DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 23 April
  - P&C Meeting 6:30pm – all welcome!
- Thursday, 23 April
  - Football for Kids 8:15am
- Saturday, 25 April
  - Anzac Day – assemble for March at 12:15pm
- Sunday, 26 April
  - The Caves Show
- Thursday, 30 April
  - Football FC 8:15am
  - AFL Clinic P-7

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

This week our teaching team is looking for the students who best exemplify Care and Compassion. 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.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is this Friday, 25 April. Our children have been invited to march from the school to Buch Square in The Caves Anzac Day Parade, and the choir has been asked to participate during the service. Students will also be flag attendants.

We would like all students to participate in the march.

Children need to wear their school uniform, including hat, and will need to apply sunscreen before they assemble at the school (Lions Park entry) by no later than 12:15pm.
FOOTBALL FOR CHILDREN AT THE CAVES STATE SCHOOL
Football FC’s before-school soccer program will commence on the Thursday, 23 April at 8:15am. If your children wish to take part, please register at www.footballfc.com.au or come down to the school oval ready for an 8:15am start on Thursday.

Football FC is a grass roots football (soccer) program designed for boys and girls of all abilities from ages 3 and up. All players will receive a free soccer ball with the 6 week program.

WHO CAN PLAY: All boys and girls from Prep to Year 6

WHAT TO BRING:
Hat, shin pads, boots or trainers, socks, lots of water.

WHEN:
Every Thursday for 6 weeks starting on 23 April 2015.
23, 30 April, 7, 14, 21, 28 May

TIME:
08:15am to 9:00am

WET WEATHER:
Check www.footballfc.com.au or Football for Children on Facebook

SIGN-UP COST:
$50.00

Please note that this is not a school-based program and all questions and concerns need to be directed to Football FC.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Nothing But The Best: Jack Kingston & Julia Jones.

A very warm – but cool – welcome back! I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing holiday because Term 2 is going to be a very busy one! Our Term 2 Calendar is attached.

I am delighted to announce that my application for the CommBank Cyclone Recovery Grant was successful. We will be receiving $10,000 to use to restore and improve our school grounds and gardens.

As you would be aware, our grounds are maintained on only 2 hours a week of grounds care funded by Education Queensland, and the hard work of the parents and community members who selflessly volunteer their time to keep our school looking as beautiful as it does. I am sure that this grant will go a long way in reducing the burden on our school community over the next few months.

Commencing next Thursday, 30 April, all students in Prep to Year 6 will participate in free AFL Queensland clinics, as part of our PE program.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
BOOKCLUB
Issue 3 has been sent home today. All orders are due to the school office by 9am Thursday 7 May.

SCHOOL FUN RUN / CROSS COUNTRY
Thank you to all the families for supporting our Fun Run. We made a profit of $1070.59 which will go to Student Council. Ms Schroeter and the Student Councillors will be deciding how to best spend this for our school in coming meetings.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE
With the cool weather upon us, please make sure that your child is wearing a jumper or jacket to school, or at least has one in their port. Our classrooms can be significantly colder that your home and outside, especially in the mornings, which is also our key learning time. Children who are not comfortable don’t learn as well.

Our school dress code states that our winter uniform consists of a navy, fleecy lined jumper or sweat-shirt (zip front, round neck or ‘V’ neck). Please consider this when making clothing purchases for school, and also ensure that all jumpers, jackets and tracksuits are clearly named.

In the interests of Health and Safety issues, personal pride and presentation, potential discrimination and harassment issues between peers, our school has clear expectations regarding the appropriateness of wearing jewellery, tattoos, extreme hairstyles or other ‘fashion’ accessories.
- Students’ shirts are required to be tucked in.
- Hair which is collar length or longer is to be plaited, braided or tied back with appropriate accessories, regardless of the student’s gender.
- Jewellery is not to be worn or brought to school with the exception of:
  ~ A wrist watch
  ~ Plain stud earrings
  ~ Medic bracelet
  ~ Jewellery of religious significance.

Circular sleepers can be worn but they have been proven to be dangerous (i.e. torn from ear lobes). All jewellery must be removed before any form of sport.

To protect our students during any school activity, they may be directed by a teacher, principal or teacher’s aide to cover or remove any item that the supervising adult reasonably deems may not be safe in conducting the school activity or removed from the activity.

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. Oil is provided.
- 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.
- Marking of oval for Sports Day (between 13 - 18 June)

ANZAC DAY BADGES
Centenary of Gallipoli badges are available for purchase from our Student Councillors for $2 each.

These will be sold Thursday and Friday morning before school.
CAPRICORN CAVES
Cleaner Required School hours & occasional weekends Contact Amanda Hinton for more information
Ph 0749342883 or admin@capricorncaves.com.au

P&C NEWS

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, 23 APRIL AT 6:30PM.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
This year Mother’s Day is on Sunday, 10 May and on behalf of P&C we would like to run our annual Mother’s Day stall on Friday 8 May at 9am. The stall works in the following way:
1. Families donate at least one gift for each child in their family at school. (If you have two children and wish both to purchase a gift, please donate two gifts.)
2. The gifts are priced and put on display.
3. Children who wish to purchase are allowed to purchase one gift.
4. If there are remaining gifts after all the children have made their first purchase, then they will be allowed to purchase a second gift.

Please make sure you have given your gift to the school office no later than Wednesday 6 May. If you are able to assist with the Mother’s Day stall on the day by helping to sort & price gifts, take money and wrap the gifts please let me know as soon as possible via email snowdonfamily1@bigpond.com or mobile 0459 792 546.

Thank you in advance,
Alicia Busby
Co-ordinator

WELCOME BACK TO A BUSY TERM 2 – WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!!
We hope that all in our school community enjoyed a rejuvenating break from the school routine and along with our children are ready to face term 2 full of vim and vigour!!

As flagged last term, we have 3 major fundraising events scheduled and all happening VERY SOON.
- Food Stall at The Caves Show – 26 April, THIS SUNDAY…see below
- Beef Week Catering at Belmont – Tuesday, 5 May…baking for MT & help with lunch (burgers)
- Bonfire Night – Saturday, 30 May…all hands on deck!!

To ensure these events are a success and raise much needed funds, we really do need the assistance of many within our community. When it comes to fundraising, the adage “many hands make light work” really does ring true!

THE CAVES SHOW – VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP, OPERATING & CLEAN UP NEEDED!
Our plan is to set up our food stall for the show following the ANZAC Day parade on Saturday and we hope that those parents who will be in attendance at the parade may be able to spare some time to assist. This will entail moving things like shade tents, tables, chairs, BBQs and associated catering paraphernalia from the school to the show grounds and then “setting up” the stall.

On Sunday, show day itself we require volunteers to “man the gate” between the oval and showgrounds, this not only assists the Show Committee, but also gives us the opportunity to promote a gold coin donation for the parking on the school oval. We have worked on the following schedule in previous years: 8am – 11am / 11am – 2pm / 2pm – 4pm

In addition to the gate, we really need people to assist with cooking on the BBQ and serving in the food stall – we will have steak burgers, sausages on bread, softdrinks, tea and coffee and if available, home baked treats for sale. Accordingly, we would also welcome “home baked treats” that we can sell.

I am attaching a form for those who prefer this medium, but similarly happy to take texts, emails and phone calls letting us know that you can assist in any way!

AN EARLY IN THE TERM THANK YOU
A HUGE and sincere thanks to Jo Geddes, Vicki Hick, Sharon Larsen and Josie Merritt for handling our catering contribution for the BLAZE AID volunteers – this really is greatly appreciated in what promises to be a busy few weeks!!

Our sincere thanks to the many Blaze Aid volunteers who are so giving of their time and considerable effort to assist our community in the continued recovery from TC Marcia.