We start the new term and semester by welcoming three new staff members to our team. Mrs Karen Richards is working with Michele Tait after school on Tuesdays and Fridays to keep our classrooms clean and tidy. Mrs Penny Bryant is teaching across all year levels to release me for administrative duties on Fridays, and to provide the teachers with Non Contact Time. Mr Bryce Morrice is our new teacher aide. He is undertaking his teacher training at CQU and you might remember him from 2014 when he completed a practicum with Ms Schroeter.

I'm delighted to announce the election of our 2016 P&C President! Congratulations to Josie Merritt (who has been acting in this position so far this year), and to Zanda Furnell-Hall who has stepped in as Vice President. I'm sure our school community will support them and make 2016 another stellar year for our P&C.

I'd hoped to share some exciting results from this year’s District Sports however with the unseasonal wet, they were postponed and are occurring as I write. I'm sure all of our competitors are doing us proud and are being fine ambassadors for The Caves State School. Thank you to all of the parents who are providing transportation and supervision.

Thanks also to Mr Todd, who collected 6 chairs that were being disposed of from Rockhampton Regional Office. The “new” chairs replaced some even older ones that were in the office.

I’d also like to give a huge thanks to the Geddes family for their donation of gravel & labour last week. Our groundsman alerted us to a washout and Jo and Billy leapt into action! Thank you!

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
REMINDER: The school office will be closed on Friday 29 July and Monday 1 August.

SHOWCASE PARADE
Our next Showcase Parade is on Monday, 1 August at 2.30pm.

😊 Prep – will be showing you some of their class work
😊 Year 1/2 – will be sharing some of their journal writing
😊 Year 3/4 – showcasing their ‘Alliteration’ writing
😊 Year 5/6 – will be showing you some drama activities.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST
Congratulations to the recipients of this month’s Nothing But The Best awards!

- **Care & Compassion:**
  - Jack Robinson
  - Ava Hinchliffe
  - Matilda Peff
  - Adrian Hill

- **Honesty & Trustworthiness:**
  - Ayla Watkins
  - Shaniya Watkins
  - Daniel Dinsdale
  - Julia Jones

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**PREP 2017**

Names are now being taken for Prep 2017.
If your child was born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, please contact the office.

**TWILIGHT SHOWCASE**

On **Friday, 5 August**, we'll be having the Twilight Showcase from 6:00-7:30pm. Our Twilight Showcase is when our stars shine!

Every child will have work on display, the choir will perform something special and we'll have an outdoor art gallery. We hope that we will have displays and performances from all of our talented students. If you or your child has a talent, hobby or interest and would like to share this on the night, please complete the form emailed home previously.

We provide nibbles, the P&C will have a bar and drinks for sale, and this year our Student Council will be fundraising by having a ‘photo booth’ & a chocolate toss. We hope to see you all there!

**BOOK FAIR**

Our Bookfair will be held from Wednesday 3 August to Tuesday 9 August in the Library from 8:30 – 8:50 each day and also during the Twilight Showcase on 5 August from 6.00pm-7.30pm.

Our school is hosting a Book Fair to celebrate Reading and Literacy. A Book Fair is another great way to get your child reading and everyone is welcome to visit, so please tell your friends and family!

During Book Fair, children, parents and friends from the community are invited to visit the library, which becomes a giant Book Store. We have received hundreds of books, posters and novelty items which are on display this week. If there is a particular book that you want and you can’t see it there, please ask – we may be able to order it. Posters and novelty items are not able to be re-ordered, so once they are sold, they are gone.

During library lessons, the children will check out what is available. Books range in price from $3 to $20. Posters are $2 and $4, packs are $6 (and cannot be ordered) and items from the Variety Tray (novelty pens, erasers, etc) start from $1. Everyone that makes a purchase also gets a free bookmark.

If you are not able to attend the Book Fair, please send any money to school **in an envelope with your child’s name and the amount enclosed** and our volunteers will do their best to help your child make a purchase.

You are also able to pay with a credit card:

- Make an online payment on your smartphone while you’re at the Bookfair.
- Make an instant phone payment at the Bookfair.
- Make an online payment, record the receipt number on the Student Wish List that the students will bring home after their library lesson this week, and send it back to the library. We will treat this like a gift voucher and help your child make a purchase.

Books make great gifts, and Book Fairs are a wonderful way to provide more books for our library. We thank you for your support.
WANTED FOR PREP
We are wondering if anyone has large unwanted/cracked/chipped terracotta pots. It doesn't matter what condition they are in.

The fairies are coming.

Thanks in advance

Mrs Lee

STAFF PROFILES

Mrs Bryant
My name is Penny Bryant and I am married with two daughters who are five and three. I completed my Bachelor of Education at CQU in Rockhampton and have taught in Emerald and Blackwater. Since becoming a parent, I have been doing supply teaching and relief work at various schools around Rockhampton and at some lovely smaller schools including Keppel Sands, Ridgelands and Marlborough.

When I am not busily working away at home or keeping my children entertained with scooter rides and playtime at the park, you will find me squeezing in a run or enjoying a workout at the gym. I also love to bury myself in a good book or relax with one of my favourite Podcasts.

I have enjoyed working at The Caves SS over the past term and I am continuing to look forward to being a regular face around the school over the coming Semester.

Mr Morrice
Hi, my name is Bryce Morrice and I am excited to be working here at The Caves State School as a teacher aide. I was born in Rockhampton and attended school locally as well. I have been married for just over a year and we enjoy spending time with our border collie puppy, Lexie, as much as we can.

In my spare time I love to work with computers, cameras and the latest technology. On the weekends I like to cook on the bbq and relax while camping with friends.

I am looking forward to my time at The Caves SS and can't wait to see what the future holds.
**QPARENTS**

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 timetables and 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.
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Doolimitees are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights
Seahorses celebrate 100 days of learning!

On the 19th of July the preps celebrated being at school for 100 days. We planned a celebration which included dressing up, party food and games.

We made a snack pack for the party which included 100 items.

We did 100 exercises, played Pin the nose on the clown and Pass the parcel.

We are looking forward to the next 100!
Ninja News!

LEARNING NINJAS
Our mission is to learn.

On Friday, Mrs Bryant teaches us Health, PE, Art, Technology, Geography and History.

This term, we are learning about Rio and the Olympic Games.
This term we are studying ‘humour in poetry’ and we have learnt about Alliterations, Onomatopoeia, Nonsense words and Limerick poems.

We are using the Seven Steps to Writing Success with stimuli pictures

Good Friend Award recipients.

Working hard all day long....
Year 5/6 Story Snippets
+ Drama Activities

EMILY JONES YEAR 6

I just stood there, gobsmacked, with my mouth open like a goldfish. Everyone looked at me. Then, when we finished singing happy birthday, I went over to him. “Wh...what are you doing here? It’s nice to see you again. Who did you come with? Oh, and where did you go last time? It was like you vanished!” I tried to make conversation and find out more about him, but he didn’t say much.

Then I turned around to see the fireworks that were just starting, and when I turned back to say how lovely the party was, he was gone! All of a sudden, the whole tablecloth, with all of the food came off the table, and on top of me!!!

CLOE LETTS YEAR 6

A few months later, I was going for a drink from the bubblers, and Jack was right there, getting a drink! I thought I was going crazy!

Right after lunch, we had PE. I saw a glimpse of what I thought was Jack. He was shooting at the basketball hoop. I asked Menzie and Julie about Jack. They both just gave me the confused look, and said, “What kid?” All of a sudden he appeared right beside me. I quickly showed Menzie and Julie before he disappeared again.

Menzie and Julie looked right at the spot where Jack was standing. They told me that I was going crazy, and nobody was standing there. So, I told Jack to pick up a rock or something. Jack picked up a rock and waved it around in their faces. After that, Menzie and Julie believed me, and knew that Jack was real!

JOEL SCHNEIDER YEAR 5

“This needs to stop, Milton!”

“You’re not only hurting my feelings, but you’re hurting my friends and none of us like it! Go and annoy someone else, like Mr Moody or Frank Grumps! Not me, or any of my friends!

You might think you’re being funny, well you’re not! If you don’t have any friends, I know why! You can be rude, disrespectful and mean! So stop it! Please! Greg, Jake and I are wanting you to stop, and if you do, we’ll be your friends!”

“I guess so,” said Milton sadly.

“What’s wrong?” I said.

“You’re right,” he said, “I am just rude and disrespectful, and always doing it to only you and your friends.”

“I didn’t mean to upset you, Milton. It’s just that we don’t like what you’re doing to us.”
Hey Everyone!

Bonfire Night is this Saturday! I’m super keen to see what everyone has come up with this year, especially in our new primary age section. An entry form is attached for all the budding drum artists out there.

If anyone is able to lend a hand before, during or after the night, please get in touch.

Helpers are needed Saturday morning for food prep and set up for Bonfire Night. We are meeting at 8am, The Caves Showgrounds Cookhouse.

Many hands make light work.

We are also looking for previous drum art / sculptures to put around the bar & cookhouse. If you are able to donate your drums, please drop them off in the arena at the showgrounds.

Firewood is urgently for Bonfire Night. Please help out by dropping off any unwanted firewood you have to the showgrounds as soon as possible.

See you Saturday!

Josie
P&C President
Ph 0478 605 830
THE GOOD GUYS DOING GOOD WEEK NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!
Doing Good Week is our way of rewarding those who make a difference in the community, and supporting those who need it most. This is where you come in! This year, you can nominate your school, or another community organisation you know, that truly makes a difference or needs our help, and they could be selected to receive a donation in our upcoming Doing Good Week (5-11 September)!

You can make your nomination at www.facebook.com/TheGoodGuysAU
Nominations close on Sunday 28 August 2016 so get your nominations in quick!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017
Does anyone need care for their school-aged children, from 3pm weekdays in 2017? I have 10 years of experience as a teacher aide and 17 years as a child-care provider.

If you are interested or have any questions, email me at lisamk70@gmail.com or call 0429 165 309.

Thanks
Lisa Kime