From the Principal ...

It’s here! Concert Week has finally arrived. After many long hours of planning, preparation, costume and prop making and rehearsals, we look forward to our School Extravangza on Thursday. It is not too late to purchase your tickets as there are many still available for the matinee performance although the night performance is sold out.

Two important letters concerning the concert have been sent home today with your child. If you did not receive these letters please ask your child to bring them home tomorrow or alternatively you will find them both on the school website. I urge you to read both.

I hope all those significant males in our lives had a wonderful day yesterday. The Father’s Day Breakfast and Father’s Day Stall were once again well patronised. Nothing brings a smile to my face more than seeing children walking into school hand in hand with their loved ones, skipping and laughing, and looking up in awe of their Dads/Grandads/etc. You play such a significant role in your child’s lives and we thank you for, more than likely, rearranging busy schedules to be a part of this day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C and Canteen Committee for all the hard work and personal time they put in to making these special days so successful.

The last time I was in the Principal’s chair, I had the opportunity to attend a Principal Police Forum regarding Cyber Safety which highlighted the frightening aspects of social media and the Apps our students are downloading and frequently using. Not only are we dealing with the predators in our local community but International Crime Gangs are roaming the sites of Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat and KIK just to name a few. Please be vigilant in what your children are writing and uploading onto these sites. For example: A simple photo of someone in their lounge room can divulge information about what is in your house, entry points, locks used on windows, etc. What criminals are looking for is endless and it is up to us to educate our children about these dangers. In saying all that, all the Apps mentioned above are registered as ages 13+ and KIK is in fact 17+, so legally no primary student should be using any of these sites. In reality, I would be living under a rock if I thought this was the case. Your best weapon is to supervise carefully and have open and honest discussions regularly.

Michelle Pascoe
Relieving Principal

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

AWARDS
GOLD: 1/2P: Aydin H. 5W: Charley S. 5D: Lilley R.
MERIT
5D: Jye B, Molly B. 5W: Jacob W, Ziggy T. 6W: Jayde D, Haydn E, Chloe S. 6E: Alyssa I, Kynan M.

THIS WEEK- Week 9
9/9 Concert dress rehearsal
10/9 Reg. Public Speaking
Concert Performance

NEXT WEEK- Week 10
14/9 Girls Softball
Debating Nords Wharf
16/9 Zone Spelling Bee
Touch Football Gala Day
17/9 Blues Day

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.

BANDNEWS
Thanks to the parents and children who attended our new band members information session last week.
We are looking to start our new members in week 4 next term. Please see me if you would like the information from the evening.
Just a reminder that both Senior and Junior Bands will be performing at our school concert this week!
Stay tuned...as we have an exciting event to officially announce next week.
Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston (Band Co-ordinator)
WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

**Early Stage 1**
Kindergarten are very excited because this is it! Concert week!

After tireless hours of practice and planning we can now finally show family and friends our spectacular performance. Kindergarten should be congratulated for their patience, perseverance and positive attitude throughout the term. A special thanks needs to go out to Rafferty V for his valuable contribution in helping make up the boys dance. His creativity and rhythmic style has been an inspiration to us all. Thanks Raff! We look forward to sharing our performance with you on Thursday. We can hardly wait!

**Stage 1**
1/2M have had a wonderful term. We began the term with an excursion to the Reptile Park. We had an excellent day learning all about the animals. We brought an 'Elvis the Crocodile' and 'Willow the Tasmanian Devil' back with us and now they take turns sitting on our tables and helping us with our work throughout the week.

We also had other fun times such as, dressing up for the book parade, attending the Aboriginal performance and meeting the author and illustrator of 'Lessons of a Lac'.

We have really enjoyed our English unit this term. We have been learning about perspectives, and have been reading and writing about different points of view portrayed in various stories. We have also been drawing features from the environment from different points of view. Our project this term was to use the iPad to record a reflection on the book 'Memoirs of a Goldfish'. We are also looking forward to making our own paper mache Goldfish in class.

In Science, we are learning all about the weather. We have created weather art and made a slideshow about the weather on the computer.

All the children have been learning various dances and songs to perform at the school concert. I hope to see you all at there on Thursday.

**Stage 2**
This week is a very exciting week for Caves Beach PS and Stage 2, as we are all gearing up for Thursday's concert. We have displayed great dedication in our rehearsals and it is all starting to come together nicely! We will have our first practise in the high school hall on Tuesday and it would be great if we could have all the costumes in by Tuesday as well, so we are ready for our dress rehearsal on Wednesday.

This week in English, 3/4P will be looking more into twisted fairy tales and will get a chance to write their own based on the picture book 'Into the Woods'. Maths groups have been working well this term and our focus over the next few days will be on Patterns and Algebra.

In our History unit we will be looking more into the early settlement of Newcastle and will find out a little bit about John Hunter and his significance.

It will be a very busy week for 3/4P as we start to round out the term, and we can't wait to see you all on Thursday for the concert.

**Stage 3**
Term 3 is just flying by and what an amazing journey it is. 5D have continued working hard on developing interesting and useful websites for you to go to. Many students have added widgets such as visitor counters to their page to help keep track of the numerous hits their sites are getting. Concert preparations are in full swing and we can hardly wait to perform for you. Thanks to the parents who came along to our assembly last Friday. We had fun and we hope you did too. Our next big adventure is Year 5 Camp. We will be having a meeting next Monday to hand out the camp permission notes and medical forms. Remember to finalise your payment at the office and return the completed forms to class teachers as soon as possible. Have a great week.

**Chess**

Our chess squad has performed very well again this year, securing themselves a place at the regional final to be held in November. We are just waiting for the other zones to finalise their matches then we will be notified officially. A huge thanks to Mr Kratizer who works tirelessly with the squad and to Mrs Gardener who stepped in during the last round of the competition. Thanks also to all the parents who transport our chess squad...we could not compete if it wasn't for your ongoing support. Well done everyone, a fantastic season.

Debating

The 2015 debating season is drawing to a close. Our Premier's team played valiantly until the end, in a narrow defeat against Eleebana. It was a great season for Olivia, Taya, Aurora and Blythe. Our train-on team, Luca, Rochelle, Lara and Imogen, currently remains undefeated and still has two debates to go. On Monday 14th September we head off to Nords Wharf where we will be the negative team for the topic "That modern communication is flawed". On Wednesday 16th we play host to Pelican Flat Public School where we will be the affirmative team for the topic "That the world really is a peaceful place". We wish our Train-on team the very best of luck as they are hoping to secure a place in the zone finals.

**Library**

Library lessons may change this week due to the school concert rehearsals and performance. If you do not get to borrow during your normal class time and want to change your books, please come to the library at recess (any day except Thursday). Raffle tickets still apply to borrowings made at recess time.

A reminder about library bags: We have a small supply of bags available to students who have forgotten their library bag, as we don't want students to miss out on borrowing. If you have seen one of these bags come home - could you please ensure that it is returned promptly so that other students can use it. Any donations of bags (whether cloth or plastic) are also welcomed. Happy reading Caves Beach!

**Sport**

**Regional Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 28th August eight CBPS students represented the Zone at Regional Athletics Carnival held at the Glendale sporting complex. Congratulations to all of our competitors - Talisha T (Snr Shot Put) Tallara N (11yr 200m) Hayley W (11yr 800m) Tegan T (Jnr 800m) Ayahay G, Ally B, Tallara N and Kaylee D competed in the Snr Relay Team. They placed second in their heat but missed out on the final by milliseconds!! The should all be proud of themselves. Fantastic effort girls!! Special mention of two athletes, Kayne and Kaylee who are headed to the State Carnival on the 14th & 15th October at Homebush Olympic Park. Kayne G (11yr Shot Put & Discus)- finished 1st in Shotput with a competition PB of 12.34m & 1st in Discus with all of his throws breaking the record!! Kaylee also holds the Eastlake Macquarie records for Shot Put and Discus.Kaylee D (11yr 800m) - finished 1st and is hoping to shave some seconds off her time, with a goal of making the State final. Well done everyone – FANTASTIC results.

We wish Kayne and Kaylee all the best at state and we hope the training and preparation all goes well.Thanks again to the parents and caregivers who were able to transport and support our students on the day. Katie Scott

From the Learning and Support Teacher

**Expressions of Interest**

We would like to run 2 information sessions for Stage 2 and Stage3. The first will be on Focus on Reading and what it looks like for your student.

The second will be on Numeracy.

Please tick to indicate your interest and return to office. Based on interest we will schedule and advise of the date. If numbers prove viable we will offer night time sessions.

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**Lost Property**

There is a large number of green jumpers, polo shirts etc, unclaimed in our lost property bin in the foyer. Please come in and have a look for items that your child has misplaced.
The Tell Them From Me STUDENT feedback survey

I am delighted to announce that in the first 2 weeks of Term 4, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in the first 2 weeks of Term 4. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students tomorrow. [Please note: You only have to return the consent form if you do not want your child or children to participate]. Please return the form to school by Friday 18th September 2015.

The Partners in Learning PARENT feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October (including throughout the school holiday period). Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Canteen Roster Week 9

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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.

P & C NEWS

On Monday 31st August, the P&C Committee and representatives from the sub-committees (Canteen, Uniform Shop and Band) all came together for a great meeting. We reviewed the Rydges Holiday Raffle that is currently being run. A big thanks to all who have returned sold tickets and those who have even taken more to sell! Unfortunately there are still many not returned. This makes it difficult and we ask that all families please return their tickets before Wednesday. The raffle will be drawn during the night concert and we have some really great prizes to be drawn. A question was raised about why we are raising funds for the playground soft fall over the needed SMART boards. The choice was made in Term 1 based on the Principal's recommendation and Workplace & Safety requirements. If you have seen the state of the soft fall under the well used play equipment, you would understand how important it was for the school to replace it. We do not want our kids tripping over torn bits, or getting excessive bruises (or worse!) from the terrible condition it has been in. The total cost is very high to replace, and the Principal felt that this was a priority. Unfortunately, until we sell all the current raffle tickets we will be unable to provide our goal amount to help the school pay for it. Each year, we consult with the school to find the best way we can help our kids at school. This was this year's priority, next year may be something else - such as SMART boards or air-conditioners.

On other issues, we are excited for the Canteen who now has a coffee machine available for all Canteen volunteers, and new pie ovens are being ordered. The Canteen is always looking for more helpers, please chat to Jo in the canteen if you can help even once a month.

Next term's fundraising will be two-fold - our traditional Christmas raffle starting the end of November, and engraved pavers. Keep a look out for more info, and the chance for you and your family to be immortalised at Caves Beach Public School.

Our next meeting is week 3 Term 4, Monday 19th October. Please feel free to come and join us! Sam Brown (President)