DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 2 February - Meet the Teacher 2-3pm
- Friday, 3 February - All forms due back to the office
- Monday, 6 February - Showcase Parade 2.30pm
- - Bus Meetings 4.30pm
- - P&C AGM 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 7 February - Morning Bulletin Prep Photo 9am
- Thursday, 9 February - Bookclub Orders Due
- Friday, 10 February - Valentine’s Day Free Dress Day
- Monday, 20 February - School Leaders Induction Parade 2.30pm
- Friday, 3 March - Go Maths Payment Due
- - Return all yellow forms
- - Showcase Parade 2.30pm
- Monday, 6 March - Benjamin & Me
- Tuesday, 7 March - Cross Country Fun Run
- Friday, 24 March

Hello everyone,

By now, I have met a few of you. For those I haven’t met yet, my name is Rosalie Welburn and I am acting as the Principal for 6, possibly 7 weeks until Sandra’s return. I am a teaching principal with over 20 years’ experience and am currently based at Stanwell State School where I have been, off and on, for 17 years. St Lawrence was my first principal position and although I have been at Stanwell for a long time, I do give them a break from me every now and then by acting in other schools. I have been to Mt Morgan, Depot Hill (twice), Lakes Creek, Ridgelands and DP at Allenstown. For a year, I also taught in America. As a mum and grandma, I know the joys of having children and the complexities that also go with this. However, there is nothing better than seeing that sense of accomplishment on a child’s face when they have mastered an idea or activity. I look forward to becoming better acquainted with you all over the coming weeks.

Regards,

Rosalie Welburn
Acting Principal

Hi,

I am Surya Jose and I will be teaching grade 1 / 2 this year at The Caves State School. My family and I moved to Australia 8 years back from South Africa and we have been in Rockhampton since then. I have been doing relief and Contract teaching for different state schools in Rockhampton over the past two years. I was a primary school teacher right out of university and decided to stay at home to raise my 3 boys, Nathan, Joshua and Jacob. Having a 6 year old myself I truly enjoy nothing more than watching them learn new things. I will give my very best effort to be part of your child’s learning experience this year. If you have any questions or concerns please know that my door is always open. I look forward to getting to know each of you more in the coming months.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
A very warm welcome back to all our students, staff and families and a very warm welcome to all our new students and families and to our new teacher Surya Jose. I am sure your time at The Caves State School will be wonderful and rewarding. Remember you get out what you put in. This is your school, and your child’s education and I speak for all staff when I say we want to work with you to ensure each and every child here receives the best education, both curriculum wise and socially, as possible.

From my observations so far, this is a great school with great staff and The Caves community is fortunate to have such a dedicated team working with your children. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be part of this team.

It is shaping up to be a very busy term. Please take note of all the dates included in this newsletter. If there is anything I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, please feel free to come up and introduce yourself if I have not met you already. (I don't promise to remember names, so you can always re-introduce yourself too). It will also be great to meet you at the P & C meeting on Monday. Hopefully, I will see a lot of you then.

Until next month,
Regards,
Rosalie

SHOWCASE PARADE
Our showcase parade is Monday 6 February at 2.30pm and we hope to see you all there.
The Prep/Yr 1 class will be sharing how to be a bucket filler and displaying some of their art work.
The Year 3/4 class will be showing their ‘All About Me’ posters & sharing some of their narrative writing.
The Year 5/6 class will be showing some of their Aboriginal dot painting they will have done.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Our official school times are 8.55am to 3:00pm. It is expected that all children arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.50 so that they have time to prepare for the day and greet their friends and teachers before instruction begins at 8.55.

Children who arrive at school before 8.30am must go directly to the veranda outside the office, with their schoolbags. While there are staff members at school at this time, no-one is officially on duty until 8.55 and our staff are busy preparing for the day, having meetings or performing administrative duties. From 8.30am, all children must report to their classrooms. The teachers will have activities available to the children to encourage their social interactions and the children will also have chores to do to ready themselves for the busy day of learning ahead.

SCHOOL DENTIST
We have just received notification that the Dental Van will be arriving on Monday seeing as they didn’t make it to us at the end of last year. Dental appointments are due to start Monday 30 January and should all be completed within 2 weeks. Medical forms were sent home last year & forms for our new students have been sent home today. Please return the forms as soon as possible so that appointments can be made on site for your child. If you have any questions, please see the ladies in the dental van between 8.30am and 9am or contact the clinic directly on 4920 7553.
NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Information for Parents
This year, we will once again be emailing all information home, but we will still continue to send home the yellow permission forms. Please ensure your email address stays current with us and this should help with the communication.

Yellow forms
If something is sent home on yellow paper, it means that we need you to return it to us as soon as possible by placing it in the wooden post box outside the school office. If a yellow form is not returned, we will assume that you do not wish to participate. Reminders will not be sent home. Please check your child’s port and remind them to give you any notes on the day they receive them.

Payment options
We do not have credit card or eftpos facilities.

Payments can be made via:
• **Cash** – by placing the money into an envelope, marking it with your child’s name and reason for the payment, and putting it into the locked wooden box on the table outside the office door. Please note that we do not keep a float, therefore, correct money is greatly appreciated
• **Cheque** – by placing the cheque into an envelope, marking it with your child’s name and reason for the payment, and putting it into the locked wooden box on the table outside the office door
• **Bpay** – only invoices over $10 are able to paid by using bpay. You will find these details on the bottom of your invoice. Please note, each child has a different reference code
• **Bpoint** – invoices can be paid using your credit card using the details on the bottom of your invoice. Please note, each child has a different reference code
• **QParents** – you will also now be able to see your account and invoices due via QParents & will be able to pay directly from the QParent app (more information will be sent home soon)

You will see that on the bottom of the invoices we send home there is the provision for you to enter your credit card details for the school to process. Due to the accounting system that all state schools use, we are not able to remove this section.

Go Maths
Each student from Prep-Year 6 will be given a Go Maths Textbook and/or Journal if you have not already purchased one with your items from the booklists. The cost for these will be $16.50 for Prep, and $26.50 for Year 1-6. An invoice will be sent home. The payment is due by Friday, 3 March 2017.

Student Resource Scheme
In 2017, The Caves State School will be operating a Student Resource Scheme which enables a parent to enter into a written agreement with the school that, in return for payment of a participation fee of $20 in Term 2 and Term 3 or $40 annually, provides textbooks, resources, consumables and materials for the student’s use.

Parents have the option of paying annually or in Terms 2 and 3. The agreement form including terms and conditions and other relevant information will be sent home. You will be given an invoice at the start of Term 2 & Term 3. Please refer to the payment option section of this newsletter for more information.
**Rainbow Awards**

Students are awarded Rainbow Awards throughout the school year as they demonstrate desired behaviours. A progression is made through the rainbow (Red, Orange, Yellow, etc) to Over the Rainbow and Pot of Gold. Students awarded the Pot of Gold Award are invited to participate in our celebration day activity. Rainbow Awards are a short and long term incentive for positive behaviour in the classroom.

A Rainbow Awards Contract is required to be signed by each student and their parent/s. The contract, as well as information regarding Rainbow Awards has been be sent home today and will need to be returned by Friday, 3 February.

**Headphones**

Headphones are available from the school office at a cost of $10 each. If your child does not already have a pair, we will invoice you. The office will check with your child's teacher and if your child does not have them, an invoice will be produced. If you do not want to be invoiced for headphones, please contact the school office by Monday, 30 January.

**Dictionaries**

You probably noticed that dictionaries were missing from your child's 2017 booklist for Year 2 to 6. We have class sets of dictionaries to ensure that all students have the required resource necessary to support their learning for the entire year. There is no charge for the use of dictionaries; however students and parents will enter into a Dictionary Loan Agreement to ensure that the class sets of dictionaries are able to be used in future years. Please sign the Dictionary Loan Agreement which has been sent home and return to the school office by Friday, 3 February.

**Information Update**

If any of your personal details changed over the holidays, please use the yellow form so that we can update your records. Changes you might like to consider are: address, phone number, emergency contact details, new doctor, updated medicare or health fund card, email etc. Due to privacy issues, we are not able to send home your child’s ‘Student Card’ as we have done in previous years.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Get ready for a very inspiring year of School Banking. In 2017, as ‘future savers’ students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis. In doing so, they will be encouraged to develop strong saving habits and learn valuable money skills, with the incentive of great reward items for their deposits and a chance to win the Future Savers Grand Prize.

Changes to the ways of opening a new Youthsaver account – there are two simple ways for parents/guardians to open a new Youthsaver account for their child. Online, they can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. Alternatively, parents can visit any branch. Note that paper-based applications for new Youthsaver accounts are no longer our primary method of account opening for School Banking.

Keep an eye on your child’s bank book after you have made a deposit & you will have the chance to win a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland. Student Banking is on Thursdays.

When children make their 10th deposit they will be rewarded with a prize of their choice. Siblings of current students can also do their banking with the school until the age of 16. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills. An information pack will be sent home to new students or you can collect a pack from the school office.
BOOKCLUB
Issue 1 has been sent home today. All orders are due to the school office by Thursday, 9 February 2017. Please see Michelle in the office if you have any questions.

WHOOOO CAN HELP?
Keep an eye out for the Whooo Tree, which will be making a re-emergence in a few weeks. The tree will have owls sitting on it with little jobs our teachers would love your help with. If you are happy to help, take your owl off the tree & see the teacher for all the information you need. Thank you!

FIRST AID AND CPR
First Aid Response will be delivering a First Aid Refresher Course (including CPR) on Monday, 3 April 2017 at 1pm. The cost for all participants is $50. Or a full first aid course is available for $100.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to the school office by Monday, 20 March.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Our first Student Council activity for the year is a Valentine’s Day Fundraiser Day.

♥ On Friday, 10 February students are invited to wear as many items of red clothing as possible for a gold coin donation. A tally will be taken of all red items (excluding underwear) worn and a class prize will be awarded to the students who has the most red items.

♥ Also, a jar full of yummy valentine’s chocolates will also be available to the student who guesses how many chocolates are in the jar. 50 cents a guess or 15 guesses for $5. The jar will be displayed in the office and the school captains will be wandering around with the jar in the morning if you would like to have a guess.

BUS MEETINGS – MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017
These meetings are the place to discuss anything bus related, to my knowledge there are no issues to be raised. The Etna Creek Committee will be discussing a proposed timetable change. Barmoya Bus 4:30pm; Rossmoya Bus 4:50pm; Etna Creek Bus 5:15pm For further details please call Elizabeth on 0419 660059. I look forward to seeing you there.

YOGA
1hr beginners Yoga class in the Multi-Purpose Building at The Caves SS, starting at 5pm each Monday or 6:15pm each Thursday $10pp BYO mat. Contact Leesa Olive for more details leesagolive@bigpond.com 0438 342158 or Facebook ‘LGOYoga’ for updates & messages.
QPARENTS is for our PARENTS

QPARENTS is a secure, online portal created for the parents and care givers of Queensland state school children. Parents can access their child's student details, download report cards, see a child's attendance record, report absences and access invoices and payment details.

QPARENTS provides a more convenient way for parents to interact with their school and will help streamline school administrative processes. It is hoped that this solution will encourage and support parents and care givers in the active role they play in their child's learning journey.

The key benefits of QPARENTS include:

Greater transparency of information
- Improves accountability between parents, care givers and schools by providing timely access to their child's information online.

Contemporary state-wide solution
- Secure 24/7 access online.
- Anytime, anywhere accessibility—access QPARENTS on your smart phone, tablet or computer. QPARENTS is a scalable solution that has the potential to become a centralised information hub for parents and carers to help them manage their child's educational journey and achievement.

Improved administration efficiencies for schools
- Allows schools the opportunity to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on information requests received from parents and care givers.
- Potentially reduces the need for printing and mail-outs of thousands of pieces of paper each year.

Convenience and time savings for parents
- Parents and care givers can simply login to QPARENTS anytime anywhere and view or request a change to their child's details.
- Parents and care givers can download report cards, timetables and invoices instantaneously.

Parent help resources
- The QPARENTS portal can be accessed online at https://qparents.qld.edu.au

Parents that require assistance using QPARENTS can:
- Visit the QPARENTS portal Online Help page: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/&/help (https://qparents.qld.edu.au/&/help)

Today, our new parents will have received an introduction letter with all the details you should need (including your child's EQ ID) to register for QPARENTS, along with a QParent Invite with the special code that will only last for a week. For our returning parents, please let me know if you need any information re-sent to you or if you need your child's EQ ID. If you have any problems, please see above or contact Michelle in the school office. Thanks!
You're invited to...

Meet the Teacher

Thursday, 2nd February from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

in the Library

and to explain the routines, procedures and expectations we will be implementing in our classrooms this year.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE CAVES PLAYGROUP
The Caves Playgroup is on every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am. We are located next to the playground at the school. Playgroup is a fun filled educational time to enjoy with the children (and other parents) through craft, reading books and learning letters and numbers. Cost is $1/week to cover craft costs. Everyone is welcome so come and join us next Tuesday for a cuppa! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287. Tamara Jones

TENNIS LESSONS AT THE CAVES STATE SCHOOL
Robert Beak is a fully qualified level 2 Professional Tennis Coach. Robert specialises in small personalised classes from beginners through to experienced players. Private lessons or Squad Training and Match Play is available for all ages. COACHING IS AVAILABLE AT THE CAVES STATE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FIRST BREAK NEW TERM COMMENCING NOW
For more information phone Kerrie, Beak’s Tennis Ph: 07 49 361 021 / Mob: 0419 026 963

TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY
The Annual Development Day for juniors interested in learning more about Touch footy is open to every child from the ages 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are. Sunday 5 Feb 2017, 9am to 12.30pm (8.30am arrival for registration please). Bring a hat, water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen. Morning tea is provided at no cost. Anyone interested should email Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more details or to register to attend (for catering purposes and to ensure sufficient coaches and support staff are in attendance).

Rockhampton Touch is also holding a junior competition in the first half of the year for Under 10’s, Under 12’s and Under 14’s Boys and Girls Teams, no mixed on Friday night commencing Friday 3 March 2017. Nominations are being called for teams from schools, clubs and individuals to participate in this competition and close on 24 Feb. For more information please call Denise on 0409 631 633.

THE CAVES PONY CLUB AGM
The Caves Pony Club Inc will be holding their AGM on Sunday the 29th January 2017 at the The Caves Pony Club grounds, 342 Rossmoya Road at 8am. This will be in conjunction with our sign on day and first rally day for the year. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!
Tamara Jones, Secretary, The Caves Pony Club Inc
Our first P&C Meeting for 2017 will be our AGM on Monday, 6 February 2017 at 6pm.

UNIFORM SHOP
This year the uniform shop opening time has changed. The uniform shop will now open at 8:30am every Thursday morning. I appreciate this time may not suit everyone so if you are needing some uniform supplies and are unable to make it to the uniform shop at this time please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287.

Remember to wear your uniform proudly and be proud of our school!
Tamara Jones
Uniform Co-ordinator

PUB RAFFLES
A big thank you goes to the Semmler and Trenamen families who attended to the pub raffles over the school holidays. The Caves State School P&C attends to the pub raffles one Friday a month. The pub raffles are a relatively simple way to raise funds for the school P&C which ultimately benefits our children. The next raffles for the P&C are next Friday the 3rd February. Anyone who is able to do these raffles or would like to help out with this worthwhile fundraiser at all this year please contact me on 0429 875 287. Families volunteering to attend to these are very much appreciated!

Tamara Jones
Pub Raffles Co-ordinator

YOUR P&C AGM & EXECUTIVE ROLES TO FILL
On Monday 6 February at 6pm we have our Annual General Meeting. One of the main purposes of this meeting is to elect members to the Executive & Convenor roles and accept new and renewing memberships. The following is an overview of the roles & their associated responsibilities we will seek to fill Thursday evening:

Executive Roles
- President – runs meetings, responsible for all requisite P&Cs Qld and government reporting, liaison between school administration and P&C, oversight of P&C activities generally;
- Vice-President – run meetings in the absence of the President and assist President where required;
- Treasurer – management & reporting of P&C finances, including payment of accounts, depositing monies, preparing “books” for annual audit;
- Secretary – maintain membership register, take and distribute meeting minutes, manage inwards and outwards correspondence register.

Convenor Roles
- Uniform Shop – operate the “uniform shop”, including management of stock
- Tuckshop Convenor – operation of the tuckshop, including stock ordering
- Grounds Convenor – liaison with school administration on grounds maintenance matters, organization of “working bees”

All roles are declared vacant at the AGM & we then seek nominations for each of the roles. I would ask that all P&C members consider how they may best contribute to our P&C and the school community. Should you feel that an Executive or Convenor role may work for you, I would encourage you to attend our AGM & express your interest. Please keep in mind, tuckshop cannot be run without an executive. I would also remind all in our community to return your membership form to the school office, by the end of school on Monday so that membership may be accepted at the AGM.

A General Meeting and Asbestos Training will follow the AGM – our first for the year and it will be important to look at our priorities and plans for 2017, there is much to be excited about so we hope that you are able to join us!