From the Principal

After such an amazing, action-packed week with the concert, you'd think this week would be just a little slower. Looking at the calendar, this doesn’t seem to be the case! Today our girls’ softball team travelled to Rathmines for the next round of the PSSA competition and our Yr 5 debaters headed to Nords Wharf. On Tuesday, we will celebrate NAIDOC Day, with activities organised by Mrs McLaren and some students from Swansea High. Our students will see a dance and didgeridoo performance and participate in a variety of cultural games and art activities throughout the day. Children are encouraged to wear yellow, red and/or black.

On Wednesday we have many students from Stage 2 and 3 participating in the Zone Touch Football Gala Day, as well as 4 students representing the school at the Regional Spelling Bee. We wish Myles, Nathan, Maya-Jayne and Shayden the best of luck, and our school choir performing for the residents of Uniting Care. A BLUES Day has been organised on Thursday in support of Chloe S. who has been selected to represent NSW and to round off such a busy yet rewarding Term 3, we invite you all to attend our special Celebration Assembly on Friday at 12:15pm.

Last week I sent home information regarding students participating in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) surveys at the start of next term. My apologies for any confusion, but this information sheet only needed to be sent to parents of students from Yrs 4-6. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this survey please send the “Non-consent form” back by Friday.

Going home today with this Newsletter, is the unique Caves Beach parent username and password. This will allow all parents access to the survey until 16th October. I urge you all to take the time to fill in this 15 minute online survey about our school.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. We can use your feedback to make practical improvements and inform future school planning. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
Our School's Parent Username = parent16912
Our School's Parent Password = Cav4367

Paperless Newsletters
In Term 4, our school will be moving towards a paperless newsletter. The cost saving to the school will be in excess of $5000.00 per year and the impact of our reduced paper usage has a positive effect on the environment. 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 have many parents who already access the newsletter this way.
BLUES DAY
This Thursday the 17th September Caves Beach PS will be running a BLUES Day to help support one of our Year 6 students. Chloe.S. has been selected in the PSSA NSW Soccer team. She will be going to the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. We ask all students to come to school dressed in blue clothes and bring a gold coin donation to help Chloe with her travel expenses. Thank you for your support.

NAIDOC DAY
On Tuesday we will be celebrating NAIDOC Day, can all students please wear something red, yellow and/or black. Students from Swansea High will be performing and teaching Caves Beach students about the didjeridoo, Aboriginal dance, and Aboriginal body art. Miss McLaren will teach children about Aboriginal dreaming stories and Aboriginal symbols.

BAND NEWS
Congratulations to both bands for their wonderful performance at the school concert. A big thank you to Mrs Kelsey Scott for her assistance with the logistics during the two performances. We will see the band perform again this Friday at the Celebration Assembly. BandFest is happening in Week 2 next term. Children will receive a note tomorrow outlining the details. There is no cost involved so I would appreciate the permission slip to be returned by the end of the week so I can organise the transport list. 

As mentioned last week, I have an exciting announcement. Due to popular demand, Glenrockin’ Band Camp will return next March! It was such a positive and enjoyable experience, we look forward to doing it all again together with Nords Wharf. Details will follow early next term.

Band Recruitment
Our new junior band members will begin week 4 next term. If your child is interested, please ask them to see myself or the office for an information pack.

Many Thanks
Mrs Thurston

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1
We’re all so exhausted after that wonderful concert. How beautiful were the Kinder children? I think it was an exceptional performance, but I would like to stop singing “Let it go” sometime soon. Well done to Mrs McDonald, Mrs Tia and Mrs Thurston for coming up with a little touch of magic and giving the children an opportunity to shine.

In K/1U we are experimenting. Last week we attempted to make snow – not the frozen water kind. We used baking powder and hair conditioner! We also played with tornadoes and making foam clouds. It wows everyone. We have explored the water cycle and discussed the ‘big words’ – precipitation, condensation and evaporation. It’s coming up to another holiday and once again I hope that everyone stays safe and sound and most of all has a wonderful and restful break. We all need it!

Stage 1
1/2G have been super busy this term crafting power sentences using idioms and sensational synonyms in their writing. Here are some examples:

AI was coming apart at the seams because the rude little pig said mean things about his granny. By Georgie

Alexander T Wolf was as tough as nails because he didn’t care that he had destroyed the first and second little pigs’ homes. He just walked away feeling over the moon. By Declan

By the time the big bad wolf arrived at the third little pig’s house he was feeling all steamed up and hot under the collar. By Heidi

The first little pig was in a stew because the big bad wolf was going to gobble him up. By Steven

1/2 G have also been enjoying their Science unit ‘The Weather’. They have been learning about cloud formations, making a tornado in a bottle, rain clouds in a cup and snow so that they could build a snowman! All this while getting ready for our fantastic concert!

Stage 2
Well concert week is over and what an amazing performance by all students, especially stage 2!! Over the last couple of weeks we have been putting our own spin on fairy tale starters to try and engage the audience. All students have developed some fantastic pieces of writing which will be published this week. Being the last week of term we will be revising Math concepts as well as doing some short snapshot assessments to see what we have retained from the term so far. Don’t forget tomorrow is NAIDOC day and students are encouraged to wear red, black and/or yellow.

Stage 3
Wow! What a week, Mr E and I are so proud of all of Year 6 for their hard work and commitment to our last ever concert performance (sad face). The students in Year 6 chose the songs for our dances and choreographed most of them and the finished product was ammmmaaaaazing!! The day after the concert Mr E and I played a trick on Year 6, we told them that Mrs Pascoe was thinking of cancelling the school concert in the future due to it taking up far too much learning time. We then asked the students to write Mrs Pascoe a letter to persuade her how important the school concert is and what they learnt from their experience. When they were told this, their jaws dropped the expression on their faces was priceless, before we knew it the students were at their desks passionately writing for the whole morning session. Little did they know, we omitted to tell them it was a hypothetical scenario. I must say, we were very impressed with their writing considering how tired they were. This week Year 6 will be presenting their Happy Hippos Math Investigation to the class, they have been working extremely hard on these and we are looking forward to seeing their finished products.

This has been a busy and enjoyable term. To work with 6W has been an absolute pleasure. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know them all. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and I’ll see you in term 4.
Girls soccer team. Thursday for Chloe S, who has been selected in the State. Don’t forget to wear Blue and bring a gold coin donation on 13-12.

We wish Kayne G and the Hunter Boys PSSA team the best of luck at the State Carnival this week. Kayne will be pitching many fast balls to his competition!

Something New On The Menu

We have been introducing some new menu items over the past week and the kids are smiling! We will now be serving a grilled chicken burger ($3 with lettuce & mayo, or $4 with the 'works'), frozen juice cups (50 cents), a new ‘sour’ icypole (70 cents) & the kids are going to LOVE Mrs Mazzitello’s famous homemade bolognaise pasta ($3)! We have also sourced a great new snack/chip product that is gluten free ($1)! We will be introducing a new, green canteen rated, Fruit Juice over the next few weeks - this replaces our ‘popper’ style product which was rated as an ‘amber’ item for canteen. We are also serving different seasonal fruits each day at lunch & recess - the kids have been munching on watermelon and blueberries this week! Yoghurt bites have made a comeback - at only 15 cents each for plain yoghurt & 20 cents with some fresh fruit, they are a delicious, cool, healthy treat!

Canteen Roster Week 10

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Lost Property

There is a large amount of clothing in our Lost Property container in the office foyer. Please come and look for any missing items.

Uniform Shop

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!! The new price list & order form will be available from the office, the uniform shop and on the school website from Week 10 of this term.

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