DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 21 May - AFL Clinic P-6
- Friday, 22 May - Under 8’s Day
- Thursday, 28 May - P&C Meeting 9:00am – all welcome!
- - AFL Clinic P-6
- Saturday, 30 May - Bonfire Night
- Monday, 1 June - Showcase Parade 2:30pm

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

This week, we’re focussing on the value of Responsibility.

Responsibility is being accountable for one’s own actions and resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways. A person who contributes to society and takes care of the environment is also demonstrating responsibility.

It’s been said that the line between childhood and adulthood is crossed when we move from saying ‘It got lost’ to 'I lost it.’ Indeed, being accountable - and understanding and accepting the role our choices play in the things that happen - are crucial signs of emotional and moral maturity. That’s why responsibility is one of the main pillars of good character.

Responsibility sometimes requires us to do things that are unpleasant or even frightening. It asks us to carry our own weight, prepare and set goals, and exercise the discipline to reach our aspirations. The benefits of accepting responsibility far outweigh the short-lived advantages of refusing to do so. No one makes his or her life better by avoiding responsibility. In fact, irresponsibility is a form of self-imposed servitude - to circumstances and to other people.

Responsible people not only depend on themselves, but show others that they can be depended on. This breeds trust, and trust is a key that opens many doors. If you want more control over your life and the pleasures, prerogatives, and power of freedom and independence, all you have to do is be responsible.

RAINBOW AWARDS

Orange
Allan Weir

Yellow
Mia Payne
Annie Boswood

Yellow
Joey Snowdon
Abbey Wright

Yellow
Darcy Frankish
Tom Geddes

BOOKCLUB

Issue 4 of Bookclub has been sent home today. Please ensure all orders are sent to the school office no later than 9am on Friday, 12 June.
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Dig out your maroon…or blue! State of Origin Game 1 is on Wednesday, 27 May.

Support your team by wearing team colours and support your Student Council by making a gold coin donation.

Start organising your costumes for Royal Day on Tuesday, 9 June (the day after the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. Dust off your crowns and tiaras and start practising your wave! More information will be sent home closer to the date.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed A Fair Go: Mia Peterson, Alexander Weber and Riley Rolfe.

It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic parents at last week’s Number Facts workshop! In fact, people were so enthusiastic that I ran a repeat session later in the week for some parents who were unable to attend the Wednesday session.

If you have any ideas for more parent information sessions – anything that you would like to know so that you can support your child’s learning – please let me know.

Please watch this space for news on upcoming sessions on Mental Strategies (+ and -), Number Facts Strategies (X and ÷) and Mental Strategies (X and ÷).

It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting or it’s a birthday is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school. Every day that your child misses impacts on their academic and social development.

If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons and expects 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.

Best of luck, speed, skill and good sportsmanship to our Year 5 and Year 6 students this Friday when the interschool Netball and Tennis competitions commence. We are sure that you’ll do us proud and be fine ambassadors for The Caves State School.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
**Reading Strategy:**

**Accuracy - Use the Pictures, Do the Words and Pictures Match**

An important accuracy strategy that good readers use to help gain meaning from text is to use the pictures and ask “Do the words and picture match?”

Pictures help to confirm that the words being read make sense. Illustrations can provide hints to help students decode a word. **Using the pictures** is a necessary strategy to help children prepare for other strategies they use as they become more developed readers.

Many times beginning readers feel they are “cheating” when they look at the pictures. It is important to model the effectiveness of using pictures to help decode words and to gain meaning so children feel comfortable using this strategy and know it is “okay” to use the pictures when reading.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. Start with beginning reading books that only have a few words on the page. The pictures give clear support for figuring out the meaning and the words.

2. Cover up the words on a page and have your child “read” the story to you by “reading” the pictures. After your child tells you what happened on the page, uncover the words and read the page. This supports the idea that pictures can help tell the story.

3. When reading a picture book with your child, spend time modelling how you look at pictures, maps, and graphs. Talk about your thinking so your child can hear your thought process. Be sure to model how you stop while you are reading to look at the pictures to help you gain information about what is going on.

4. Reading pictures also includes graphs, maps, charts, and their captions. It is a powerful non-fiction reading strategy that can be used to help support a child when reading different textbooks. Remind your child to use this strategy when studying for tests or when writing reports.

Thank you for your continued support at home!
NETBALL DRAW 22.5.15
The Caves Jnr C team vs Parkhurst SS at 1:10pm on Court 5 this Friday, 22 May. Good luck!

TENNIS DRAW 22.5.15
The Caves 1 team vs The Hall 4 team at 12:45pm on Court 18 this Friday, 22 May. Have fun!

WHOOOO CAN HELP?
A few more owls need to be fed this week! If you can help with just one of these jobs, please contact the office.
- Moving the piano from the Multi-Purpose Building to A Block
- Anzac Day Wreath
- Pruning of shrub in front of the message board at main gate
- Marking of oval for Sports Day (between 13-18 June)
- Plastic bench seat bolted together
- Plastic soccer goals assembled

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER
On photo day, on Monday, 22 June, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope today from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shootkey. Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write ‘Mum’s order’ or ‘Dad’s order’ on top of your envelope. To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355. Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day!

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Next meeting: Thursday, 28 May at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose building.

RAFFLE TICKETS IN A BEAUTIFUL PATCHWORK QUILT
Our very own talented artisan, Mrs Carol Robinson, has very generously donated to the P&C a beautiful patchwork quilt to raffle. Tickets will be available for sale at the Bonfire Night, but should you wish to purchase tickets early or know of someone else who might be interested in tickets please let me know and I can arrange to get you tickets. (Jocelyn: 0418 559 919 / jocelyn@peffcabinets.com.au)

BONFIRE NIGHT, SATURDAY 30 MAY – JUST 10 DAYS TO GO!!
As previously flagged, BONFIRE NIGHT is on again and it is time for us to call on your support of this great event. Included with this newsletter is a form on which you can indicate how and when you are able to lend a hand to the success of one of the highlights of our calendar. We are asking for planning purposes if this form could be returned to the school office by this Monday, 25 May.

We look forward to BONFIRE NIGHT being well supported by all in our community and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jocelyn (0418 559 919 / jocelyn@peffcabinets.com.au).