From the Principal…

Last week we held the Parent / Teacher Information nights. Judging from the parent feedback we received, both verbal and via email, these nights were a huge success. In total we had 196 parents attend over the 3 nights. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. Taking an active interest in your child’s / children’s education is so valuable. I would also like to thank the teachers that gave up their own time to allow for these information evenings to occur. If you were unable to attend for whatever reason there will be parent / teacher interviews available later this term. Information in regards to this will feature in the coming weeks.

Book / Resource Levy

Thank you to those families who have already paid the $60 book / resource levy. It would be appreciated if parents are able to pay this as soon as possible. Last week an invoice was sent home to those families who have not yet paid. The school relies on the monies raised through this levy to buy additional resources for classrooms and therefore I would ask all families to do their best in paying the monies as soon as possible. For convenience this payment can now be made online via our school website. All you need to do is click on the ‘Make a payment’ link available on the home page of our website.

Teacher Professional Learning Update

Mrs Pascoe is currently one of seven ‘Focus on Reading’ Lead Trainers who work across the entire Hunter region. Part of her role is to mentor and train colleagues from a variety of primary and high schools in the implementation of this highly successful program. Caves Beach has been on the Focus on Reading journey since 2013 and teachers have been trained in both Phase 1 (which focuses on Comprehension) and Phase 2 (which focuses on Fluency and Vocabulary Development). Working closely with a wide range of schools allows Mrs Pascoe to share successful classroom practices being implemented here at Caves Beach but also provides her the opportunity to hear how other schools successfully embed the pedagogy of Focus on Reading into their teaching and learning programs.

Save the Date (Monday 21st March)

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. I am very excited to announce that Terry Lovat, a leading researcher in Values Education and its links to Quality Teaching will be visiting our school to work with staff on Monday 21st March from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. On this day he has also kindly offered his time to host a parent information session. If you are interested in student well-being at our school and the impact Values Education can have on student academic achievement and welfare then mark this date on your calendar. Further information will be supplied in next week’s newsletter.

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.

Quality Workers

A new quality workers section will now feature as part of my Principal’s Report. This is to acknowledge the academic achievements of the students at our school on a weekly basis. I thoroughly enjoy seeing the students who come to visit and share their work. Seeing the enthusiasm and pride they display when showing their work is definitely one of the highlights of my day. Congratulations to the following students:

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Grant McFarland

Relieving Principal

Every Child’s safety is everyone’s concern

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 - 9:30am       Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm
AWARDS


THIS WEEK- Week 5
22nd Feb. Zone swimming
24th Feb. Zone swimming
24th Feb. School Council Meeting
26th Feb. Canteen AGM 2pm
27th Feb. (Saturday) Bunnings BBQ for Band.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Kindergarten News
So who was the best grade at the assembly last week? You got it – Kindergarten. Our very first award winners took their turn on the stage and everyone was very excited to watch the ‘show’ that 5W entertained us with. The excitement in their eyes was just magic!

Reading parent helpers began in some of the classes this week. A huge thanks to those parents who are able to share some of their time. It really does make a difference to student reading, but also to increasing the time teachers can spend explicitly teaching other aspects of literacy, such as writing, phonics and comprehension.

A reminder to practice the sight words and sounds that have been sent home for homework. Also, Reading Eggs and Mathletics are great for supporting your child's learning. If you don't have access to a computer, please let us know as we may be able to sort out some additional at school opportunities.

Your support of the children and your school makes a difference!

Regards
Rose Johns

STUDENT BANKING

Welcome back to those students who banked last year and to all new students banking for the first time. This year’s rewards theme is ‘Wildlife’.

A few things to remember:

1. Please fill in deposit slip on both sides properly with student number and date.
2. Tokens start from the beginning of each year.
3. It takes time to get rewards so please be patient, if it’s not back immediately, it will arrive!

Student Banking Co-Ordinator.

CANTEEN

This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

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Canteen AGM Reminder – THIS FRIDAY 26/2 @ 2pm

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. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on this 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 up a lot of your time & you don’t need lots of experience – just your ideas & enthusiasm.

UNIFORM SHOP

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!!

BUDDY BENCH

A thank you to our local Bunnings store for donating our school’s Buddy Bench. It has been positioned in the quiet area. It's reinforcing our schools commitment to “inclusion”. There are three basic principles for children to use with the Buddy bench.

If you choose to sit on the bench, you could/should say yes to the first friend who invites you to play, or walk and talk.

If you see a friend when you are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk.

Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play, or walk and talk.