DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 5 February - P&C AGM 6:30pm
- Friday, 6 February - Icy Cups – First Break $1.00
- Tuesday, 10 February - Meet The Teachers – Parent/Teacher session 2:00 – 3:00
- Friday, 13 February - Student Council Valentine’s Day Fundraiser Day
- Thursday, 19 February - Grip Leadership Conference – Yr 6
- 26 & 27 February - State Principals’ Conference

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 Honesty and Trustworthiness.

By being honest, sincere and seeking the truth in ourselves and others, we build positive relationships based on trust.

Being trustworthy to our children starts by making sure we keep our word to our children, although life throws us curve balls and there are many times we make a promise and are unable (by no fault of our own) to keep that promise. Talk to your children about these circumstances, before these issues present themselves and how they affect the things we hope to be able to do or the promises we make.

For younger children, a great way to start out talking about trustworthiness is to read books or tell stories about trustworthiness, such as The Boy Who Cried Wolf, and emphasise the following qualities that are displayed in a trustworthy person:

- Being honest
- Following rules
- Always keeping a promise
- Never being mean
- Never taking things that don’t belong to us

Talk to them about how they feel if someone is mean to them, or is not honest with them. Ask them how they feel when someone does this to them or how they feel about that person.

Emphasise to older children that when we give our trust to someone we are confident in their ability to not hurt us, to be honest with us and we ultimately rely on them to be trustworthy. Trust is an essential aspect of any good relationship. When we receive trust we are giving others the confidence that we are trustworthy, that we will be reliable, be honest, be a good friend and be caring to that person.
WHOOOO CAN HELP?
With all of the wonderful rain and warm weather of late, we can practically see the grass and weeds growing. If you can help with mowing, weeding, spraying, or brush-cutting, please contact the office.

We only have 2 hours per week of groundscare and your help is needed to keep our school looking lovely – and our Preps are only little and we don’t want to lose any in the long grass!

Keep an eye out for the Whooo Tree, which will be making a re-emergence in a few weeks.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Care and Compassion: Mason Rogers, Katelyn Jones & Kelcee Kime.

In the excitement of the first week back, I neglected to officially welcome Miss Pamela Watts to our staff. Miss Watts is teaching our Year 2/3 class until 4 May, while Ms Lees is on Long Service Leave. She is also teaching PE to our 4-6 class.

We would like to invite you to Meet The Teachers on Tuesday, 10 February from 2:00 – 3:00 in my classroom (across the bridge in B Block – across the concrete from the office), to explain the routines, procedures and expectations we will be implementing in our classrooms this year.

There will be time for general questions, so please take this opportunity to ask anything however if you would like specific feedback on your child, please arrange a time to speak directly to your child’s teacher.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS
It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.

If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.

If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child’s school BEFORE you travel away.

It is not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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

 ♥ Every day next week, before school, you can guess how many hearts are on our Valentine's Card. The closest guess will win a Valentine’s Prize of Goodies! Guesses are $1 each.

 ♥ On Friday, 13 February wear red for a gold coin donation. Children need to wear appropriate, safe footwear and sun-smart clothing and must wear broad-rimmed hats.

 ♥ By a heart-shaped cookie at first break on Friday, 13 February for $1.

Support your Student Council because they support our school! Student Council helps share students’ ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and the school principal. They also help raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, school or community projects and school reform.

In recent years, our Student Council has purchased a portable shade tent, sporting equipment and art supplies, iPads, and gardening materials. They present a graduation gift of a certificate and class photo and last year, they presented The Caves State School wrist band USBs to our graduating classes and our Preps.

Student Council is made up of two elected student representatives from each class from Year 3 to 6, our school leaders and sports captains, and a teacher representative (Ms Schroeter). Student Council elections will take place in our Year 3 to 6 classes in the next week.

STUDENT BANKING

This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings. A parent pack that includes all the information you need to get on board has been sent home today to new families, or if you are interested you can request a pack from the school office.

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System s, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD $2000 spending money.

IGA/DRAKES “COMMUNITY DOLLARS” FUNDRAISING SCHEME
The P&C Association is participating in the IGA/Drakes “Community Dollars” scheme.

This is without question the easiest, hassle free fundraising available to our P&C – the key tags are simply distributed to any and all interested in having one and every time a purchase is made at an IGA/Drakes store the tag is scanned.

PLEASE, PLEASE – WE WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL TO GRAB A TAG AND DISTRIBUTE AMONGST FAMILY AND FRIENDS. This really is one of those situations where “every little bit counts”.

Key tags have been sent home with the youngest in each family. Additional tags are available through the school office. If you already have a tag, please consider passing the new one on to family and friends.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 and THURSDAY MORNINGS FIRST BREAK NEW TERM COMMENCING NOW
For more information phone Kerrie, Beak’s Tennis Ph: 07 49 361 021 / Mob: 0419 026 963

ROCKHAMPTON JUNIOR TENNIS
Association’s coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($10 weekly) commence Saturday, January 31, from 8.00 – 11.00am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone on (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

LOST
A black and green remote for an electronic roller door was lost presumably in The Lions Carpark on Saturday 31.1.15. If found, please call Mrs Dodd on 49342992.

DIVE IN FOR PEOPLE WITH MS
Swimming 12 hours straight to raise $25,000 for people living with Multiple Sclerosis – register today to join the fun. Rockhampton Saturday 21 March 2015 6am-6pm CQU Community Sports Centre. Register now at www.MSswimaton.com.au. For more information contact the MS Qld Swimathon Team 07 3840 0887 or email swimathon@msqld.org.au

SURF GROMS
Want a fun and exciting after school or weekend activity? Take part in Surf Groms this term and Learn to Surf! Surf Groms is a national program for 5-12 year olds and encourages kids to participate in the wonderful sport of surfing while beating the summer heat.

It is even more affordable this year with a great range of programs and times available. But the surfing goodies and the quality of the program haven’t diminished. We have holiday, Saturday morning and after school programs. To register please go to www.surfgroms.com

For enquiries phone Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf on 0488076595 or pateastwood@hotmail.com
Our first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be our AGM on Thursday, 5 February 2015 at 6:30pm.

2015 FUNDRAISING IS OFF & RACING – ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL SUCCESS!
Congratulations to the many who contributed to the success of our Election Day Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle last Saturday – whether you contributed baking or assisted with “manning” the stall, without your efforts we would not have raised a very impressive $1000!

This is a wonderful start to our fundraising efforts for 2015 – THANK YOU to the many who leant their shoulder to the wheel.

YOUR P&C AGM & EXECUTIVE ROLES TO FILL
This Thursday at 6:30pm 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. We know that our long serving Treasurer, Steve Bray, will not be returning to the Executive as he no longer has children at the school.

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. **I would also remind all in our community to return your membership form to the school office, be you renewing your membership or a new member, before the end of school on Thursday so that membership may be accepted at the AGM.**

A General Meeting will follow the AGM – our first for the year will be important to look at our priorities and plans for 2015, there is much to be excited about so we hope that you are able to join us!