DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- Friday, 30 July - P&C Meeting 2:00pm – All welcome
- Monday, 3 August - Island Dreaming performance
- Monday, 3 August - Bookclub orders due 9am
- Monday, 3 August - Book Fair begins
- Monday, 3 August - Showcase Parade 2:30pm
- Friday, 7 August - Twilight Showcase

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

One student from each class who has displayed the whole school Value of the Week (from Values for Australian Schooling) in conjunction with the school motto of Nothing But The Best are awarded a Nothing But the Best Award each week. This week our teaching team is looking for the students who best exemplify Honesty and Trustworthiness.

By being honest, sincere and seeking the truth in ourselves and others, we build positive relationships based on trust.

Being trustworthy to our children starts by making sure we keep our word to our children, although life throws us curve balls and there are many times we make a promise and are unable (by no fault of our own) to keep that promise. Talk to your children about these circumstances, before these issues present themselves and how they affect the things we hope to be able to do or the promises we make.

For younger children, a great way to start out talking about trustworthiness is to read books or tell stories about trustworthiness, such as The Boy Who Cried Wolf, and emphasise the following qualities that are displayed in a trustworthy person:

- Being honest
- Following rules
- Always keeping a promise
- Never being mean
- Never taking things that don’t belong to us

Talk to them about how they feel if someone is mean to them, or is not honest with them. Ask them how they feel when someone does this to them or how they feel about that person.

Emphasise to older children that when we give our trust to someone we are confident in their ability to not hurt us, to be honest with us and we ultimately rely on them to be trustworthy. Trust is an essential aspect of any good relationship. When we receive trust we are giving others the confidence that we are trustworthy, that we will be reliable, be honest, be a good friend and be caring to that person.
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 Care and Compassion: Mia Peterson, William Blamires & Jacob Trenaman.

Unfortunately I am off sick all this week, but please do not hesitate to see your child’s classroom teacher if there are any problems.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

BOOK FAIR

Our Bookfair will be held from Monday, 3 August to Friday, 7 August in the Library from 8:30 – 8:50 each day and also during the Twilight Showcase on Friday night 6.00pm-7.30pm.

Our school is hosting a Book Fair to celebrate Reading and Literacy. A Book Fair is another great way to get your child reading and everyone is welcome to visit, so please tell your friends and family! During Book Fair, children, parents and friends from the community are invited to visit the library, which becomes a giant Book Store. We have received hundreds of books, posters and novelty items which are on display this week. If there is a particular book that you want and you can’t see it there, please ask – we may be able to order it. Posters and novelty items are not able to be re-ordered, so once they are sold, they are gone.

During library lessons, the children will check out what is available. Books range in price from $3 to $20. Posters are $2 and $4, packs are $6 (and cannot be ordered) and items from the Variety Tray (novelty pens, erasers, etc) start from $1. Everyone that makes a purchase also gets a free bookmark.

If you are not able to attend the Book Fair, please send any money to school in an envelope with your child’s name and the amount enclosed and our volunteers will do their best to help your child make a purchase.

You are also able to pay with a credit card:
• Make an online payment on your smartphone while you’re at the Bookfair.
• Make an instant phone payment at the Bookfair.
• Make an online payment, record the receipt number on the Student Wish List that the students will bring home after their library lesson this week, and send it back to the library. We will treat this like a gift voucher and help your child make a purchase.

Books make great gifts, and Book Fairs are a wonderful way to provide more books for our library. We thank you for your support.
THANK YOU!
Thank you to the Snowdon family who took the initiative to help keep our school safe. We very much appreciate it!

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION 2015
Last chance to send in your nomination form that was sent home last Wednesday. Please do not send any money at this time. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Dean.

TWILIGHT SHOWCASE
On Friday, 7 August, we’ll be having the Twilight Showcase from 6:00-7:30pm in the library. Our Twilight Showcase is when our stars shine!

Every child will have work on display, the choir will perform something special and we’ll have an outdoor art gallery. We hope that we will have displays and performances from all of our talented students. If you or your child has a talent, hobby or interest and would like to share this on the night, please complete the form sent home today with the newsletter.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Please have your say by completing the online school opinion survey.

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 30 July.

BRAINWAYS PROGRAM
Over the holidays I was lucky enough to participate in the Brainways Education Program at the CQ University. On the first day I learnt about binary numbers and ways to decrypt codes. We also did a buoyancy law investigation, changing different variables to make a fair test. On the second day we used Aristotle’s methods to figure out if certain statements were inductive or deductive. After that we learnt how to make headlines more interesting and exciting. I really enjoyed participating in this program because it was fun and I learnt a lot from it. If anyone else has the opportunity to do it, they should take it.

Alannah Tighe

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.
- Garden to be established surrounding the rock and tree for Mrs Buch

GREATER ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET TRIALS
12yrs Boys Cricket Trial is being held on Sunday 9 August 10am to 3pm.
12yrs Girls Cricket Trial is being held on Sunday 9 August 9am to 11.30am.
Please contact the school office for more information.
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!

TENNIS DRAW 24.7.15
The Caves v's St Peter's 1 on Court 8 this week.

NETBALL DRAW 24.7.15
The draw for this Friday 24.7.15 sees us with a BYE.

GET IN THE GAME – GET STARTED VOUCHERS PROGRAM
• Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.
• Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher valued up to $150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers.
• The full details of referral agent information and eligibility requirements are outlined http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/kids/index.html.

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

PIE DRIVE THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who supported our Pie Drive, we raised $699 in total. Thank you also to Sally Shaw, Josie Merritt and Alicia Snowdon who helped me with the sorting on Friday. Kelli Stidiford

GROUNDS UPDATE
I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. It was great to see the new shades on the oval and over the play area.

With spring-time approaching and the mini market on the 23 August 2015, it would be great to set a working bee date. Please contact me if there is a weekend date you are available and I will see if myself or any other parents are available to assist.

Alternatively, would anyone be interested in a mini working bee gardening club weekly/fortnightly/monthly? I thought a morning or afternoon around school drop-off time or pick-up time or coincide it with the touch football training on a Wednesday afternoon. Of course a cup of coffee would follow. This would be a group of Mums/Dads/Grandparents doing a little bit regularly without impacting on precious family time on the weekends. Please let me know your thoughts. snowdonfamily1@bigpond.com or 0459 792 546/074934 2636.

If anyone has any drought hardy, sun hardy plants/pups (Yukkas, dracaenas, grasses, agaves or others) suitable for well-draining soil could you please let me know. I would like to add some plants to the garden down the side of the prep room near the sandpit. Thanking you in advance.

I am open to ideas regarding working bees and I am more than happy to take ideas to the P&C and The Caves State School. Please contact me if you have any issues or suggestions.

Kindest regards
Alicia Snowdon
Grounds Convenor