DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 28 May - P&C Meeting 9:00am in the MPB - all welcome!
- AFL Clinic P-6
- Saturday, 30 May - Bonfire Night
- Monday, 1 June - Showcase Parade 2:30pm
- Thursday, 4 June - AFL Clinic P-6
- Monday, 8 June - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday, 9 June - Student Council ‘Royal Day’
- Thursday, 11 June - Rockhampton Show Holiday

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL
This week, we’re focussing on the value of Integrity. Having values doesn’t mean much if you can’t stand up for them—an important lesson to impart upon our children. Everyone’s values and beliefs are tested at some point in their lives, and it takes strong conviction to stand up for them in the face of adversity. We can help our children prepare for these times by encouraging them to have integrity, and set a good example by standing by our own beliefs, even when it’s hard.

Does your child act on her or his convictions and stand up for her or his beliefs? Having integrity can take a long time to learn, but the more a child practises this, the more likely she or he will develop this crucial value.

We can celebrate integrity by applauding and supporting students or family members when they —do the right thing, even when it’s hard. Maybe a child stepped in when another child was being teased. Or maybe a child admitted to cheating on a test—even though she knows the entire class cheated and she was the only one who got into trouble for her honesty.

When someone with integrity admits to scandal or making a mistake, we should talk about this, and the actions we believe are most damaging and why. We all can be tempted to do the wrong thing. Having integrity means that we make the decision to do the right thing, even when it’s difficult.

Integrity is something that never goes out of style, although it can sometimes seem like the world can be lacking in it. By teaching children integrity, we will not only be making their lives better, but we will be improving the life of everybody who comes in contact with them, both now and in the future.

RAINBOW AWARDS

Orange
Crystal Robson

Yellow
Mia Broszat
Daniel Dinsdale
Lucy Smith
Emily Geddes
Katelyn Jones

Yellow
Marshall Boswood
Cody Funch
Mia Peterson
Jack Robinson
Marcus Robson

Yellow
Lachlan Sutton
Kelcey Kime
Cooper Snowdon
Fletcher Sadler
Matilda Peff
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Responsibility: Bonnie Jones, Ciana Furnell-Hall & Emily Jones.

Research has proven that when parents and teachers work together, everyone benefits: students tend to earn higher grades, perform better on tests, attend school more regularly, have better behaviour, and show more positive attitudes toward themselves and toward school.

There are only 20 schools days before we begin the second half of the school year! Whilst we undertake assessment throughout the entire year, many units of work are wrapping up now and teachers will be concentrating on assessment tasks and organising and preparing for reporting.

Please remember that you can make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher at any mutually agreeable time – you do not need to wait for student-led conferences if you have something that you need to talk about.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions if you don’t understand something or feel your concerns are not being addressed. Teachers and other educators easily slip into jargon and forget that many parents are not familiar with the terms they use every day. Ask what test scores mean and what the results mean for your child. Stop and ask for explanation of unfamiliar terms or programs. Not understanding can quickly lead to misunderstanding!

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our State of Origin Free Dress Day today – we raised $46 and the school was a sea of maroon!

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.
SHOWCASE PARADE
Our June Showcase parade is on Monday, 1 June at 2:30pm.

- Callum and Tom in Prep/1 will be sharing some of their own versions of the Traditional Tales we have been studying.
- The 2/3 class have been investigating germs and they will be sharing the findings of some Germ Experiments.
- The 4-6 class will be performing a musical extravaganza.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 4 orders are due by 9am on Friday, 12 June.

UNDER 8’S DAY THANK YOU
Thank you to all those that volunteered to help with an activity or organise the food last Friday when The Caves State School celebrated being under eight years old. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning of activities. Thanks also for sending those plates of yummy food for our shared lunch. Check out our Facebook page for lots of photos!

NETBALL RESULTS 22.5.15 & NETBALL DRAW 29.5.15
The Caves Jnr C team vs St Pauls at 12:30pm on Court 2 this Friday, 29 May. Good luck!

TENNIS RESULTS 22.5.15 & TENNIS DRAW 29.5.15
On Friday the Year 6 students played interschool tennis against The Hall State School Team 4. We had a convincing win and grading matches will continue next week. All players did their best and the match was played in a good spirit.

The Caves 1 team vs Crescent Lagoon 4 team on Court 18 this Friday, 29 May. Sets will begin approximately at 12:45, 1:10, 1:34 and 1:58, concluding at 2:20.

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
- Marking of oval for Sports Day (between 13-18 June)
- Plastic soccer goals assembled
- Metal Press moved to Sports Shed

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 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!

DISTRICT SELECTION TRIALS
- 10-12yrs Rugby Union

For details, please contact the office.
**READING STRATEGY: VOCABULARY - TUNE IN TO INTERESTING WORDS**

When children learn to **tune in to interesting words**, they build word awareness and the understanding of words. This leaves them with “thinking power” in their brain to comprehend and make meaning of what is read.

Have you ever heard a new word, looked it up, and then repeated it often to remember it? Students who **tune in to interesting words** expand their vocabulary by focusing on these new words and their meaning. By looking for words that are interesting and unique, children not only increase their vocabulary, but they also enhance their comprehension. A child must have multiple exposures to a word in order for it to become a part of his/her vocabulary.

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

1. When your child is reading or you are reading to your child, ask your child to find three interesting words. Have your child write these words down and talk about the meaning of these words. See if anyone in your family is able to use the words in a sentence.

2. Encourage your child to find interesting words when watching TV or in daily conversation. When tuning in to an interesting word, help your child understand the word.

3. As always, modelling is a wonderful way to spark interest in children. When you are reading a magazine, newspaper, or book, tune into an interesting word and discuss it with your child. Explain that even adult readers tune into interesting words to better understand text.

*Thank you for your continued support at home!*
Next meeting: Thursday, 28 May at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose building.

BONFIRE NIGHT, SATURDAY 30 MAY – BAKED TREATS TO SELL REQUIRED
The countdown is on with just days to go until the fire will light up our sky!!

We would like to again offer “baked treats” for sale with tea and coffee and so would appreciate any donations of baked items. We will not require huge quantities, but if a few of us could contribute in this way it would be greatly appreciated. This was popular with all of the “designated drivers” for the evening last year! If you are able to bake for us please let me know.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with the gate, food and bar on the night – if you are able to help even for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated and go a long way to ensuring the night is a success.

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).

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)