DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, 21 November - Bookclub Orders Due
- Wednesday, 26 November - Pre-prep Transition Morning
- Thursday, 27 November - Entries close in Premier’s Reading Challenge Family Pass draw.
- Friday, 28 November - Fair in the Square
- Monday, 1 December - P&C Meeting 6:30pm – all welcome!
- Monday, 8 December - Pre-prep Transition Morning
- Tuesday, 9 December - Leadership Parade 2:30pm
- Wednesday, 10 December - Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea 3:00pm
- Thursday, 11 December - Presentation Night
- Friday, 5 December - Graduation Day
- Saturday, 6 December - Swimming Carnival
- Monday, 1 December - Pot of Gold Day
- Tuesday, 9 December - Break Up Day
- Friday, 12 December - Clean Up Day

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL
This week, we’re focussing on the value of “Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion”.

Schools are the great “melting pot,” a rich blend of cultural traditions, beliefs and values. The differences (or diversity) that come from people from all over the world enrich our culture, bringing new ideas and energy. Today, more than ever, children interact with people of differing ethnicities, religions, and cultures. Classrooms are increasingly diverse, reflecting the communities where families live and work.

We should help our children prepare to live, learn, and work in communities that will become even more diverse. Teaching tolerance is important not just because it is part of our heritage, but because the person who learns to be open to differences will have more opportunities in education, business, and many other aspects of life. In short, your child's success depends on it. Success in today's world - and tomorrow's - depends on being able to understand, appreciate, and work with others.

Tolerance means respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting unfair stereotypes, discovering common ground, and creating new bonds. Tolerance, in many ways, is the opposite of prejudice. But does tolerance mean that all behaviours have to be accepted? Of course not. Behaviours that disrespect or hurt others, like being mean or bullying, or behaviours that break social rules, like lying or stealing, should not be tolerated. Tolerance is about accepting people for who they are - not about accepting bad behaviour. Tolerance also means treating others the way you would like to be treated.

We teach tolerance by example — and in other ways, too. Talking together about tolerance and respect helps kids learn more about the values we want them to have. Giving them opportunities to play and work with others is important as well. This lets children learn firsthand that everyone has something to contribute and to experience differences and similarities.

When adults encourage an understanding, tolerant and inclusive attitude in their children, talk about their values, and model the behaviour they would like to see by treating others well, children will follow in their footsteps.
RAINBOW AWARDS

**INDIGO**
- Will Huff
- Sina Abdollahi
- Tyler White
- Cooper Snowdon
- Fletcher Sadler

**VIOLET**
- Joseph Boswood
- Alexander Weber
- Allan Weir
- Aleisha Green
- Tyler White

**OVER THE RAINBOW**
- Emily Geddes
- Chardonnay Hick
- Dawson Jones
- Matilda Peff
- Allan Weir

**POT OF GOLD**
- Ben Jepson
- Cienna Joynner
- Katherine Tait
- Jacob Trenaman
- Olivia Barnett

**POT OF GOLD**
- Emily Jones
- Julia Jones
- Ruqayya Nixon
- Kiarna Selwood
- Cloe Letts

- Amber Delaware
- Ben Jepson
- Cienna Joynner
- Kelcey Kime
- Katherine Tait
- Jacob Trenaman
- Olivia Barnett
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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE REWARDS**
To reward our students for 100% participation in the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge, The Caves State School has been presented with 5 x family passes (two adults & two children) to Warner Bros Movie World, Sea World or Wet’n’Wild on the Gold Coast. Vouchers expire 30 June 2015.

To be in the draw to receive a family pass, put your name on an envelope marked “Premier’s Reading Challenge” in the locked box (outside the office) by **9am on Wednesday, 26 November**. Winners will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Good luck!

**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**
We will soon be commencing our stocktake of all library and reading resources.

**All library books and home readers must be returned on or before Thursday, 27 November 2015.**

Please have a look in all the usual – and not so usual places - to see if any books are hiding at your place.

**WHOOOO CAN HELP?**
This week, these owls need some attention:
- Mowing
- Spraying of weeds
- Gutters cleaned on library
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s **Nothing But The Best** awards, who displayed Integrity: Darcy Frankish, Cienna Joyner & Sydney Peff.

Every school day is a precious day of teaching. With only 17 school days left until the end of the 2014 school year, we are ensuring that every remaining school day will be a precious day of teaching.

Please help us achieve our vision of every member of our learning community learning every day in every way by making sure your children attend school every day.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
The Student Council are selling fruit slushies **every Wednesday at second break** for the rest of the term.

Bring along $1.50 to have an icy cold slushie.

LEGENDAIRY
Dairy Australia is running a promotion for our school to win a custom-built playground bench seat made from recycled products, including some of those we collect as part of the competition.

Bring in a **washed** dairy product lid or packaging (these act as tokens), then place your tokens in either the ‘Start’ or ‘End’ Legendairey voting bin located outside the school office. The competition closes on **Monday, 24 November**.

BOOKCLUB
Please note all orders need to be returned to the school office by **9am on Friday, 21 November** to allow time for the books to be delivered before the Christmas break. Thank you.
Our next P&C Meeting will be Thursday, 27 November at 6:30pm in the Maths Room in B Block.

As we hurtle towards the end of year, I thought it might be timely to re-cap on what we have left to do/offfer from your P&C:

**FAIR IN THE SQUARE, 28 NOVEMBER – VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN FOOD VAN**

I have heard from only a couple of people indicating that they will be able to assist in either selling raffle tickets for the P&C in the Webber BBQ or volunteering in The Lions food van.

Fair in the Square is a wonderful community event enjoyed by many of us, & our children in particular. Like all community events it takes the tireless efforts of many people to pull it together and I would like to think that as another community organisation we are able to support The Lions in a meaningful way by providing assistance in the food van – even an hour can make a difference as it may allow someone who has been working for many hours to have a break.

Similarly, the BBQ raffle raised approximately $600 for our P&C in 2013 and if we are to maximize the benefit of this donation we really need to sell raffle tickets at Fair in the Square.

*Please*, I ask you to let me know if you are able to assist in any way – I need to advise The Lions next week on the number of volunteers & we need to be organized for the raffle also.

Jocelyn – 0418 559 919 / jocelyn@peffcabinets.com.au.

**SUBWAY LUNCH AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

We are again going to offer the “Subway” lunch for our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 9 December and will have an order form go out next week. This was a popular and convenient lunch option at last year’s swimming carnival and we would again welcome and encourage your participation in this offer.

**POST PRESENTATION NIGHT – SHARED SUPPER**

It has been decided that the P&C will host a shared supper following the Presentation Night on Friday, 5 December. We hope to enjoy a shared supper with all those who would like to pause & prolong the enjoyment of what is a great evening celebrating the many talents and achievements of our children.

Our intent is that this will be an informal gathering with everyone bringing a plate to share and the P&C will have beer and wine available for purchase. So if you would like to relax and savour the evening, please join us to reflect on what will be a great night.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

The P&C need YOUR help with their Christmas Hamper Raffle in the form of donations of any suitable Christmas or Hamper items. Items could include drinks, sweet and savoury treats, canned items, Christmas decorations, wrap, etc. The more items collected will mean more hampers can be created.

Please bring your non-perishable donated items to the school office for this year’s raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 6 December at Presentation Night.