DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 19 February - Grip Leadership Conference – Yr 6
- Thursday, 26 February - P&C Meeting – NEW TIME 9:00am – all welcome
- 26 & 27 February - State Principals’ Conference
- Friday 27 February - Go Maths Payments Due
- Monday, 2 March - Leaders’ Parade and Tree Planting 2:30pm – all welcome
- Tuesday, 3 March - Buddy Afternoon Tea – P/1 & 4-6 parents welcome 2:30-3:00

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

One student from each class who has displayed the whole school Value of the Week (from Values for Australian Schooling) in conjunction with the school motto of Nothing But The Best are awarded a Nothing But the Best Award each week.

This week our teaching team is looking for the students who best exemplify Fair Go.

The belief in a fair go is a key part of Australian culture and Australian society. A fair go means a decent chance and a reasonable opportunity to do or complete something.

A fair go is the belief of all Australians, of making their mark, gaining good employment, and enjoying freedoms experienced here and having a fair chance of doing so on their own terms, without potential issues from political, religious, cultural or financial prejudice of a culture.

WHOOOO CAN HELP?

A huge thank you to Vicki Hick for her many hours of weeding, whipper snipping and mowing last week. Your effort is truly appreciated.

We are about to give the garden (Rossmoya Entrance) a much-needed makeover, including weed control, pruning and mulching. The plan is to give all the weeds a thorough spray, lay a thick layer of newspapers and then spread some sugar cane mulch thickly to prevent weeds appearing again a few weeks later. All of the plants in that garden need tidying up too.

We are also looking for a volunteer to prepare the garden for the Year 6 Tree planting which is scheduled for Monday, 2 May. The compacted soil in the garden bed outside Miss Watt’s room needs to be dug up, prepared with manure or compost and 4 holes need to be dug. Please contact the office if you can take on this job for our Year 6 students.

BOOKCLUB

Issue 1 was sent home last week. All orders are due to the school office by Thursday, 19 February 2015.
THE MORNING BULLETIN CLASSROOM MAKEOVER
Put the best educational tools at your child’s fingertips! Imagine what our school could do with a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples. The school with the most tokens wins, so help your children and their school by collecting as many tokens as you can. A token will be published daily in paper from Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March 2015.

Start collecting as many daily tokens as you can from friends and families and your workplace and send them into the office before Friday, 20 March.

At the end of the competition, the school with the most number of tokens per student will win a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples. All schools stand an equal chance of winning, as the Bulletin will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Respect: Annie Boswood, Amity Merritt & Alannah Tighe.

Next Thursday and Friday, I will be attending the State Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. Ms Dean will be acting principal during my absence.

The conference will bring together Queensland state school principals and senior state education leaders to discuss and plan the future of state schooling in Queensland. The two-day event will feature keynote and guest speakers, panel discussions, and master classes.

Please mark Monday, 2 March in your diary for our next Showcase Parade. We will be showcasing our school leaders and they will be planting a commemorative tree to mark the occasion of their leadership at The Caves State School.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

ITEMS FOR TENDER
- HP 7500a A3 printer – purchased in Feb 2011 for $750. 2 x black and 1 of each colour (magenta, yellow, cyan) valued between $18 - $22.
- Canon IR2200 photocopier with 2 drawers that hold A4 & A3 and takes NPG25 toner. Instruction booklet available. Prints in black only.

Both items are in working order currently but are no longer under service contracts.
Tenders close Friday, 27 February 2015 at 3:00pm. Name, contact details, the item you are interested in and the amount of tender must be submitted to the school office in an envelope addressed to the principal and marked: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Thank you to everyone who supported our Valentine’s FUNdraiser by wearing red, having a guess in our Heart Competition or buying a Heart cookie.

Congratulations to Sina for having the closest guess and winning the Valentine’s gift bag.
FIRST AID AND CPR
We have organised for First Aid Response to join our school for a First Aid Refresher Course ($100) including CPR on Monday, 30 March 2015 at 3pm.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to the school office by Monday, 23 March.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROCKHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
The Rockhampton Grammar School is holding information sessions over the next month to talk with parents about Year 10 and Year 7 entry. There are on 26 February at 6pm at The Rockhampton Grammar School Auditorium on Archer Street; 16 March at 6pm at The Frenchville Sports Club, and on 18 March at 6pm at The Keppel Bay Sailing Club. The School asks that you please register your interest and book a seat by calling 1300 GRAMMAR or visiting www.rgs.qld.edu.au/plan.

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting for 2015 will be on Thursday, 26 February at 9:00am.

Please note our meeting time of 9:00am. This year, meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month and the time will alternate between 9:00am and 6:30pm.

Meetings held at 9:00am will take place in or near the Multi-purpose Building, so that parents with littlies can attend and the children can be supervised in the Playground.

PUB RAFFLES
Thank you to the four families who have volunteered to sell raffle tickets for the school this year. There are only eight spots left to fill. Could you please return your pub raffle notes as soon as possible so that a roster can be produced? If you have misplaced your note please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287 or email anthonyandtamarajones@bigpond.com

Tamara Jones

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work


**Reading Strategy: Fluency - Voracious Reading**

Fluency is the ability to read, speak, or write smoothly and with expression. The best way to become a fluent reader is through reading. The amount a child reads has a huge impact on their success in becoming a fluent reader.

The strategy of voracious reading is one used with students to increase vocabulary and fluency. Students are taught that voracious means to do a lot of something and still want more of it. They know that by reading, reading, and more reading, they will become smooth readers that are enjoyable to listen to. This will lead to increased comprehension and broadened vocabularies.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. Encourage your child to read more at home. Start by adding a few minutes to their regular reading time and go from there.

2. Model this strategy for your child by taking out a book of your own and reading.

3. Have your child to show you what he/she is reading. Ask the following questions:
   
   - Does this book interest you?
   - Are you able to read most of the words?
   - Do you understand what you are reading?

   Your child should be able to say “yes” to all three questions if he/she is reading a good book to improve fluency and become a voracious reader.

4. Find a genre or style of book your child is interested in. Visit the library or bookstore to provide more books or stories in this area of interest. Tapping into a reader’s interests creates voracious readers.