DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- Wednesday, 17 June - Parent Workshop – Addition & Subtraction Strategies
- Friday, 19 June - Sports Day
- Monday, 22 June - School Photos
- Wednesday, 24 June - Pie Drive orders close
- Thursday, 25 June - P&C Meeting 6.30pm

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.
RAINBOW AWARDS

YELLOW
Travis Richards
Rhett Weatherall
Jack Kingston
Amity Merritt
Sophie Sommerfeld

YELLOW
Sina Abdollahi
Chardonnay Hick
Dawson Jones
Shonate Peterson

GREEN
Angus Barnett
Jake Lucas
Callum Stidiford

PARENT WORKSHOP
On Wednesday, 17 June, from 2:00 – 3:00pm, we will be running a free workshop on Maths Strategies for all interested parents.

The workshop will give you an overview of how we teach Addition and Subtraction, so that you can assist your child in learning these all-important basics for numeracy.

The workshop will run in Miss Porter’s maths classroom.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Integrity: Kallum Hick, Elizabeth Shaw & Alannah Tighe.

Our netball and tennis teams have had a strong start to the season – well done! My thanks to the parents and Ms Dean who are working together to make sure that our children have the opportunity to participate this year. Congratulations to our Tennis team who has been given an A-grade ranking.

Congratulations to the P&C Executive – Jocelyn, Josie, Steven and Elizabeth and their team of volunteers on another successful Bonfire Night.

As many of you are aware, schools are weighed down by loads of red tape, and the idea of allowing a raging fire to be lit on the school grounds - just for the fun of it – is extremely scary! However, I know that our P&C puts the safety and security of our school first, and I am happy to hand over the reins to them on Bonfire Night, with complete faith in their organisation and responsibility, so that our school can host a wonderful community event such as this.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
On the 9 June, Student Council is holding a Royalty Day. You can dress up as a King, Queen, Prince, Princess or a Knight for a gold coin donation. Please ensure all outfits are sunsafe and suitable for school. No “weapons”, please.

THANK YOU
A very big thank you to Alicia Snowdon, Vicki Hick & Robyn Robson who have carried out lots of garden work over the last week. You’re doing an awesome job!
BOOKCLUB
Issue 4 orders are due by 9am on Friday, 12 June.

NETBALL RESULTS 29.5.15 & NETBALL DRAW 05.6.15
The Caves Jnr C team played St Pauls last week and won 24-nil. Great job!

The draw for this Friday 5.6.15 was not available at time of publication.

TEENNIS RESULTS 29.5.15 & TENNIS DRAW 05.6.15
Last Friday, we (the Year 6 students) played the last of our grading matches at inter-school tennis and again played well with a convincing win. We have been placed in A Grade and are looking forward to the challenge.

The draw for this Friday 5.6.15 was not available at time of publication.

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

SCHOOL DRESS CODE
School Photo Day is on Monday, 22 June. Please make sure that your child is dressed according to our School Dress Code:

- Dark navy pleated skirt, shorts or skort  OR  Blue plaid dress
- School Polo Shirt
- White ankle socks
- Suitable closed in shoes
- Navy, fleecy lined jumper or sweat-shirt (zip front, round neck or ‘V’ neck).

Students’ shirts are required to be tucked in. The top button does not need to be done up. 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 (Plain circular sleepers can be worn but they have been proven to be dangerous)


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.

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!
**Reading Strategy: Accuracy - Use Beginning and Ending Sounds**

Often when learning new words, children apply the strategy of using the beginning sound to help them identify the word. When they do this, they often guess a word that may not fit in the sentence; it starts with the same letter so they guess and move on without looking at the rest of the word.

They may not even know there is an end to the word. To gain accuracy, it is important that children also learn to look at the end of the word when reading.

Applying the accuracy strategy of using beginning and ending sounds helps with both accuracy and comprehension since reading the correct words will enhance the meaning of what is being read.

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

1. When listening to your child read, encourage him/her to slow down enough to pay attention to the end of the word. Have your child point to the end of the word and tell you the sound it makes. This reinforces that there is an end to the word.

2. Have your child cross check the word he/she just read. Remind your child to ask, “Does it look right, does it sound right, does it make sense?” to help them identify the word.

3. If necessary, revisit letter sounds and the concept words of beginning and end. Then, when stumbling on a word, have your child stretch out the word, saying the beginning, middle, and end sounds. After having him/her focus on the beginning and ending sounds, help your child read the word correctly and ask, “Did that make sense?”

4. If your child is still struggling with this strategy, have your child write the word out. Slowing down to write the word can help focus his/her attention on the end sound.

Thank you for your continued support at home!
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**CENTRAL QLD ATHLETIC CLUB**
The Central Qld Athletic Club is holding a carnival on the 27th-28th June which is open to anyone aged from 4yrs to Masters of all abilities. A nomination form is available from your school office. Nominations can be entered online on the ANQ website also. For further information contact Carolyn Johnson 0407763552.

**PROGRESS SOCIETY NEWS**
Wallet found at The Caves Show on 26th April – Please phone 4934 2877 (nights) to identify.

Australian Working Dog Championships will be held at the Rodeo Grounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the State of Origin being held under lights on Saturday night (6th June). Bar and canteen available throughout the championships. Further information contact Jenny Hinchliffe on 4934 3193.

**ROCKHAMPTON SHOW: PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS**
Police are encouraging everybody to make sure they securely lock their houses while attending the Rocky Show.

Please also lock vehicles at the Showground and either remove or lock away any valuables left in cars.

Stealing offences are mainly being committed by opportunist thieves and the public needs to adopt appropriate preventative strategies. Offenders are often simply opening unlocked doors to allow themselves easy access to houses and vehicles.

Valuables that have been left in plain sight in vehicles attract thieves to try and break in.

**Police need your help in the fight against crime.**
Next meeting: Thursday, 25 June at 6:30pm in the 3/4 Maths Classroom.

BONFIRE NIGHT A “SMOKING” SUCCESS!!
I am sure that all who joined us would agree that BONFIRE NIGHT 2015 was a great success. We were again most impressed by the quality of drum art and drum sculpture entries – the bar certainly has been set very high for future years!!

Of course, such a great event does not happen on its own and there were many who contributed much to the success and at the risk of missing someone I would like to extend particular thanks to the following:

- **Ben & EJ** – our enthusiastic judges, who really took their role seriously and did much to help us promote the evening.
- **Tuckey** – for keeping us entertained well into the night and adding the great atmosphere.
- **To the army of toilers who leant their shoulders to the wheel before, during and after to pull the considerable logistics involved in hosting such an event together** – Shaun & Alicia Snowdon, Anthony & Tamara Jones, Elizabeth & Cameron Jones, Hollie Brooks, Josie & Kelvin Merritt, Ben & Carmel Robinson, Mrs Carol Robinson, Steve Jepson, Tim Rolfe, Jo Geddes, Angela McCartney, Robyn Robson, Sue Bray, Charlene Blake, Sally Shaw, Beth Jepson, and our wonderful staff who gave up their Saturday night – Mrs Lee, Miss Porter, Michelle Farrell, Lisa Kime and Mrs Lyon.

If I have missed someone, my profuse apologies and it is not because your contribution was not valued, more that I “pen” these newsletter contributions at a late hour and the fog is starting to descend in my brain!!

A special “shout out” also, Jo & Billy Geddes from The Caves Quarry for the gravel to fix the driveway at the gate and to the Parkhurst Tavern for extending great community spirit to us on Sunday!

We look forward to the continued support of all in our community to ensure this event becomes a “must do” on the regional calendar!

ANNOUNCING ALICIA SNOWDON AS OUR 2015 “GROUNDS CONVENOR”
I am very excited to share that Alicia has volunteered to take on the role of Grounds Convenor for 2015 – you will see her first newsletter instalment in this week’s edition. I would ask all in our school community to support Alicia in any way that you are able. She has an admirable passion and enthusiasm for our school grounds and already does much to improve the grounds environment for our children. The P&C Executive looks forward to working with Alicia throughout 2015.

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 are available for sale so if you wish to purchase tickets 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). The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 23 August.

PIE DRIVE
It’s that time of year again - chilly weather, just right for a nice warm pie! We are holding a Pie Drive again this year with the delivery date being Friday, 17 July. Order forms have been sent home today, so start rounding up your family orders of pies, slices, lamingtons & sausage rolls. YUM!

Orders and Payment are due Wednesday 24 June. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Stidiford.

GROUNDS
Welcome to my first weekly wrap up as the Grounds convenor. I am looking forward to working with the School and Parents to make our gardens beautiful. I will be liaising with Miss Porter to discuss ideas and plan some garden maintenance/beautification. Please feel free to telephone, text or email me if have any ideas that you would like considered. snowdonfamily1@bigpond.com or 0459 792 546.

Thank you to Robyn Robson & Vicki Hick for helping in the garden this week. Every bit helps to keep the school grounds maintained and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Elizabeth Jones for donating the mulch hay for the gardens.

Regards,

**Alicia Snowdon**
**Grounds Convenor**