DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 9 October - Discipline Audit
- Friday, 10 October - Swimming Lesson
- Monday, 13 October - Etna Creek Bus Meeting 4:30pm
- Monday, 20 October - Student Free Day – all state schools
- Wednesday, 22 October - The Caves' Educators' Day
- Thursday, 23 October - P&C Meeting 6:30pm – all welcome

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Care and Compassion is our value for this week as we continue to aim for Nothing But The Best. This value focuses on caring for ourselves and others.

Right from birth, kids take their cues from parents - so make sure they see your best side. Show them that acts of caring are part of everyday life. When they're old enough to understand (and even before), explain why you're calling to check in on an old friend, running an errand for a neighbour, or making extra soup to bring to an elderly relative.

A study of children watching a violent cartoon showed that those kids who were asked to consider the victim's feelings found the cartoon less funny and scored lower on measures of post-viewing aggression. Labelling and discussing emotions is the first step to unlocking your child's innate empathy - encourage them from a young age to name their own feelings and relate to the feelings of others.

Be on the lookout for ways to go out of your way for someone in need, and your child will take notice. In the same way, if your habit is to "walk on by", then your child will, too. Encouraging children to help others by showing off their talents and doing what they love to do is one of the easiest ways to develop care and compassion in children.

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REMINDERS
If you haven’t yet paid in full your $30 Student Resource Scheme payment, please make sure you do so by Friday, 17 October at the latest. If you aren’t sure, please contact Michelle in the office on 4912 6111.

All swimming forms must be returned tomorrow so that we have time to process them before lessons start of Friday. If forms are not returned, children are not able to participate.

HELP NEEDED!
We desperately need help with the spraying of weeds throughout the school before they get unmanageable. Also the gutters on the library and sheds are starting to look like gardens and need to be cleared. If you are able to help with either of these jobs, please contact the school office. Thank you!

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons will commence in Week 1 of Term 4 on Friday, 10 October for all classes. Lessons will continue every week until Friday, 28 November.

Children will need to bring their togs, swim shirt, bathing cap and towel in a separate swimming bag. It is recommended that all children use a bathing cap as they promote good stroke development and breathing techniques. Children who require goggles will need to bring their own. Children in Prep-Year 2 will be swimming in an indoor pool. Education Queensland requires that swim shirts must be worn by Prep -Year 7 students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons.

- Prep to Year 2 will be swimming at Affinity Pool, departing school each Friday at 12:15pm and returning by 3:00pm. They will need to take their lunch for second break with them.
- Year 3 to 7 will be swimming at CQU Pool, departing school each Friday at 12:30pm and returning by 3:00. They will have second break time from 12.15pm – 12.30pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Our swimming program needs your help! Smaller group sizes are the best way to deliver the high quality program that we offer and ensure that our children are getting the best instruction possible. Volunteers are offered training and assistance prior to lessons commencing and are given all the skills they need to assist the teachers with the delivery of our program.

Please consider the contribution you could make to your child’s education and water safety by helping at swimming lessons. Your assistance might save a life! Please return the attached form if you are able to help, even if it is only for one week.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
A very warm welcome back to the final term of 2014 and the last ever term of Primary School for our Year 6 and 7 students!

Our Term 4 calendar is attached, and as you can see, there is plenty to look forward to over the next 46 days of schooling.

Please remember that communication between home and school is vital to your child’s education, well-being and happiness and we share these priorities with you.

Please make the time to speak directly with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns about what is happening at school.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
ETNA CREEK BUS MEETING – Monday 13th October at 4.30pm at the school. This bus conveyance committee meeting will be to discuss the proposed extension of the service to include 14 Mile Road. All welcome. Any queries please call Elizabeth on 0419 660059.

NAB AFL AUSKICK
NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League’s key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you’ll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play plenty of fun games and football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Participants are provided with a coaching program over an six week period (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: insurance, AFL Auskick Draw string bag, Sherrin football and an activity book as part of the registration

COME AND TRY YOUR FIRST SESSION FOR FREE!
The Caves SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: Monday 13th October 2014
Time: 11:00am-11:40am (every Monday for 6 weeks)
Venue: The Caves School Oval
Registrations: This Centre is limited to the first 25 participants that register. To avoid disappointment please register online.
Cost: $25
For more information contact: Scott at AFL Qld Capricornia office on 4927 3432 or 0404 986 543
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PARENTING PROGRAM – ‘ON BECOMING CHILDWISE’
A 6 week parenting program is being held in Emu Park commencing Monday 20 October 2014. Facilitated by Seasons Family Counselling, this internationally recognised program ‘On Becoming Childwise’ is suitable for any parent or carer of toddlers to pre-teens. Topics include: How to raise a responsible child; Keep first things first; Touch points of love; The trustworthy Father; How to raise a moral child; How to raise a virtuous child; The five laws of correction; and The place of choice. Enrol at www.seasonsfamilycounselling.com.au or for further information call Kim on 0434 889 946.

BARMOYA BASH
The Barmoya Community Sports & Recreation Association is holding their annual Barmoya Bash this Saturday 11th October. The Barmoya Bash is an American tennis tournament, everyone is welcome to have a go, you don’t necessarily need to be good at tennis! The afternoon will start from 3pm with children under 12yrs followed by the adults. There will be a Bar & BBQ operating, BYO chairs, no eskies or glass. The tennis court is located on C. Barretts Rd. For more info call 0419705061.

FAIR IN THE SQUARE
A public meeting is to be held at The Caves Country Pub on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30 pm to make arrangements for The Caves Lions Community ‘Christmas Fair in the Square’ to be held on Friday 28th November 2014 at Buch Square, Rossmoya Rd, The Caves commencing at 6 pm. All interested persons, community groups, & stall holders are welcome & invited to attend this meeting to submit ideas & to participate with this event. For further information please contact Sherri on 49363389 or Bev on 49342463.

Our next P&C Meeting will be Thursday, 23 October at 6:30pm in the Maths Room in B Block

Welcome back to Term 4 – it is always such a busy and exciting term, but goes by in the blink of an eye, so buckle up and enjoy!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL & RON ROBINSON!
On the first week end of the holidays a small group ventured to the Kershaw Gardens to see how our beautiful school grounds stacked up amongst the competition in the Bettascapes Regional Garden Competition. Whilst honours went to Bajool State School, with Farnborough State School as runner up, we were proud to have participated and showcase our great grounds and gardens.

To our great delight Carol & Ron Robinson enjoyed outstanding success with their garden winning both Best Food and Best Flower Garden, culminating in Reserve Grand Champion – well deserved winners for a beautiful garden. Their success really serves to underline how privileged we were that Carol & Ron were happy to share their garden and host our Garden Day.

FOOTY TIPPING COMP CONCLUDES
I hope that you enjoyed the conclusion of the 2014 NRL Season – an exciting and fitting end to what I think we can all agree was an unpredictable season!! Needless to say, our inaugural tipping competition was challenging to say the least!! With “GLORY, GLORY TO SOUTH SYDNEY”, we can announce the results of our tipping competition are as follows: