**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **Tuesday, 17 March**
  - Bookclub Due
  - St Patrick’s Day – wear green for a gold coin donation.

- **Thursday, 26 March**
  - P&C Meeting 6.30pm

- **Friday, 20 March**
  - National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

- **Friday, 27 March**
  - P&C Movie Night

- **Monday, 30 March**
  - Leaders Parade & Tree Planting 2:30pm

- **Tuesday, 31 March**
  - Football For Kids clinic 1:30-3:00 – all classes

- **Thursday, 2 April**
  - Cross Country & Fun Run
  - End of Term 1

- **Monday, 20 April**
  - School resumes for Term 2

**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.
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Next Tuesday, 17 March is St Patrick’s Day. Celebrate the Luck of the Irish by making a gold coin donation to our Student Council and wearing something green.

We will also be selling Lucky Green Cupcakes at First Break on Monday for $2 each.

WHOOOO CAN HELP?
Please continue to send in your old newspapers so we can 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.

If you can help with any of these tasks, please let us know.

RAINBOW AWARDS

Annie Boswood  Travis Richards  Fletcher Sadler  Matilda Peff
Marshall Boswood  Jack Robinson  Lachlan Sutton  Amber Delaware
Cody Funch  Marcus Robson  Rhett Weatherall  Brock Hick
Avia Hinchcliffe  Joey Snowdon  Mia Broszat  Benjamin Jepson
Bonnie Jones  Abbey Wright  Aeryon Schuh  Cooper Snowdon
Evan Peff  Bradley Dinsdale  Jace Smith  Jacob Trenaman
Mia Peterson  Darcy Frankish  Katelyn Jones  Nate Everingham

BOOKCLUB
Issue 2 orders are due to the school office by Tuesday, 17 March 2015.

GO MATHS PAYMENTS
Maths payments were due Friday 27 February, so if you haven’t yet finalised your payment please do so as soon as possible. If you are having trouble making payment, please contact the school to organise a payment plan. Thank you

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.

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, 13 March 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.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Integrity: Evan Peff, Mia Broszat and Riley Broszat.

With life slowly returning to some semblance of normality for all of us, after the trials and stresses of the last few weeks, I’d like to encourage you all to download the QSchools app.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about what’s happening at our school, and during emergencies, it is a handy tool to keep everyone informed, with the added functionality of alerts and notifications being sent to phones and tablets.

Please take the time to read the attached flyer and get the app to keep up to date.

Ms Schroeter and I will be attending professional development on Thursday and Friday of this week, Developing a Classroom Observation and Feedback Culture. Ms Dean will be acting principal in my absence.

Thank you to all of the staff during the last few weeks as I have been laid up with an injured back, and to the parents and students who have expressed concern. I am slowly mending but won’t be performing cartwheels or running marathons any time soon.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

SCHOOL FUN RUN / CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Thursday, 2 April from 9:00 to 10:30 in conjunction with our Cross Country carnival.

The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form today to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

We would like to invite parents and family members to attend the School Fun-Run event day at the school on Thursday, 2 April to help cheer on the students. We will be asking for volunteers to help out on the day so if you are able to assist please contact the school on 4912 6111 or admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au.
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.

NOTIFICATION OF DISTRICT SELECTION TRIALS

- Rugby League - Both Boys & Girls 10-12Yrs
- Football (Soccer) - 12yrs Boys
- Netball – 11 years girls (born 2004) and 12 years girls (born 2003)

For information about trials, please contact the office.

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting for 2015 will be advised.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CATERING WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH – SUNDAY, 22 MARCH

We have accepted the opportunity to cater for a horse clinic being held at the Progress Grounds next week. This will entail provision of breakfast, lunch, dinner and morning/afternoon tea options. We are very fortunate to have two wonderful grandmothers who will cover the “breakfast shift” for us, but will still need assistance with food preparation, set up/serving and clean up. This is a great opportunity for our P&C to raise significant funds and we would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer.

If you are able to assist in any way please contact/see Josie Merritt on 0478 605 830 – we look forward to your support.

BONFIRE NIGHT – first planning meeting this Friday @ 5pm!

We are very excited to start the planning for our 2nd BONFIRE NIGHT & are aiming to make it even bigger and better than last year. We are kicking off the planning process this Friday at 5pm in the Multipurpose Building.

If you are interested in being involved in this unique, family fundraiser please come along to this planning meeting so we can work together to achieve what is sure to be a great evening.

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED

We have been asked, on behalf of The Caves Lions Club, to assist with the distribution of non-perishable grocery items kindly donated by southern businesses to assist those in need following the onslaught that was TC Marcia. If you would like to avail yourself of this kind offering please contact me directly so that we may arrange a time for collection. Also, if you know of anyone in our community who may welcome this sort of assistance please feel free to either collect on their behalf or pass on my details.

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

FOOTY TIPPING COMP – UNDERWAY, BUT THIS WEEK IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!!

As die hard rugby league fans will attest, the 2015 NRL season is underway, with the first week a disappointment for the Queensland teams. We will accept any interested latecomers to our Footy Tipping Competition, but this will be the last week to join – if you are interested in “throwing your hat” into the ring please contact/see Elizabeth Jones for details on how to join or refer to last week’s newsletter.