Principal’s Report

Values education and its importance at Caves Beach Public School has continued to flourish. Respect has been the main focus so far this term but as of this week we move to responsibility. This is not to say we forget about respect. Each value complements each other and will continue to be explicitly taught, mentioned in the playground and discussed at whole school assemblies. I know the enthusiasm and commitment students displayed during the explicit teaching of respect will continue with responsibility. Hopefully with our new focus on responsibility we will have less students leaving their lunch box under our main COLA after recess and lunch! One can only hope!

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews have been scheduled for the end of this term (Week 10 & 11). Our online booking option to book an interview with your child’s teacher will open on Monday 14th March and will close Thursday 24th March.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type the code: s2mmn into the school event code box and hit go. Follow the instructions and your time is booked.

You will only see the times that are available. Once a parent books a time it is not offered as an option to anyone else. If you are unable to access the internet at home please contact the office. As always, if there is anything that concerns you please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself.

Students moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2017

All Year 6 students received a ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2017’ booklet. This booklet provides information about government secondary schools and includes the Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7 2017 in a NSW government school. The Expression of Interest form should be returned to school as soon as possible and no later than Friday 18th March 2016.

Disco

Everybody dance now! It’s time for your children and the teachers to bust a move! Tomorrow (Thursday 10th March) is the first disco for 2016. The K-2 disco is 5.30pm - 6.30pm and Years 3 – 6 is 6.45pm – 8pm. Cost is $5 entry or $10 for a family. To assist with the parking issue, a staff member will be at the gate from 5.15pm – 5.30pm and from 6.30pm – 6.45pm so parents can drop their children off and keep going without getting out of the car. If you are able to share the drop off and pick up between families, it will certainly help the parking issue.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

This term Year 4-6 will once again participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of this survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our Year 4-6 students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. This survey is totally confidential which means students and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered in Week 8. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey was sent home sent home on 7th March. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 11th February.

Quality Workers

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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, the Principal of Swansea High School (Mrs Robyn Leggatt) will be offering a parent information session about Swansea High School for parents of children in Year 6. 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 and is located in 6K (middle classroom of the two story building). This will allow parents the opportunity to attend the Terry Lovat session afterwards.

Grant McFarland
Relieving Principal

Every Childs’ safety is everyone’s concern

Band News:

Band Camp - Final payment for Band Camp is due this Friday 11 March. Cost is $60 for day trippers and $90 for overnighters. Most students have filled in their food and sleeping arrangement preferences at school and I will endeavour to track down the students who may have missed out on the notes during our school meeting. A yellow note has also been sent home to ask for volunteers during eating times at Band Camp. If you are able to assist please return the form to the office.

Payments for band camp need to be made directly to the band bank account not the school bank account. The band account details are as follows: BSB 062-820 ACCOUNT : 00903319

Bunnings BBQ - Once again, a big thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted at our fundraising BBQ. We were able to raise a whopping $948 for our school band and we couldn’t have done it without all your support!!!

Many exciting and busy times ahead for our dedicated band members, well done!

Hunter Swimming

Last week 5 students from Caves Beach Public School represented East Lake Macquarie in the Hunter Swimming carnival. The children were a credit to our school performing with skill and sportsmanship. The senior girls 4 x 50 freestyle relay finished 4th, just missing out on moving to the State Titles. Congratulations and well done to Ethan H, Kaylee D, Molly F, India L and Hayley W.

Assembly - Friday at 12.30pm

Week 7  4M
Week 8  3P

Gate Closure Times

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

Awards


This Week - Week 7

Wed 9th Zone Soccer
Thurs 10th Disco

Next Week - Week 8

Thurs 17th SRE Easter Assembly
Thurs 17th Star Struck info. Session 3pm

Future Dates

Mon 21st Terry Lovat Seminar
Mon 21st Swansea High School Information session
Thurs 24th Easter Hat Parade
Thurs 24th Band Camp
Mon 4th April P&C Meeting 7pm

Easter Hat Decorating

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24th March at 1.40pm. Our K to 2 children will join with their buddy class to make Easter hats together. We ask that you send the makings for a hat, with suitable decorating materials, to school by Wednesday 16th March. Buddy classes will set a time prior to the parade to create some amazing designs. To make it easier for big buddies to help with the design it would be great if the shape of the hat could be premade, just requiring prettying up.

Older students are welcome to make their own hats to parade.

Regards
K-2 teachers

Star Struck Update

I am pleased to announce that we have received some very exciting news. Both of the Year 4 dance groups who auditioned have been accepted into Star Struck 2016. For those parents who have children involved, I will be holding a parent information session on Thursday 17th March at 3pm in my classroom (middle classroom upstairs). Hope to see you all there.

Thank you, Ms Weekes

News from the Office

Thank you to our parents who have been using our Parent Online Payment System (POP). The feedback so far has been extremely positive. For those of you who are yet to use the new system you will find a link on the school website under payments. It is an extremely simple system to use. The POP system can be used to pay for all school related expenses except BAND and UNIFORMS.

Please do not use the POP system for these items as the Band and the Uniform shop have their own bank accounts which are separate to the school bank account.

This system is replacing our direct deposit payment option so please have a look on our website and if you have any question please contact the office. Direct deposits to the schools account is now no longer available.

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?

**CANTEEN CHATTER**

This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

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**Hot Cross Buns…..Hot Cross Buns**

Don’t forget to get your orders in for fresh, delicious Hot Cross Buns. Final orders are due Wednesday 14th 2016. Order for you, your friends, the neighbours, workmates and your family. Your Hot Cross Buns will be available for pick up on Thursday March 24th (Easter Hat Parade Day) - all ready for Easter Weekend! Additional order forms are available from the canteen.

**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!!

**P&C EASTER RAFFLE**

**Thurs 25th March**

Donations are required by Mon 22nd March

Easter Eggs, Easter Gifts and other Easter Goodies will be appreciated

HAPPY EASTER From the P&C