Welcome back to what is going to be a busy and productive year. I hope all families had an enjoyable break. Walking around the school it has been great to see students on a whole are settled and enthusiastic to start Term 1.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the relieving Principal of your child’s school. I am delighted and humbled to be offered the opportunity to lead this wonderful school community for 2016. The staff, students and families I have met so far have offered me an extraordinary welcome with everybody being so friendly and willing to help me settle into the school. The students in particular have been going out of their way to meet and greet me and I must say that their friendliness, their smiles and the way they wear their school uniform with such pride has made a strong impression on me. Throughout the year, please don’t hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher if you have any questions or worries.

Classes for 2016 are as follows:

- **KJ**: Mrs Johns
- **KL**: Miss Lovell
- **K/1**: Mrs Gilbert
- **1M**: Mrs McLaren
- **1J**: Mrs McDonald (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri)
  - Mrs Pengelly (Wed)
- **2O**: Mrs O’Sullivan
- **2C**: Mrs Carlyle
- **2/3S**: Mrs Searles (Tues/Wed)
  - Mrs Pengelly (Mon/Thurs/Fri)
- **3P**: Mrs Pascoe
- **3E**: Mr Egginton
- **4M**: Mr Manning
- **4D**: Mrs Dennis
- **4/5B**: Miss Bell
- **5W**: Mr White
- **6W**: Miss White
- **6K**: Miss Weekes

Other staff include:

- Technology: Mrs Tukavkin
- Personal Development and Physical Education: Mrs Toohey
- Learning and Support Teacher: Mrs Coughtrie
- Reading Recovery: Mrs Thurston
- Teacher Aides (SLSOs): Mrs Smith and Mrs Davis
- Early Intervention: Mrs Muller
- Librarian: Mrs Scott
- School Counsellor: Mrs Theissen
- Office staff: Mrs Bell, Mrs Hanchard, Mrs Mills and Mrs Strong
- General Assistants: Mr Boyd and Mr Boyle
- Cleaner: Mrs Fitzpatrick

**Staffing Update**

We warmly welcome Mrs Carlyle to Caves Beach Public School. Mrs Carlyle is looking forward to a productive year ahead with 2C. Mrs McDonald will be on long service leave in Term 1. During this time Mrs Nash will replace Mrs McDonald on 1J. We also welcome back Mr White and Mrs Searles who are well known to the Caves Beach community.

**Newsletter**

Starting next week the newsletter will be available each Wednesday. The reason for the change is that there is a greater number of office staff working on Wednesday’s thus making it easier to compile each week’s newsletter. As well as being on our website our school newsletter is also available on our school App. I encourage all families to access the newsletter each week and download the Caves Beach Public School (Skoolbag) App as these are our main channels of communication.

**Book / Resource Levy**

The 2016 Book / Resource levy for all students will remain at $60. It is appreciated if parents are able to pay this as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty with this cost, please let the office know or make an appointment to see me. For the parents of Year 6 students, there are some extra costs for your child which will be covered in a separate note to be sent home.
School Development Day
This term’s School Development Day focused on the Department of Education’s Code of Conduct and Child Protection Module 1. We also revisited Focus on Reading strategies and utilising quality literature within the History Syllabus. In the afternoon there was time for stage planning.

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Grant McFarland
Relieving Principal
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- Use rich stage-appropriate texts, particularly subject-based multi-modal texts that engage and motivate learners. This includes providing students with access to age appropriate texts and teaching reading across other KLA’s.
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- Quality literacy teaching via explicit and systematic teaching using modelled, guided and independent strategies.
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- Differentiation of content, process and product.
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Term 1 Week 3

| Monday        | 8th   | February | Mandy S & Diahann M |
| Tuesday       | 9th   | February | Fiona T & Belinda P |
| Thursday      | 11th  | February | Fiona R & Georgie P |
| Friday        | 12th  | February | Alicia D, Jacqui B, Sonia F & Kiani K |

Canteen Meeting - This Wednesday Night
If you have some feedback or ideas for our school canteen we’d love to hear from you. We are having our first meeting for the year THIS WEDNESDAY at the Caves Resort from 7pm. Come along for a coffee/drink or cake and join in the planning for 2016 in your school canteen. Whether you are an existing family or new to the school, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Welcome to 2016
We hope all our families have had a fantastic Summer break! We are looking forward to a great year in our school canteen. Our canteen coordinator, Jo, would love to hear any suggestions you have for our menu as we continue this year improving the healthy choices we offer your children. She’d also love to hear from any parents or carers who can spare one day a month to help out in the canteen – it is a great way to meet new people around the school and the kids love to see your smiling face behind the counter at lunchtime!

A Few Reminders
- Our canteen is run by our canteen coordinator Jo & a fabulous team of volunteers.
- 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.
- Our canteen operates 4 days per week – we are closed on WEDNESDAYS.
- Orders need to be dropped to the canteen by the 9:20am bell each morning.

UNIFORM SHOP
A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped during our first few crazy days of school – Sue G, Benita O, Kate D, Bec W & Jo M. We had a very busy couple of mornings welcoming new families and outfitting kids big and small for the 2016 school year. If you’ve missed our extended opening times….don’t worry! We still have plenty of stock and you can shop in person or drop your order in.
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.

REGISTRATION DAYS
MONDAY 8TH FEB 4-6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEB 4-6.30pm
AT CAVES BEACHSIDE RESORT

INTRODUCTION TO NETBALL CLINIC
FRIDAY 12TH FEB 5.30-7pm
AT THE CAVES NETBALL COURTS
FOR CURRENT AND NEW PLAYERS
ALL WELCOME
WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER FUNFILLED SEASON

Interested in playing soccer? Well it is that time of year again. Registrations are now being taken online for Swansea Soccer Club. Details at www.swanseasoccerclub.com.au or registration days at Chapman Oval on Thursday 4/2/16 5pm-8pm and Sunday 7/2/16 1pm-4pm