DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, 17 July - No interschool sport this week
- Wednesday, 22 July - District Athletics
- Thursday, 23 July - District Athletics
- Friday, 24 July - Island Dreaming form and payment due
- Monday, 27 July - Circus Challenge – all classes
- Thursday, 30 July - P&C Asbestos Training 1:30 in B Block – All welcome
  - P&C Meeting 2:00pm – All welcome
- Friday, 30 July - Island Dreaming performance
- Monday, 3 August - Circus Challenge – all classes
  - Book Fair begins
  - Showcase Parade 2:30pm
- Friday, 7 August - Twilight Showcase

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.

RAINBOW AWARDS

GREEN

Cienna Joyner
Cody Funch
Marcus Robson
Mackenzie Rolfe
Fletcher Sadler

Download the QSchools app to receive the latest news, events and newsletters from our school.
**WANTED**
We are looking for expressions of interest for casual teacher aide and cleaner positions to have on our books in times of need.

If you are interested in registering for either of these positions, please let the school office know by Friday 17 July.

**PREP 2016**
Names are now being accepted for Prep 2016. If your child is born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011, please contact the office.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**
Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s **Nothing But The Best** awards who displayed **Nothing But The Best**: Abbey Wright, Shonate Peterson & Alannah Tighe.

Welcome to Term 3! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed for another busy term at The Caves State School.

Our Term 3 Calendar is attached to today’s newsletter. Please keep it somewhere safe and add to it as the term progresses. As you can see, we all have lots to keep us busy over the next 9 ½ weeks.

Did you know that there are only 92 days of school left for this year?

**Yours in education,**

Sandra Porter
Principal

**CIRCUS CHALLENGE**
Monday, 27 July at 9am will see us have the Circus Challenge here at The Caves State School.

Circus Challenge is a fun, engaging and hands on experience for schools. The aim is to get students up and actively involved in physical and creative activities through performance and workshop classes. The Circus Challenge is not a traditional circus in the sense that clowns, animals and canvas tents are not used. The Circus Challenge education program focuses on physical Education, Performing Arts and Team Building. The main difference in that the Circus Challenge experience is that the school becomes the Circus troupe rather than simply watching a show.

There will be no cost to families, as the school will be covering the cost of this fantastic program as part of the CQ Sporty Schools grant that we received. Parents are more than welcome to attend - just be prepared that you may become part of the performance!

**THANK YOU!**
A very big thank you to the Geddes family who has gone above and beyond these school holidays! Jo sprayed for white ants, painted the wooden posts with oil, and had a huge bolder delivered for Mrs Buch’s celebration tree. Thank you!
JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION 2015
Nominations are now being called for school and club teams for the 2015 Junior Touch Competition. The competition will commence Saturday 15 August 2015, with the Grand Final day being Saturday 21 November 2015. Registration for junior players is $60, and any family with three children registered will receive the third registration free. Forms have been sent home today. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Please do not send any money at this time. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Dean.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
The annual School Opinion Survey is now available. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students have been invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students on Monday, and parents/caregivers will need to complete their survey online. School computers will be available upon request. Please ask at the office.

Access details are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

If you haven’t received any survey access details or if you have any questions, please contact the school on telephone 4912 9111 or email admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 5 has been sent home today. All orders are due to the school office by 9am Friday 31 July.

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
- Loose bricks near seating area B Block need to be concreted in.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
It’s on again this year! Woolworths is starting their Earn & Learn program on Wednesday 15 July, so get ready to start collecting 1 sticker for every $10 you spend at Woolworths, place the stickers on the sticker card, and when the card is full, drop it in to the school office.

The Earn & Learn program enables schools to earn educational resources for Maths, English, Science, Art & Craft, Digital Technologies, Sports and more. The program finishes on Tuesday 8 September, so spread the word, and ask all your friends & family to help you collect as well!
**READING STRATEGY: FLUENCY - REREAD TEXT**

Have you ever heard someone read choppy and without expression? Broken reading is often hard to listen to, sounds awkward, and decreases comprehension. A fluent reader, on the other hand, reads accurately and with expression. The text flows with appropriate speed so the reader is able to understand what is being read. Many times children who struggle with fluency lose interest and do not want to read.

Does your child read slowly? Does he read choppy and often lose track of his place when reading? Does she lack expression? Does your child often get frustrated when reading and quit?

If any of the above are true, **rereading text** is an excellent strategy to help your child gain fluency and confidence when reading.

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

1. Have your child choose a different paragraph from the story they are reading each day. Have them reread that paragraph until they can read it smoothly, with expression, and read all the words correctly. This practice doesn’t take long, only five to eight minutes each day.

2. Remind your child that he/she must be reading from a good-fit book. If the book is too difficult, your child’s energy will be spent on decoding words and not on fluent reading.

3. Model what fluent reading sounds like by reading aloud to your child. Then, have your child reread a paragraph they have heard you read.

As always, be sure to continue to offer your child support & encouragement!
THE CAVES PROGRESS & AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEET & GREET
Please come to our Meet & Greet on Friday 17 July, 5pm at the Progress Grounds. BBQ & the bar will be operating. Bring the kids for a fun family/games night. Visit our Facebook page for further information. Hope to see you there!

You are invited to attend a Memorial Service at the Canal Creek War Memorial

This Memorial Service is being held in honour of the 31 United States and Australian Armed Services and support personnel who died at the site on 19 December 1943 in the crash of a Douglas C-47 Aircraft.

The service will include a wreath laying ceremony and will be followed by afternoon tea.

For more information please call Council on 49139000 or email events@livingstone.qld.gov.au

Details
Date: Sunday 19 July
Time: 2 pm - 5 pm
Venue: Canal Creek War Memorial
RSVP: by Thursday 16 July
phone: 4939 9949
P&C News

Next meeting: Thursday, 30 July at 2:00pm in the 3/4 Maths Classroom.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 3!!
Hard to believe that we are already into term 3 – where does the year go??!! Term 3 will no doubt be another busy term for your P&C (hopefully note quite as jam packed as term 2!!), with our “headline” event the “Quilts, Craft & Mini Markets” on Sunday, 23 August. Please save this date in your diary now and watch this space for further details!!

PIE ORDERS DELIVERED THIS FRIDAY, 17 JULY
Please remember that pie orders will be delivered and available for pick-up this Friday, 17 July – if you ordered pies etc please arrange to collect them from school on Friday afternoon.

We also would welcome any volunteers who might be able to assist with sorting the deliveries from 11:15am at school on Friday – remember many hands make light work!!