DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 2 April - Cross Country & Fun Run – deadline for sponsorship forms 9am
- Monday, 20 April - School resumes for Term 2
- Thursday, 23 April - P&C Meeting 6:30pm – all welcome!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

This week, we are embracing our school motto and looking at how each of us can demonstrate *Nothing But The Best*.

- Never give up
- Believe in yourself
- Take a chance
- Be the BEST you can be

In every situation in life, there can only be one person who is the best – the smartest, the fastest, the most talented, the strongest, the most creative - but that doesn’t mean that everyone else is not a winner.

Everyone who demonstrates their personal best, as well as all of our other school values is a winner each and every day.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
RAINBOW AWARDS

**Orange**
- Annie Boswood
- Ava Hinchliffe
- Angus Barnett
- Tom Geddes
- Mason Rogers
- Lachlan Sutton
- Kallum Hick
- Joey Snowdon
- Darcy Frankish
- Jake Lucas
- Callum Stidiford
- Rhett Weatherall
- Amber Delaware
- Ben Jepson
- Cienna Joyner
- Jacob Trenaman
- Nate Everingham
- Emily Jones
- Cloe Letts
- Mackenzie Rolfe
- Alannah Tighe
- Breanna Larsen
- Rose Robinson
- Riley Broszat
- Brock Hick
- Katherine Tait
- Olivia Barnett
- Julia Jones
- Ruqayya Nixon
- Isaak Proposch
- Riley Rolfe
- Darcy Jones
- Sydney Peff

THANK YOU

A very big thank you this week to Vicki Hick & Alicia Snowdon for spending many hours whipper snipping, weeding, and tidying up our gardens.

Thanks also to Elizabeth Jones for digging the hole for Mrs Buch’s 90th Birthday Celebration Tree. Awesome work ladies!

Thank you for taking the time to help keep our school looking great. It is very much appreciated!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s *Nothing But The Best* awards who displayed *Doing Your Best*: Marshall Boswood, Jack Kingston & Ruqayya Nixon.

Ms Lees has extended her leave until 11 December 2015. We wish her the best in whatever she undertakes for the remainder of this year.

We are delighted that Ms Watts will remain with our 2/3 class for the rest of this year and will be able to continue the great work she is undertaking. There will be a small change – she will be returning after the holidays as Mrs Lyon.

We wish Pam and Dale all the best for their wedding during the holidays and for a long and happy marriage.

As a staff, we were delighted to throw a bridal shower for Pam on Saturday, and we look forward to seeing wedding snaps next term.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Please take care on the roads if you are travelling, and I look forward to working with you all in Term 2 when school resumes on Monday, 20 April.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
SCHOOL FUN RUN / CROSS COUNTRY

Our Adidas School Fun-Run is this Thursday, 2 April from 8:55 to 10:30 in conjunction with our Cross Country carnival. The rest of the day is a normal school day, and all children should attend until 3:00pm.

Children can wear suitable sun-smart shirts or other clothing in their house colours. Caps are not permitted, as per our dress code. Please make sure that suitable footwear is worn for the race.

A reminder that all sponsorship forms and collected donations need to be returned to school by Thursday, 2 April.

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to help. Without your support, these sorts of activities would not be able to go ahead. When we have lots of helpers, it gives us the flexibility to ensure that parents can also watch their own child compete.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our School Captain from last year, Natalie Tighe for her recent selection in the Under 14 Rockhampton Representative Challenge Team!

WHOOOO CAN HELP?

These owls need some feeding! If you can help with just one of these jobs, please contact the office.

- Spraying of weeds in the Rossmoya and Barmoya Road front gardens. All equipment and spray is provided
- Spraying for white ants in the log signs at the front of the school. Spray is provided
- Treating log signs with timber oil. Oil needs to be painted on all surfaces.
- Moving the piano from the Multi-Purpose Building to A Block (upstairs) classroom.
- Pruning and weeding of garden beds.
- Assisting in a playground safety check – someone who can identify risks in the equipment is needed.
- Donation of sand for the playground, the sandpit and the long jump pits.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It was wonderful that so many members of our wider school community were able to join us to celebrate Mrs Buch’s 90th Birthday this morning.

Many thanks to the P&C for their efforts in organising a special morning for a very special lady.
LEADERSHIP PARADE

As most of you would know today’s Parade is a very special Parade. The Library Monitors and the Student Council Members will get their badges and certificates, and the year 6 students, Rose Robinson, Darcy Jones, Sydney and I will be planting our years 6 trees.

You may ask, why do we have trees to remember the year 6s when we could use so many other things?

Well, not only is a tree going to last and grow and make our school look even better, but it is also VERY important for us to look after our environment and here’s some reasons why.

First of all, trees are essential for us to live a healthy life, because they produce oxygen.

Second, Trees and other plants provide animals and insects a safe place to live. This helps us, because, if you were to take out even the smallest, simplest insect it would upset the balance of our whole eco-system.

And just to add, they will bring shade and beauty for future students to enjoy.

Breanna Larson
School Vice-Captain 2015

We are here this afternoon for a simple, but nonetheless, symbolic gesture of planting a tree, group. Miss Porter has asked me to relationship to this tree planting don’t believe the tradition of of Primary School is about about community and belonging,

As a small group, Darcy, Rose, Caves State School together and we education together – in at least a bond for the rest of our lives. I to think of it, Darcy, but you are for the rest of your life! And we are when we have not been your undoubtedly been part of the fabric community for the last 6 years.

It is this bond, this connection, which is formed over what, honestly has seemed like a long time in our comparatively short lives that we celebrate today. We do belong to this community and have been an integral part of it – not just today or this year as leaders, but from when we first started in Prep.

If we are true leaders, this sense of belonging, of being part of something bigger than just yourself, will be shared with all students, regardless of their grade. I hope even our Preps watch this ceremony and look forward to the day when they plant their tree, leave their mark, a symbol that survives beyond graduation from primary school.

When a student’s days at The Caves State School are ending we like to show our mark by planting a tree. That tree grows and is hopefully there for years to come. It shows that Yes, we were students of this school and yes, we are proud of it.

Sydney Peff
School Captain 2015
NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION TRIALS

- 12 Years And Under Hockey Boys And Girls
- 12 Boys Touch

For information about trials, please contact the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Giveaway – 4 seater lounge and 2 singles, old but still in good condition. Phone Meegan 0419 716 011

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SLUSHIES FOR SALE TOMORROW – THURSDAY – 1ST BREAK ONLY!
As just reward for the hot and sweaty slog of “Cross Country” we will be selling slushies at first break (straight after the Cross Country concludes).
A BIG THANK YOU to Angela McCartney for offering not only her slushie machine, but also the time and expertise that goes with it!!

BONFIRE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING – 8:30AM THURSDAY, 2 APRIL
After the false start of last Friday night, we will now be having our 2nd planning meeting for the BONFIRE NIGHT – SCHEDULED FOR 30 MAY – tomorrow morning at 8:30am. It is intended that this will be a quick meeting concluded by the time cross country commences to ascertain who will be doing what in terms of preparations. We thought it might be useful to have this sorted prior to the holidays to ensure adequate time for planning. ALL WELCOME, if you can’t make it, but are happy to help with an aspect of planning if you could just let me know and I will make sure your name is added to the list!!

We look forward to the support of our school community for this marquee event!!

HAPPY EASTER & LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 2!!
We would like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a HAPPY EASTER and a rejuvenating school holiday!!

As flagged previously, Term 2 promises to be our busiest of the year, with 3 major fundraising events scheduled:
- Food Stall at The Caves Show – 26 April
- Beef Week Catering at Belmont – 5 May
- Bonfire Night – 30 May

We look forward to the support of our school community in term 2 and are sure that together we can achieve great things!!

EASTER RAFFLE
Last chance to get your donation and tickets to the school office by 9am tomorrow morning! The raffle winners will be drawn on Thursday, 2 April, at the conclusion of the Cross Country/Fun Run. All proceeds will be donated to our Student Council.