From the principal…

What a fantastic day for our Athletics Carnival last week. Huge congratulations to all students on their performances on the day. Both Years 3-6 and K-2 were able to use the day to demonstrate their athletic prowess. Please see Mrs Scott’s information later in the newsletter for result details.

K-2 were also blessed by an equally beautiful day for their long awaited excursion. All the children came back full of enthusiasm for all they had seen and done and the staff, full of praise for the way the students behaved.

As from next Monday, I will be on leave until the end of the term. Mrs Pascoe will be taking over as relieving principal. During this time, Mr Powell will be teaching 3/4P.

Denise Rispen – Principal

ASSEMBLY – Friday at 12.15pm

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS
GOLD, 3/4B: Eli S, 3/4M - Tegan T, 5W - Chelsea C.
MERIT KM: Lani S, Brock M. KT: Jaiakia A, Isaac D.
K/1J: Lewis F, Joel M. 1/2G: Maddison W, Kyla R.
1/2L: Amelia S, Cian S. 1/2M: Will P, Kaesyn P.
6W: Jayde De S, Kayne G.

THIS WEEK - Week 4
4/8  UNSW Maths exam
6/8  Boys’ soccer game
   Girls soccer game

NEXT WEEK - Week 5 - Book Week/Education Week
10/8  Stage 3 Public Speaking Belmont PS
11/8  Stage 2 Public Speaking Floraville PS
AECG meeting 6pm Floraville PS 6pm
12/8  Zone Athletics Marks Point
School Council Meeting 7pm
13/8  Zone Athletics Marks Point
Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Marks Point PS
Disco Session times: K - 2  5.30 to 6.30pm
Years 3 - 6  6.45 to 8.00pm

14/8  Stage 1 Public Speaking Valentine PS
Book Week Parade, Open Day & Book Fair
21/8  Premiers reading challenge closes
28/8  Authors visit

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.

Please ensure you 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.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS
In Term 4, our school will be moving towards a paperless newsletter. Currently our newsletters are 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.

CONCERT
SAVE THE DATE: The biannual school concert will be held on Thursday 10th September 2015. There will be two shows, a matinee at 12pm and an evening show at 6:30pm. Preparations for this concert are well underway and further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

SCIENCE FAIR
On Thursday 30th July, ten of our Stage 3 students presented science projects at the Galgabba Science Fair. I would like to congratulate these students for all the hard work they put it and the way in which they confidently delivered their presentations to the community on the night. Well done Kristian B, Aurora Z, Taya M, Oliva Mc, Kayne G, Luca S, Maya-Jayne H, Rochelle M and Lara G. Blake Mc, Blythe M and Christina T are also to be congratulated on participating in the finals of the paper place competition. Blake placed 4th in the distance final and Christina placed 2nd in the flight time final.

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BAND NEWS
Last Friday's assembly was all the better for hearing the band play! Many thanks to Kristian, our Band Leader and his loyal helpers for their assistance in setting up and packing away. I know it seems like a lot of work for some, however if EVERYONE helps out it lessens the load for all. Please be sure to bring your instrument every Friday as this is the time for our band to shine in front of a very appreciative audience.

There are a few play outs Mrs Scott and I are trying to Co-ordinate so a greater audience can value the hard work our band members contribute to themselves and our school. I will keep you posted.

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.

Have a great week! Michelle Thurston

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1 – K/1J

Wow! We had the most amazing time at the Reptile Park. We saw all kinds of interesting animals and our favorites were Elvis the crocodile, the snakes, the kangaroos and the enormous tortoise. We were able to touch lizards, a tawny frogmouth and a huge snake called 'Fluffy'. Mrs Pengelly got to hold 'Fluffy'.

Katie got to hold a snake and Lewis was the tree trunk for a bearded dragon.

When we came to school on Friday, we wrote stories about the things we had seen and created a PowerPoint that told the story of our day.

Lots of wonderful adventures still to come in K/1J, it just keeps getting better.

Welcome back Zena!

Stage 1-1/2L has settled into yet another busy term. Students demonstrated great sportsmanship during the K-2 Athletics Carnival while our 8 year old children experienced their first 100 metre race against fellow primary aged students.

Last week we were blessed with clear weather and had a wonderful time learning hands on facts about Australian animals and their habitats at the Australian Reptile Park.

For the remainder of the term we continue to have reading groups 10:20-11:20 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays (parent helpers welcome) and will continue learning our dances for the Caves Beach Public School's bi-annual concert.

lots of exciting times ahead!

Thank you for your continued Support.

Stage 2-3/4B

What a busy start to Term 3! Some things that have been happening in our class:

With this week’s maths focus on angles, 3/4B have created ‘geometric stars’. We started off with a straight angle and applied our knowledge of acute and obtuse angles to create these amazing stars. Take a peek below! Our class are all homophone geniuses! We have explored lots of new homophones and learnt their meanings and correct spellings during grammar these past two weeks. 3/4B have started studying ‘The First Fleet’. With already much discussion and predictions, our class are all interested to know about what happened during this time of history. As a class, we came up with some great inquiry questions for us to find out as we learn more about The First Fleet this term.

Stage 3 – 4E

It’s been an exceptionally busy start to Term 3 and it doesn’t look like slowing down any time soon! We have been busy looking at numbers and measurement in class and are still working on our independent work habits.

We are studying the book ‘The Thief Lord’ by Cornelia Funke looking at the books setting in Venice and beginning to create profiles on the main characters that are being introduced. Preparation has begun on our concert spectacular. We are all busy choreographing and learning dances for the upcoming performance, there is a long way to go but it is going to look fantastic!

DEBATING NEWS

This week our Premier’s Debating Team take on Belmont PS. The debate is our first home game of the season so if you would like to come along and support our girls please do. The debate will begin at 12:00 in the school hall on Tuesday 4th August. Meanwhile, our Year 5 Train-on squad have been madly preparing for their next debate. The Train-ons are travelling to Hillsborough PS on Wednesday 5th August. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and support the team.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Dakota V, Kaylee D and Oliver P who were wonderful participants in the Galgabba Public Speaking competition at Swansea Public School last Thursday.

LIBRARY

Just another reminder about our school Open Day and Book Fair on Friday 14th August. Parents and friends are invited to join students in classroom tours, a treasure hunt, the book fair and a picnic lunch; followed by the wonderfully colourful spectacle of our Book Week Parade. The day will start for parents at 10:20am and finish at 1:15pm. Further information on the events and the timetable will be sent home next Monday.

This week’s amazing readers who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge are Elia S and Campbell M - well done. The closing date for entry of student booklists is Friday 21st August - that’s only three weeks away! Make sure you are recording your books read - see Mrs Nash if you need any assistance with entering your booklists online.

SPORT

Caves Beach Athletics Carnival Results 2015

Last week we were lucky enough to have the sun shining which ensured we were able to complete our Athletics Carnival. A huge shout out to all the parent helpers who made the day run smoothly and a massive thank you to the staff who made sure the events were successfully completed making it enjoyable and fun for all the students.

Allyn house competitors shone bright throughout all events and were the top scoring team, taking out the winning house title on the day. In close second was Goulburn house and equal third was Williams and Paterson. House captains should be extremely proud of their teams.

On the school website you will find the track and field results, listing top three in each event. Follow the link below, or navigate from the home screen to the news feed to find the attached document.

Our Athletics will be held next week, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August. Permission notes will be sent home this week, with the students who successfully qualified.
Thank you & Welcome!
A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped out during last week's Athletics Carnival - it was a very busy day! And a big welcome to Jo M our new Canteen Coordinator - what a Crazy week she had for her first week!
Jo would love to hear from anyone who is keen to be one of our Fabulous 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.
Please don't forget to get your pie drive orders in tomorrow Tuesday 4th August.
(not 3rd July) Pick up from the canteen on Thursday 13th August.

Thankyou.

UNIFORM SHOP
Our new Micro-fibre trackpants 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.
We still have plenty of stock in warm winter uniforms - Jumpers ($16) & Jackets ($44) plus long pants for girls and boys.

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 –
1. Download the form from our school website http://www.cavesbeachp.schools.nsw.edu.au/P&C-canteen-uniform/school-uniform
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

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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