From the Principal …

It is shaping up to again be a busy week at Caves Beach Public School. As I have ventured in and out of classrooms this week it has been exciting to see students engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.

Last Thursday we had an issue with power shortages that lasted a few hours. Contractors have been endeavouring to fix the problem and whilst the issue is not fully repaired we have not had any power outages this week. We will continue to reduce our power consumption which in turn puts less pressure on our current systems and reduces our carbon footprint.

The book levy for all students is now due. If you are experiencing difficulty with this please contact the office or give me a call.

Traffic

Norm Boyd, our general assistant, has been repainting the lines at the drop off zone and the crossing. This is to highlight the fact that it is a drop off zone where cars should not park and to ensure the safety of all. This work will be completed in the coming days. Thanks Norm!

The traffic congestion on this road remains an ongoing issue. I ask for your patience, consideration and courtesy to other drivers when you pick up your children. As drivers we need to remain vigilant at all times, particularly before and after school. If your child / children ride to school can you stress the importance of them pushing their bike down to the main road and not to ride their bike within the school grounds.

Uniform

I encourage all parents to ensure their child / children are in full school uniform, this includes black shoes with black shoe laces. Wearing full school uniform presents a strong message of unity and projects a positive image of school pride. If your child is unable to wear full school uniform on a particular day please supply them with a note addressed to their teacher with an explanation. Visual displays of our uniform can be seen on our school website or by the large majority of our students each and every day. Thank you to the parents who continue to uphold this tradition at our school.

Save the Date (Monday 21st March)

A reminder that Terry Lovat, a leading researcher in Values Education and its links to Quality Teaching will be visiting our school on Monday 21st March to deliver a parent information session titled ‘Values Education as Good Practice Pedagogy: Evidence from Australian and International Research’. This seminar will start at 5:00pm and is located in our school hall. If you are interested in student wellbeing at our school and the impact Values Education can have on student academic achievement and welfare then mark this date on your calendar.

Also, Mrs Robyn Leggatt, Principal of Swansea High School, will be offering a parent information session for parents of children in Year 6 on all things Swansea High School. This will give you a great insight into the wonderful things occurring at Swansea High School and allow you to ask any questions you may have. This meeting is scheduled for 4:30pm located in 6K (middle classroom of the two story building). This will allow parents the opportunity to attend the Terry Lovat session afterwards.

FOEI

Recent changes in the way our school receives funding based on the FOEI (Family Occupation and Education Index) requires new or updated information from some parents. A letter and accompanying form was sent home earlier this week to be completed by families who have not supplied this information to the school.

Schools are required to seek updated information regarding parental education level and occupation. The aim of updating this information is to best reflect the profile of our school community to ensure we receive an accurate funding entitlement. A high level of completeness and accuracy of this information is important.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the forms please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Quality Workers

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Grant McFarland

Relieving Principal

Every Childs’ safety is everyone’s concern
**ASSEMBLY** - Friday at 12.30pm

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

**AWARDS**
**MERIT** : KJ: Kiara W, Hamish M. KL: Giselle G, Harrison C. **K/1G**:
Lucas R, Diya T. **1M**: Jaahn R, Allira L. **1J**: Zachary B, Roxy H. **2C**:
Amelia M, Jackson D. **2O**: Isaac P, Kaya D. **2/3S**: Thomas S, Jay P. **3E**:
Lori J, Cian S. **3P**: Amy W, Cooper T. **4D**: Jessica W, Holly O. **4M**:
Carys-Elyse H, Rianna B. **4/5B**: Mia S, Jake M. **5W**: Thomas G, Zoe H. **6W**:
Blake M, Emily C. **6K**: Lily R, Logan T.

**THIS WEEK - Week 6**
Thurs 3rd Hunter Swimming  
Friday 4th Clean up Australia Day

**NEXT WEEK**
Wed 9th Zone Soccer  
Thurs 10th Disco

**FUTURE DATES**
Mon 21st Terry Lovat Seminar  
Mon 21st Swansea High School Information session  
Thurs 24th Easter Hat Parade  
Thurs 24th Band Camp

**Disco**
The first disco night for 2016 will be held on Thursday 10th March. This event is organised by Student Parliament and supervised by staff. Cost of entry will be $5 for each student or $10 per family. K-2 students will be ‘discoing’ from 5.30-6.30pm and Years 3-6 will be ‘discoing’ from 6.45-8pm. A permission note has already been sent home to families.

**Clean Up Australia Day**
Our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 4th March. Each class will be allocated an area of the playground. We will chip in to do our bit. In 2015 an estimated 536,423 volunteers removed 15,915 tonnes of rubbish at 7,232 sites across the country.

If you would like your child to wear gloves, please supply a pair and bring along on the day.

**ICAS – EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS for Primary Students**
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are held each year across a number of countries.

They have been developed by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and provide a chance for students to challenge themselves and compete against other students across Australia.

Students in Years 2 – 6 have the opportunity to enter any or all of these competitions. The competitions for 2016 include:

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Notes were distributed to students in Years 2-6 last week. If you would like your child to enter, simply return the note and your entry fees, by Thursday 24th March 2016. If your child has misplaced their note, you can download a copy from our school website or collect another one from the front office.

**School Council**
The School Council met for the first time this year on Wednesday 24 February 2016. We would like to thank Steve Marshall and Arlo Burrows who attended the Council for the first time.

The Council reviewed and discussed a number of matters on the night which is summarised below:

- Reviewed the policy for selecting school vice captains and captains and supported the changes to the selection process so as to ensure that all nominees are well supported through the selection process.
- Discussed finalising 2017 classes at the end of the 2016 school year. This is subject to possible changes if student numbers vary significantly over the 2016/2017 holiday period.
- Encouraged the school community to commit to the “values education” at the school and to make the link from “values” to “service to the community”. One area suggested is making links with the Aged Care facilities in the area. In this regard, the Council encourages parents to attend a talk by Professor Lovett on 21 March on “values education” as Professor Lovett is an international expert in the area of values education.
- Looked at school funding and in particular funds raised through the P&C. They suggested that the P&C be given more opportunities in newsletters to let parents and children know that the funds are being used for projects such as improving IT resources for our students.
- The Council also was appreciative of the detailed report delivered by the Relieving Principal including an outline of initiatives being rolled out at the school this year.

The Council encourages parents to talk to the councillors or email the President of the Council, Bernard.goldman@bigpond.com if they want issues raised at the next council meeting next term. Parents are always welcome to attend our Council meeting.

**Are you a parent or grandparent who attended Caves Beach PS in the past?**

20 and 2C students will begin looking at the changes to Caves Beach PS and the general school experience over time. If you attended Caves Beach PS and have any photographs of the school could we please borrow these to scan or photocopy? We are looking at changes to the school grounds, classrooms, playground games, sports and technology.

Please leave any photos in a clearly labelled envelope with the office staff (include your name and phone number). We will copy these and return to you as soon as we can. Thank you!
**Focus on Reading – Visualising**

*A picture is worth a thousand words*

*Information taken from Focus on Reading – Phase 1 Module 1 Teaching*

Visualising promotes a reader’s ability to infer, organise and retain information for longer periods of time.

**What is it?**

Visualising is creating mental pictures based on what is read or heard. Students can imagine they are in the scene described or take on the perspective of a character.

**Why is it important?**

Students gain a more thorough understanding of the text by consciously using words to create mental images. Students who visualise as they engage with a text not only have a richer experience but also can recall what they have read for longer periods of time.

**How is it used?**

Readers stop at key points to create a picture – these images are used to draw conclusions, create distinct and unique interpretations of the text, and to recall significant details.

**Example questions/statements:**

- What are the pictures you have in your head as you read/view this text?
- Can you describe the picture or image you made while you read/heard that part?
- How did the pictures in your head help you to understand the text?

**SWIMMING**

Congratulations to the children who represented our school in the East Lake Macquarie PSSA swimming carnival. The effort and level of sportsmanship shown by all was superb. The following children have been selected to represent East Lake Macquarie in the Hunter carnival. Molly F, India L, Hayley W, Kaylee D and Ethan H.

**Canteen Meeting**

Thank you to those people that could attend the canteen meeting last week. As we are waiting on our 2015 audit results we were unable to hold the AGM. We will advise when this will take place. Much discussion was had regarding the menu as we move forward in 2016 - we are looking at some great options for fresh fruit and veg treats to be available during every lunch & recess break. We’d still love to hear your ideas for new or interesting ways to improve our menu - we continue to endeavour to increase the healthy choices for our kids, while ensuring that our volunteers are confident in preparing our menu on the busiest of days!

**Menu Reminders**

Monday is SUSHI DAY - available in chicken or vege varieties and selling for $3 - a great, healthy option!! Get the kids to check out our yummy, fresh fruit and vege treats available from the canteen each day during lunch & recess.

**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!!

**BAND NEWS:**

A big THANK YOU to all parents who volunteered at the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday! We had an amazing amount of helpers which made the day run very smoothly. It was amazing to see the great spirit and support of our school community come together for a wonderful cause. Well done!

Final Band Camp notes and information have been handed out and final payment is required by end of week 7. If you have misplaced the note, it is available on the schools website and other copies are available at the office.

FYI 2016 band roles: For enquiries:
- Band organisation – Ms Sarah Lovell
- Instrument hire- Mrs Michelle Thurston
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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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