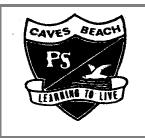
# Caves Beach P.S. Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 1 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a very busy term three. Already I have been impressed with the wonderful manners and behaviour of the children.

Today the band played at the Assembly of Excellence at Swansea High school and was acknowledged for their fine performance.

Year 6 children who have completed an expression of interest for the Swansea High Year 7 Enrichment class are required to sit and enrichment test in Literacy and Numeracy this Thursday, 18th July, from 9.30am to 12.30am.

There are a number of staffing changes that will take place for various periods of time as follows:-

Mr White is on leave for the balance of this term and Ms Avard will be replacing him. Mrs Gardner will be job sharing with Mrs Bahatko. Mr Roberts has taken a position at Muswellbrook South Public School. Mrs Pascoe is on leave until week 3 with Mrs Shaw replacing her.

Every child's safety is everyone's concern.

7om Kelly ~ Relieving Principal

GATE CLOSURE TIMES Mornings 8.45 - 9.30

Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15

## **COMING EVENTS**

Term 3

18/7 Year 5 & Year 6 Debate against Eleebana

24/7 Premier's Sporting Challenge

26/7 K-2 Zoo Excursion

29/7 The Beatty Clan Crew - Aboriginal Performance

## ASSEMBLY (12.30pm Friday)

Week 1	Captains
Week 3	Year 1

## **AWARDS**

Merit: KG: Luke McK, Jack S; KB: Bindi P, Jake W; KR: Shania M, Airley W; 1T: Izaak P, Ruby W: 1C: Molly D, Charlotte W; 1E: Trinity P-B, Keeley S; 2S: Zane E, Zara G; 2G: Sophie M, Sam H;

3P: Tajuan G, Jimmy F; 3/4W: Grace Egan, Chelsea C; 4S: Ally B,

Zoe W; 4/5P: Swaye R, Ethan H; 5M: Mattiese L, Zane G:

5/6S: Lennox D, Georgina L; 6G: Ellie J, Theo M.

Gold: 1T - Tegan T, Nathan H.

## **2014 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2014.

If you or a neighbour has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2014, please contact the Office with their details as soon as possible so we are able to organise enrolment packages which will be sent out in Term 3.

#### **DEBATING**

This Thursday 18th July, our Year 5 and Year 6 teams will debate Eleebana PS in the third round of the competition. The debate will be held here at our school. We wish them well.

Mrs Michelle Pascoe

#### **FOCUS ON READING**

As mentioned in previous Newsletter messages, all staff have been undertaking professional learning in the Focus on Reading 3-6 program. Comprehension was identified as an area of need in last year's NAPLAN results knowledge on what the program actually entails.

Focus on Reading is an intensive professional learning program that supports teachers to understand and explicitly teach reading strategies that will enable students to access the range of texts that they are required to comprehend in the middle years of schooling. It has been designed predominantly as a Year 3-6 program, however our K-2 teachers are also being trained and implementing the strategies in their classrooms.

The program emphasises:

- The integrated teaching of six research based metacognitive comprehension strategies - making connections, predicting, visualising, summarising, questioning and monitoring.
- The importance and use of rich texts, particularly subject-based texts and texts that interest and motivate middle years learners.
- The significance of engaging students in rich talk of the kind that encourages them to 'show their thinking' through talk.
- The importance of understanding and catering for the diverse learning needs of all students.

A parent information session will be scheduled for early this Semester for those parents who wished to gain further information on the program and develop a deeper understanding of the six comprehension strategies that they can incorporate when reading with their children at home.

# **BAND**

## Reminder:

Please note, band rehearsal (for junior or senior band) will not begin until this Thursday 18th July ( week 1), due to the Senior Band High School Performance this morning.

## **Upcoming Events**

Friday night, 23rd August - Family Band Night at Swansea RSL (details coming soon). Please save the date!

Mrs Michelle Thurston

#### **LIBRARY DAYS**

Monday 5M, KB, 1T,

Tuesday 1C, 4S, 1E, KR, KG, Wednesday 4/5P, 2G, 5/6S, 2S, 3/4W,

Friday 3P, 6G,

#### **NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**



Congratulations to the following students who have completed the 2013 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Please remember all entries must be in by the end of August – only 6 weeks away.

K.Stien

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

Fruit of the Week: Green apples and Mandarins

A huge thank you goes to Liana Wright and Jackie Richardson. Who once again lived up to the Masterchef legends status by providing our children with a wholesome home cooked soup on the last week of Term 2.

Yet another exciting term in the canteen, we will be hosting another Salubrious Soup Day and Father's Day Breakfast, dates will be advised shortly.

We also have Fruit and Vegetable month which is a competition run with Sydney Fruit Markets to encourage children at school to eat fresh fruit and vegetables. We have special treats on offer for a month with the menu being prepared as we speak.

#### Roster

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday

CLOSED

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Kaye Graham & Ala Burrows

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Mandy Stead, Diahann Moore & Yeni Longhurst

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Jane Davidson & Denise

Houston

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Rebecca Pead & Kath Mason

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July CLOSED

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July Amanda O'Callaghan & Sue

Gardener

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July Katrina Castledine, Alanna

Loretan, Jane Gabb & Amanda

Wilson

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July Michele Stewart & Dea

Freebody

# **SPORT**

Congratulations to Ethan H on his selection in the Hunter Boys Regional Softball Team.

Ethan will now participate in the State Championships.

# **SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS**

Letters/Order forms were sent home with the children in group photos at the end of last term. All photos may be viewed at the Office before purchasing. Please note all photos need to be ordered and paid for before 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Thank you to all our volunteers – you are doing a great job!

We are in need of another volunteer. To help out for 2 shifts a term. If you would be interested in helping out - please leave your name and phone number at the Office.

The Uniform Shop opening hours are Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 pm. Outside of these hours, orders can be placed with cash, cheque or direct deposit confirmation print out and left at the Office. We are able to deliver to your child in Class or leave purchases for you to pick up at the Office.

Roster for Term 2:

26/6/13- Louisa Frail, Jo Mazzitelo and Simone French

## ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July "*The Beatty Clan Crew*" will perform for all students from K-6. The visit will coincide with our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The cost for the performance will be \$4.00.

Please complete the permission slip which has been sent home today with your child and return to school with payment by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July.** 

## NEED A BOOST TO YOUR MID-YEAR SCHOOL BUDGET?

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to \$205 for each primary student and up to \$410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment. If you think you are eligible and you haven't already updated your child's education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligible by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

## **EARN & LEARN**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn is now finished. We thank all those people who brought stickers in, they all count towards our final total.

Our sticker sheets have been posted away, we now wait and see what wonderful resources we are able to order.