From the Principal

It has been pleasing to see our students settle into their new classes for the year and establish their routines with their teachers and peers. To our new families, we welcome you and encourage you to be part of our school life. Thank you to our Year 6 children who have been wonderful Kindergarten buddies this year. You have all been very respectful and responsible helping our new students settle into school smoothly.

This year Caves Beach Public School has revisited its values system. The key values are: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Acceptance, A Fair Go, Care and Compassion and Integrity. As a staff this year we have undertaken Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) based on our values system to revitalise this system and ensure consistency across the school. There will be a focus on one value at a time over a number of weeks; however, this does not mean the others are ignored.

The first few weeks of this term have focussed on Respect. This value has been explicitly taught in class and discussed at stage meetings and whole school assemblies. Our values system ties in with our ‘Go for Gold’ positive behaviour system. If you are not familiar with this it will be covered at next week’s Parent Information Sessions. The students of Caves Beach Public School are displaying respect in spades. I have seen it first hand in the playground, in the classroom and during duties. Our values system will be a feature of our newsletter throughout the year enabling you to discuss these values with your child as we do.

Hoax Bomb Threats

As you may be aware there have been numerous hoax bomb threats to schools across Australia since the beginning of the school year. It is believed that the computerised threats are originating from outside Australia, in every case the threat has been designed to cause disruption and there has been no danger to students or staff. I would seek to reassure you that our school has a detailed emergency management plan. In response to these hoax bomb threats Caves Beach Public School undertook an evacuation practice last Friday to ensure all staff and students are fully aware of the process. During this drill the students were very compliant and followed instructions exceptionally well. In the event that we receive any type of threat the students and staff would be immediately evacuated and the NSW Police engaged to investigate, we would ask at this time that you support the school by not contacting or attending the school as this can interfere with our capacity to manage the event. The school will always seek to keep parents informed whilst prioritising student and staff safety. Our school would give early communication via our Caves Beach Public School (Skoolbag) App. If you have any concerns please contact me so we can discuss in further detail.

Parent Information Sessions

In Week 4 Parent Information Sessions will be offered for all classes. This is an excellent way to meet your child’s / children’s class teacher/s and find out about all things 2016. If you would like to organise an individual time to meet your child’s teacher you will need to organise a mutually agreeable time with them as these sessions are general overviews discussing things such as class routines, expectations, homework and behaviour systems. There are a number of sessions to accommodate all classes. Session times have been staggered to allow parents the opportunity to attend sessions as they require. Please be sure to check the timetable carefully. Session times are as follows:

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NB: All Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) will start in the hall and then go off to individual classrooms. This is similar with Stage 3 (Year 5 &6). Starting locations for Stage 3 are in the Stage 3 overview that features in this newsletter.

Afternoon Traffic

I have now experienced the afternoon traffic on Rea Street. At first I thought this looks like total chaos but after undertaking afternoon duty for a number of weeks now I realise it is organised chaos. I would like to thank the parents who use this road of an afternoon. You are very patient and it is pleasing to see cars moving down at the drop off zone to allow other cars to move into the rank. Thank you for not parking in this zone as this would restrict other cars from using this area thus adding to the traffic congestion. The school will endeavour to put out the crossing signage each afternoon. As this is a private road we are not eligible for a crossing guard. Your vigilance on this road and at the crossing is greatly appreciated.
Please remain vigilant at all times as children can be unpredictable. I would hate to think one of our students or community members was seriously hurt due to the high volume of traffic that uses this road of an afternoon.

Sport 2016

This year it has been decided that Caves Beach Public School will participate in the following sports:
- Netball (girls)
- Cricket (boys)
- Soccer (boys / girls)
- Softball (boys / girls)
- Rugby League (boys)

As Education is our core business it is not viable that we compete in every sport available. Students who are of the elite level in specific sports will still have the opportunity to trial for all Zone Sporting Teams. A note will go home to all Year 4 to Year 6 students to indicate what sports they play and at what level. This will assist when teachers have to select students for school sporting teams and to represent the school at Zone Trials.

Grant McFarland
Relieving Principal

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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

UPCOMING DATES

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK
15th Feb        School banking starts
15th Feb.       Parent information session- Kindergarten
16th Feb.       Parent information session- Stage 3
17th Feb.       Parent information session-Stage 2

FUTURE DATES
26th Feb.       Canteen AGM
14th March.     P & C AGM

AWARDS

GOLD: 4/5B-Summa M.


BAND NEWS

Band Camp 31/3/16 – 1/4/16
Thank you to all band students who have returned their note and have paid a $20 deposit for Band Camp. For students who have not yet paid a deposit, additional notes were sent home on Tuesday and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

New band shirts are now available for $35 from the uniform shop.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten are settled and lovely, enjoying their start at CBPS. The Kindergarten Parent Information Session will be held next Monday 15 February at 4pm in the Kindergarten classrooms for KJ and KL. K/1G will hold their session at 5pm in the K/1G classroom.

Stage 1

Stage 1 has started the year with a great energy and enthusiasm. Students have been settling in and getting to know teachers and new classmates. Taking the time at the start of the year to build a rapport with their class is an important way that teachers can develop a trusting culture within a classroom. Teachers have also been reviewing our expectations in terms of behaviour in the classrooms, focusing on ‘Respect’ and what that means.

We have been looking at ‘Making Connections’ when reading books – how to make a connection and how it helps us make meaning from a text. We are also looking at the English concept of ‘Characterisation’ and how a good writer will ‘show not tell’ us about a character.

Students completed some assessments last week, as part of an ongoing way for staff at CBPS to measure their impact on students’ learning. These pre-tests also help teachers to plan ‘where to next?’ for the students.

Thea O’Sullivan
Assistant Principal

Stage 2

We extend a warm welcome to our Year 3 students as they join the Stage 2 team and of course, we ‘welcome back’ our Year 4’s. Our first few weeks have been busy setting our classroom goals, expectations and routines to ensure the smooth running of a successful year ahead. We have also been doing a lot of ‘getting to know you’ activities to build positive relationships not only with other students but also with us. These types of activities are crucial not only at the beginning of the school year but at any time. We believe that if we are expecting children to share their opinions in the class on a regular basis, participate in discussions with their peers, take risks with their learning, openly identify their strengths and areas for further development and work cooperatively with all students within the room then it is our responsibility to provide opportunities for children to feel safe and comfortable with each other. Our ‘class building’ lessons are the starting point in developing the firm foundations for a happy, dynamic and supportive classroom for the whole year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Parent Information Session next week (Wednesday 17th February) where we will discuss the year in detail. Just a reminder, all of Stage 2 will meet in the hall at 4:30pm SHARP for a general overview of the year ahead. We anticipate this session to go for about half an hour. After this time, individual teachers will head to their own classrooms to discuss their personal routines, expectations and personally meet you if they haven’t already done so. In the meantime, keep reading to your children. A good ‘chat’ about a book they are reading is more powerful than any worksheet!

Michelle Pascoe
Assistant Principal

Stage 3

Stage 3 students are considered the leaders of the school and they are certainly setting an outstanding example for younger students at...
the moment. All of the Year 5 and 6 classes have been very settled both in the classroom and in the playground.

Year 6 Buddies have worked extremely hard to make the Kindergarten students feel welcome and comfortable in their first week at school.

An updated Student Parliament is in full swing providing a wide range of leadership opportunities for all Year 6 students and for the first time Year 5 will become official members of Parliament in Semester 2.

All of the Stage 3 teachers are looking forward to meeting the parents at our Parent Information Afternoon next Tuesday February 16. Both Year 6 classes will meet in 6K room (middle room upstairs) at 4.30pm, followed by Year 5 at 5pm in 5W room (first room at the top of the Library stairs).

Let’s work together to encourage all students to work hard, take responsibility for their learning and strive for quality!

John White
Assistant Principal

SPORT

Sporting Schools Program

Once again we have been lucky enough to be granted funding for the Sporting Schools program in 2016. In Term 1, Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) will participate in a basketball program run by the Newcastle Basketball Development Team. This program is fully funded and will incur no cost to the students.

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) will participate in the same program in Term 2 and Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) will have the opportunity to engage with the program in Terms 3 and 4.

CANTEEN

Off the Menu

As part of our ongoing review of the canteen menu, we will no longer be offering Chicken Pops. We do still have chicken sticks and crumbed chicken tenders available.

This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

Term 1 Week 3
Thursday 11th February
Fiona R & Georgie P

Friday 12th February
Alicia D, Jacqui B, Sonia F & Kiani K

Term 1 Week 4
Monday 15th February
Tania S

Tuesday 16th February
Belinda W & Denise R

Thursday 18th February
Bec P & Nicole E

Friday 19th February
Michelle C, Denise Mc, Kristy K & Kerlin Lyn J

Term 1 Week 5
Monday 22nd February
Wendy S & Elisha A

Tuesday 23rd February
Tracey R & Danielle W

Thursday 25th February
Mel M & Jo C

Friday 26th February
Ala B, Leanne F, Mellony, Fiona S

· To support our coordinator and to make sure we run a profitable canteen, we have a canteen committee. Without our committee, the canteen cannot operate!

· We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Friday 26th February 2016 at 2pm in the multi-purpose room.

· A couple of our long standing volunteers have left the school or will be in the next 12 months – we’d love to hear from people keen to be part of our committee.

· We are looking for keen, friendly & helpful people to join our committee – there are many different ways you can help out. It doesn’t have to take a commitment of many hours & you don’t need lots of experience – just your ideas & enthusiasm.

· Our canteen profits are ALL directed straight back into our school to purchase much needed resources – you are supporting our kids each time you order and each hour you volunteer.

UNIFORM SHOP

Zone Swimming – School Swim Caps

Based on feedback from families, we have sourced and now stock a silicon swim cap for our zone swimming representatives. A great quality yellow cap printed with Caves Beach PS Swim Team, they sell for $10. They are available NOW from the uniform shop or the school office.

Buying Uniforms

Your school uniform shop is opened by our friendly volunteers from 2:30-3:30pm each Wednesday during the school term. Outside of these times we also offer a convenient 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!!

The P&C held its first meeting for 2016 on Monday 8th Feb. It was great to see everyone back and even a new face to join our team! While it is only week 3, the P&C and the sub-committees (Band, Uniform Shop and Canteen) have already met and begun planning for the year. Again this year, we will hold our traditional Easter Raffle, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall and Christmas Raffle. These events help us provide more for our kids at Caves Beach Public.

We are also excited to bring more school community events, and really hope that all parents will come and join in, getting to know more about the school and our wonderful community. Such events include the upcoming Greet & Meet at Caves Hotel on the 2nd March. Keep an eye out for more information as the date gets closer. This will be a great chance for new parents to meet others.
The Band are holding a BBQ at Bunnings at the end of February. If you can't help out on the day, why not stop in and buy a sausage. The money will help the many kids who participate in our ever popular junior and senior bands.

As Easter is only a month away, there will be Hot Cross Buns sold from the Canteen, and our ever popular Easter Raffle. Every child is asked to donate one Easter Egg to the raffle, and sell a book of 10 raffle tickets. Every year, the Chocolate Hampers are bigger and better because of student donations. Everyone wants to win!

Looking back on 2015, we want to thank everyone for their contributions towards the Christmas Raffle. We raised $1600 towards the soft fall under the playground equipment. A great effort!

As a P&C we have spent the last year working towards greater efficiency and professionalism in what we do. We are in the process of creating safer work practises, and simpler steps in processes to ensure that we stay above board, and best represent the school community, with no appearance of dishonesty. All volunteers are now required to have a valid Working With Children Check. This ensures that we are doing our best to keep all students safe. We are also working towards a digital recording system for all transactions and records. This ensures that we can be honestly audited without any one feeling pressure due to miscommunication.

We have also spent considerable time looking at the school calendar to provide events and fundraising activities that do not over-tax or over-commit families. We hope that this will encourage families to participate more and enjoy their time at Caves Beach Public School.

In finishing this news, I would just like to invite anyone who is interested in joining any of the committees to have a go. Just because you turn up, does not mean you are given a job. In most cases we need people to have a say, to be willing to help out where possible. In the P&C we need people who are willing to serve at the Mothers/ Fathers Day stalls, or help sell tickets on the Easter Hat Raffle. If you are able, or even willing (but may not be able to do all or one in particular event) please give your name and mobile to the office. We will then contact you near such events and see if you are able to help. As the saying goes: Many hands make light work!!

Our next meeting will be held Monday 14th March, 7pm at the school. We will be holding our AGM (hopefully) first, then the General meeting.

Samantha Brown, President.

CHESS CLUB

The 2016 Chess season is due to kick off very soon. Our school club will begin formal operation as of Week 4 (Thursday 18th February). Interested students must obtain a permission note from Mrs Dennis and return it to her prior to participating in Chess Club.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking day is now Monday and will start on Monday 15th February.