets are $8pp or a family ticket is available for 2 Adults & 2 Children for $20. We will be selling tickets a little differently this year. To purchase a ticket you need to go to the following URL and complete your booking online. It is allocated seating so first in best dressed. TICKET SALES WILL OPEN AT 4PM ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST. http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=151236
For any further queries or if you require assistance with the online booking process, please see Ms Weekes.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1-KM
Kindergartens are exhausted after last week’s busy schedule. They should be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour at their visit to the Uniting Care Village on Wednesday. Both the children and the people in care, found the whole experience very rewarding and entertaining. This is something we will look at continuing in the future.

Also, Kindergarten enjoyed their dress-up day to help celebrate Book Week. Children came dressed as their favourite characters and participated in the parade with great pride and excitement. Well done to all the parents for their creativity and enthusiasm in making this day special for their child. Many memorable photos would have been taken on the day.

This week it is business as usual. Kindergarten has a little change on their homework this week. There are two extra words (in grey boxes) for those children wanting some extension words. Your child can attempt the words for their homework if they like. Don’t forget that your child can also write sentences on the back of their homework sheet with their spelling words in them.

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in $5 for the concert costume. If you have not yet done so, please send in as soon as possible so we can finalise payments.

Stage 1-1/2Z
So many exciting things have already happened in 1/2Z this term: including a new teacher, a much awaited excursion to the Reptile Park and the Book Parade.
In English, 1/2Z have been looking at characterisation and perspective, particularly enjoying books by William Joyce and Anthony Browne. We are looking for hidden meanings and learning to make inferences based on a character’s appearance, thoughts, actions and feelings. We have loved using Geoboards in Maths to make 2D shapes and can even create trapeziums and octagons!

In Science this term we are learning to be ‘Weather Watchers’. 1/2Z has enjoyed learning about the different types of clouds and how they can tell us what sort of weather to expect. We have made charts to demonstrate what we have learnt about clouds.

Stage 2-3/4S
Term 3 is flying by very quickly. Not long until concert!! We will be sending home a letter regarding costumes and any costs that may be incurred.

Premiers Reading Challenge closes this Friday. Students need to add all books by Friday morning by going to https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html and using their own school username and password.

In class we are learning about the life of Mary Bryant, a convict on the First Fleet. We have written some interesting diary entries from her perspective and will publish them this week.

In Mathematics we have been working on subtraction with trading and word problems to practise our working mathematically skills. If any parents wish to do some extra work at home then these two concepts would be a great homework activity.

Have a fun and safe week.

Stage3-5D
Term 3 has certainly been busy for 5D! We are thoroughly enjoying developing our websites and they will soon be ready for you to Google. You can check out Rochelle and Grace’s progress at their site www.amazingantarcticafacts.weebly.com and even answer their poll. Nathaniel and Logan are our class experts when it comes to embedding widgets in webpages and their classmates have certainly kept them busy. Imogen, Lilley, Rochelle and Grace have been busy sharing their expertise for creating hyperlinks in webpages. 5D has been very well represented in many areas - athletics carnival, debating, science fair, zone public speaking and bandlink to name but a few. Great way to go 5D. Keep up the huge effort.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to our Public Speakers who competed in the Zone Public Speaking Competition last week - Kaylee D and Oliver P from Stage 3, Max W and Dakota from Stage 2, Quinn W from Stage 1 and Ty J and Lachlan W from Early Stage 1. Well done to everyone, with special congratulations to Quinn for his ‘Highly Commended’.

SPELLING BEE
Congratulations to our Premier’s Spelling Bee finalists, Shayden M, Maya-Jayne H, Nathan H and Myles M. These students will attend the regional final held later in the term. I will send home information and permission notes as soon as I can.

UNITING CARE VISIT
Last Wednesday morning KM and KT visited the residents from Anglican Care Village. We had a beautiful morning which included singing and shared reading. Also, through the week the children made a special artwork to give to each resident which they presented on the day. This was such a rewarding experience for all involved. We hope to visit again soon.
Library
What a week it has been! Thankyou to all the wonderful family and friends of Caves Beach students who visited our book fair last week to purchase fabulous new books and support our school. Because of your support, we will be able to purchase approximately $2,500 of books and resources for our school library. Special thanks must also go to the Ellison, Flanagan and Webster families for donations made to the library during book week.

This week it is time to focus on getting those final books read to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. You only have until Friday 21st August to add your entries online. If you need assistance with recording entries - please see Mrs Nash in the library. Don't leave it till Friday to ask for help!

Coming up in Week 7 (Friday 28th August), we have a visit from the author and illustrator of the wonderful book "Lessons of a Lac". A permission note will go out to all classes this week.

Sport
Congratulations to all our students who competed in the Zone Athletics last Wednesday. Results to follow next week.

Canteen
This fortnight's fabolous Volunteers:

Week 6...
Monday 17th August           Wendy S & Sarah D
Tuesday 18th August          Sue G & Kerry W
Thursday 20th August         Mel Mc & Jo C
Friday 21st August           Liana W, Yeni L, Denise M, Kim S & Lisa G

Week 7...
Monday 24th August           Tania S & Czarina B
Tuesday 25th August          Fiona T
Thursday 27th August         Fiona R, Georgie P
Friday 28th August           Amanda O, Stacy G, Shani W & Leanne F.

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. We need someone next Tuesday (25/8) - Are you free??

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.

OKF - they're back!! We have had ongoing issues with the supply of Glee drinks. Jo has been hard at work finding a replacement and has found a supplier of our old favourites - the OKF Sparkling Fruit Drinks!! Available in 4 flavours, they are $1.60 and are available NOW!

Uniform Shop News
What's New??
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

Interested in Athletics?
Yes, and then join Eastlakes Athletics Centre who is celebrating 40 Years!!
Saturday morning Competition, starting 5th September!
Registrations
Thursday 27th August 5pm - 7pm at Belmont Citi Centre
Saturday 29th August 8am - 3pm, Baxter Field, Marks Point
or any Saturday morning of competition (birth certificates required for new registrations)
New Athletes may come along a try for 2 weeks for FREE (before 31st Oct)
Under 5's (Tiny Tots) to Seniors/Masters
Enquiries - 0439 590 088 / 0402 544 200
Find and like us on Facebook!
I've attached the club's flyer for you to view if needed.
If you prefer me to drop a flyer off for your notice board, please let me know.
Thankyou so much for helping to keep our kids active!!!

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