From the Principal…

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 4! As I settle into my role as Relieving Principal of Caves Beach Public School my connection with the school and the wider community continues to grow. Last week I had the pleasure of sitting down with our school leaders Lilley, Luca, India and Oliver. This discussion was very insightful and allowed me to get a better understanding of what student’s value at this school and areas they think could be strengthened. On a whole their perceptions of the school are resoundingly positive. I also had the opportunity to meet the Year 6 Sports Ministers, Isaac and Chelsea, who tabled an initiative to reopen the sport shed during lunch time at their last Parliament sitting. They identified this need as they saw that students in K-2 did not have anything to play with at lunch time. This forward thinking and leadership is very refreshing. I have been very impressed with the way the school and sport leaders for 2016 have stepped into their roles. Thus far they are undertaking their roles with diligence. I look forward to working with these young leaders throughout the year.

Attendance

We are beginning to monitor the attendance of our students already, with the firm belief that missed school equals missed learning. Parents are reminded that absences must be notified to the school either with a phone call, on the school App or with a note to the teacher. This should be done the day that your child returns to school. Remember, if your child misses one day a week that will equal a term each year, which in turn, is approximately 1.5 years by the end of Year 6 and 2.75 years by the end of Year 12. SO: it is not okay to be away unless it is totally unavoidable.

If your child is absent from school, you are legally required to explain the reason for their absence within 7 days of the absence. If your doctor provides you with a medical certificate for your child, a copy can be provided to the school to support their absence if you choose. From time to time, families plan holidays during the school term. Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. In most cases these will be documented as an unjustified leave.

Custody Orders and AVOs

If your child is subject to custody orders, could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the office staff. Custody orders and the like can often impact on school life in some form or another, so having them on site gives us the best opportunity to support your family. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR)

This year the Department of Education is rolling out a new Finance and Administration system to be used by all staff. The new system will be very different from the previous system and as such, our office staff and I will require a number of days out of the school to attend training. Kelli Bell (School Administration Manager) and I have commenced training as of last week. The training is quite extensive and there are a number of tasks that need to be completed in school before the system goes ‘live’. Whilst it will be a good thing to have this new system up and running, the training will have an impact on how quickly our office staff is able to respond to requests from both staff and parents. You will also see some less familiar faces in the office (relieving) on days when they are at the training, particularly at the end of Term 1 and throughout Term 2. I will continue to keep you informed as training continues to be undertaken throughout the school year and the implications this will have on all parties including parents.

Grant McFarland
Relieving Principal

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern

Lost Property

Please ensure your child’s / children’s belongings are clearly labelled including their school hat, lunch box and drink bottle. If students have their name on their belongings it makes it easier for their item to be returned to them. Please check that your child is wearing their own hat. A few students have lost their hat this week. Their name has been written inside and they are not in lost property.

Caves Beach Public School Skoolbag App

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App now. To install it, just search for our school name ‘Caves Beach Public School’ in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. These downloading instructions will help you:

On Apple

- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name – Caves Beach Public School
- Press install

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• Enter your iTunes password
• It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play
• On your Smartphone open the Android/Google Play market
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• Press install
• Your app will start installing immediately

To Open Our School App
• Look for our school app icon (school logo) on your phone screen
• Press the icon once
• It will open automatically
• When prompted, select to receive your push notification and your location

If you encounter troubles
• Simply shut down the app and/or your phone to refresh the phones memory.

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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

AWARDS
GOLD: 4/5B-Jake McD


THIS WEEK- Week 4
17th Feb. Parent Information Sessions (Stage 2)
18th Feb. Debating
19th Feb. Zone T.Ball

NEXT WEEK- Week 5
22nd Feb. Zone swimming
24th Feb. Zone swimming
24th Feb. School Council Meeting
26th Feb. Canteen AGM 2pm

ASTHMA UPDATE
All students who have Asthma must have their Asthma Plan updated for 2016 & signed off by your doctor. All plans should be updated as soon as possible and returned to the office. Thank you.

BAND NEWS
BUNNINGS BBQ VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
Why: To help raise money for our school band
When: Saturday, 27th February
Where: Belmont Bunnings

Volunteers are desperately needed to raise money for our school band. The money raised will go towards a subsidy for band link. If you are able to volunteer 1 hour (or more if you please) of your time please indicate the time you are able to attend at the school office. We will need 4 volunteers at a time to help everything go smoothly. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Band fee notices will be coming out in the next week or so.

BAND CAMP:
Thank you for all the parents who have paid their deposit for Band Camp. The official permission note will be coming home this week with finer organisational details and will require students to pay the balance of $40 for Day trippers and $70 for Overnighters by the end of week 7.
A big thank you to all parents for supporting our school band. Let's get ready for another productive year ahead!
Sarah Lovell

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The first School Council meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday, 24th February at 7 p.m. This meeting will be located in our school staffroom. The School Council is a group responsible for assisting with the setting of goals and the directions that a school will take in the future. It plays an important role in making sure that the whole community is involved in all significant decisions made by the school. All parents are welcome to attend. Alternatively, if you have any parental concerns or issues you wish to discuss these can be forwarded to Bernard via email bernard.goldman@bigpond.com.

FOCUS ON READING
WEEKS 4 AND 5 - PREDICTING
Making predictions is a basic reading skill that requires higher level thinking. To make a good prediction, readers must consider available information and make an inference. Good readers make predictions based on textual evidence. If you use evidence to support your predication, you can justify it whether you are right or wrong.

Predicting
Description
Learners use information from graphics, text and experiences to anticipate what will be read/viewed/heard and to actively adjust comprehension while reading/viewing/listening.

Example questions/statements
What do I/you think will happen next?
What words/images do I/you expect to see or hear in this text?
What might happen next? Why do I/you think that? What helped me/you make that prediction?
Were my/your predictions accurate? How did I/you confirm my/your predictions?
Have I/you read/seen/heard about this topic anywhere else?

Thea O’Sullivan
Assistant Principal

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
Early Stage 1
Thanks so much to all our lovely families who were able to make the information afternoon or have touched base with teachers to ask questions. In the third week of Big School, the transformation has been amazing - suddenly lining up, going to assembly, using the canteen and listening to a new group of adults is easy and makes
sense. I am starting to see a real change in confidence as the cheekiness and giggles become more common.

Thanks also to those family members who have put their hand up to help in classrooms with reading. KL and KJ will start on Monday next week. Remember, we’re really happy to allay your concerns, so don’t feel that any question is not worth asking - sometimes we don’t know what you don’t know until you ask. Mmmmm I hope that made sense to you.

As mentioned in our parent info sessions, Mathletics and Reading Eggs are available to your child for use at home as part of the school levy. We have the passwords ready to hand out once payment has been received at the school office. These are valuable programs that assist with reading and maths and provide a supplement to regular homework.

Again, thanks for all your support in getting the little ones settled, we appreciate your assistance.

Thanks
Rose Johns KJ

CANTEEN
This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

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 & Kerri Lyn J

Term 1 Week 5
Monday 22nd February  Wendy S & Elisha A
Tuesday 23rd February  Tracy R & Danielle W
Thursday 25th February  Mel M & Jo C
Friday 26th February  Ala B, Leanne F, Mellony, Fiona S

What’s On The Menu?
- Don’t forget MONDAY IS SUSHI DAY!! We have home made sushi available on Mondays - only $3 (Chicken & Vegetarian options available)
- We are no longer offering Chicken Pops on the menu - but chicken sticks & chicken tenders are still available.
- Our revised Summer Menu is out now for Term 1. Please check you have received your copy - additional copies are available at he canteen or check it out on the School App.

Canteen Committee Meeting
- Our canteen is run by our canteen coordinator Jo & a fabulous team of volunteers.
- 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 lots of 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!!

Did you know that you can make payments to your child’s school online?

We will be launching a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?
This payment method will go live shortly, with a date to be advised.

How?
Soon you will be able to log onto School site at http://www.cavesbeach-p.schools.nsw.edu.au on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Swansea-Caves Junior Rugby League Football Club.
Registrations are now open and spots are filling fast for our U6 through to U15’s, so if you are considering playing this season, please go to http://www.swanseajrl.leaguenet.com.au/ click on the NRL link and register yourself. All enquires 0437 821 435.
CAVES BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C
INVITE YOU TO A
PARENTS & CARERS NIGHT OUT

COME ALONG FOR A RELAXING NIGHT OUT WITHOUT THE KIDS AND MEET SOME NEW PEOPLE...

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH
WHERE: CAVES BEACHSIDE HOTEL
TIME: 7PM
COST: PURCHASE YOUR OWN MEAL AND DRINKS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL IS A $13 CHicken SCHINITZEL

RSVP: $5 CASH DEPOSIT PER PERSON, TO BE PAID TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY WHICH WILL SECURE YOUR SEAT AND GARLIC BREAD.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: A PORTRAIT OR FAMILY PHOTO AT TULIP TIME IMAGES, WALLSEND WHICH INCLUDES A 8 X 10 PRINT VALUED AT $150 (EXPIRES 31/12/16)

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