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.

**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.
RAINBOW AWARDS

**GREEN**
Jack Robinson

**BLUE**
Cody Funch
Mia Peterson
Travis Richards

**INDIGO**
Olivia Barnett
Julia Jones
Emily Jones
Ruqayya Nixon
Cloe Letts
Jacob Trenaman
Nate Everingham
Katherine Tait

**INDIGO**
Rose Robinson
Alannah Tighe
Darcy Jones
Breanna Larsen
Sydney Peff
Isaak Proposch
Riley Rolfe
Ben Jepson

TWILIGHT SHOWCASE – NEW DATE

On **Friday, 21 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 have a talent, hobby or interest and would like to share this on the night, please complete the form sent home previously.

HELP NEEDED

The Anzac Art Board that the children worked very hard on for Livingstone Shire Council has been offered back for the school to keep. The only catch is that we have to collect it ourselves from Yeppoon. It has to be collected on either the 24/8 or 26/6 before 1pm and the board is approx. 3 metres long and just under 2 metres high. If you are able to collect this for us, please contact Michelle in the office as soon as possible. The Livingstone Shire are waiting to hear from us. Thanks so much 😊

WANTED

Ms Dean is looking for donations of drama box costumes. If you are able to help, please see Ms Dean. Thank you in advance, Year 2-6 drama/music students.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all involved in putting new sand in the sandpit.

We can make sand castles that stay up and Mrs Lee has nearly all of us in the one spot the sandpit!

Signed,
Lots of grateful Prep 2's &
Mrs Lee
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Fair Go: Cody Funch, Joseph Boswood & Ben Jepson.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the P&C’s Working Bee over the weekend, to the army of volunteers who have been donating their time to our school grounds and to Mrs Farrell who ensured that materials and equipment were purchased and organised. I have never seen our school looking more lovely!

While we were indeed fortunate to be awarded the $10,000 CommBank grant, which has enabled us to increase our groundsman’s hours and to make purchases that we have not been able to afford before, it is the hard work and dedication of our school family that is really seeing these funds being put to good use.

We were extremely fortunate this year to have made it through to August without having to send home a Headlice Alert – I am sure that this must be a record for any school! If your child does have headlice, please notify the office immediately so that an alert can be sent home. There is no stigma attached to headlice – they actually seem to prefer clean hair – so don’t be embarrassed to tell us. It just means that the entire school community can work together to keep them under control. When you receive an alert, please check and treat all family members, and remember to retreat after a few days to break the breading cycle.

It’s also important that hair is kept short, or tied up as soon as it is long enough. Our school Dress Code states that hair is tied up when it reaches the collar, regardless of gender. This is not only for safety, but also because headlice are like acrobats – they swing from strand to strand.

Also, please remind your children that hats are never to be shared at school. Each child needs to bring their own hat.

The Moscow Circus has generously donated five free student passes to one of their shows. If you would like to go in the draw for a free ticket, please send in an envelope with ‘Circus’ and your child’s name on it. The tickets will be randomly drawn at 9am on Friday, 14 August so make sure your entry is posted in the locked wooden box outside the Admin door before then. Good luck!

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

SCHOOL DENTIST VISIT – NEW DATE

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mobile Dental Van will be arriving at The Caves State School on Wednesday, 19 August 2015. Oral Health staff will be in contact with you prior to this start date to enable dental staff to process the relevant documentation before treatment commences.
NETBALL DRAW 14.8.15
The Caves v's Park Avenue on Court 10 at 1:10pm.

TENNIS DRAW 14.8.15
The Caves v's Mt Archer 1 on Court 4 this week.

Last Friday our inter-school tennis team (Darcy, Rose, Breanna & Sydney) played RGS 1 in the tennis fixtures. RGS 1 are currently leading the competition and whilst we were soundly defeated, we did play well and the match was played in a great spirit, with all players enjoying themselves.

We look forward to our next challenge this Friday and will do our best to finish the tennis season strongly.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE
School children are one of our most at-risk groups when it comes to road trauma and the whole community must play a part in keeping kids safe in and around schools.

This year, the Queensland Government is launching a state-wide road safety event – Queensland Road Safety Week – from August 17 – 21. This weeklong event is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer for everyone.

‘Speaking up for road safety’ is this year’s theme, and we’re encouraging the whole community to have their say on road safety. It’s about encouraging all Queenslanders to talk about important road safety issues with one another –with their kids, their families, their friends and colleagues, and in the context of the education environment – their students.

Each day of the week focuses on a different road safety behaviour or issue. The focus for Thursday 16 August is ‘sharing the road’. There will be a strong emphasis on vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists – making it a particularly important topic for discussion within the school community.

While we should be mindful of road safety in and around schools all year, Queensland Road Safety Week is a great opportunity to promote road safety responsibilities with parents, carers, teachers and students.

Throughout the week, we are encouraging everyone to make a pledge – to commit to improving a single road behaviour.

There are many ways to stay safe and keep others safe on the roads. You could pledge to:

- switch your phone off, put it on silent, or boot it before you drive
- buckle up every time you get in the car – even when travelling short distances
- take regular breaks on long trips and avoid driving when tired at all times
- put the brakes on speeding – regularly check your speed, drive to the conditions, stay within the limits
- make a plan before you drink - stay at a mate’s house, catch a cab or public transport, designate a driver for the night or organise a lift
- share the roads with others – be patient, let somebody in, give a wave of thanks to others doing the right thing, keep a look out for bicycles, motorcycles and pedestrians, know and follow the road rules
- have a conversation about road safety with your loved ones, friends, or colleagues
- be a better ‘role model’ to your kids on the road – it’s where they learn most of their future driving behaviour!

For more information please visit www.jointhedrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week. Everyone is invited to personally pledge their support for road safety via the site and we’re encouraging all schools to participate in the week’s events, particularly those focused on child pedestrian safety.
Next meeting: Thursday, 27 August at 6:30pm in the 3/4 Maths Classroom.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR WORKING BEE BEAVERS!!
On behalf of the P&C Executive and our broader school community I would like to extend a sincere thanks to Alicia Snowdon (our inspiring Grounds Convenor) and all those who helped with Saturday’s working bee – it really is greatly appreciated and you have done a wonderful job. Thanks also to Mrs Lee for sharing the photo of the Preps relishing the newly revived sandpit – I hope that all those who put the hours in on Saturday felt better knowing that the kids do indeed benefit from your efforts!!

HELP NEEDED FOR QUILTS, CRAFTS & MINI MARKETS – SUNDAY 23 AUGUST
As flagged in the newsletter last week we are seeking your help to ensure the success of our inaugural “Quilts, Crafts and Mini Markets” day to be held on Sunday, 23 August. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated – please return the attached form indicating how you might be able to assist. We thank you in advance for your support of this event.

GROUNDS UPDATE
Welcome to this week’s wrap up in the garden. This week I am sending much love and appreciation to those who have helped out the last week. If you have visited the school you would notice the following has been completed

- Trimming tree in front garden
- Oiling signs
- Mulching
- Purchasing a trailer for the mower, sprayer, gardening implements, hoses and sprinklers
- Digging out the dirty sand from the sand pit and replacing it with washed clean sand
- Fixing the garden shed
- Garden edge near prep room
- Trimming hedges
- Moving the piano
- Fixing leaking tap connections
- Planting some plants in undercover garden area and the garden out the front
- Adding soil and plaque to Mrs Buch’s garden
- Fixing holes in front yard and on the oval

The following people must be acknowledged for their commitment to the school and hard work – Tim Rolfe, Billy Geddes, Shaun Snowdon, John Milne, Olivia Barnett, Kristy Lindsay, Jo Rolfe, Jo Geddes, Riley Rolfe, Mackenzie Rolfe, Claire Robinson, Carl Robinson, Cooper Snowdon, Isaac Snowdon, Joey Snowdon, Kelvin Merritt, Vicki Hick, and to the little children who helped anyway they could and also allowed their Mums and Dads to help out on the weekend– Sonny Snowdon, Tommy and Emily Geddes. The staff at the school were very impressed with our efforts and I was very proud of the team we had on Saturday.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

Thank you to Elizabeth Jones and her children for preparing lunch for the working bee. It was delicious and very much appreciated.

Thank you to Tamara Jones, Sharon Gardner and children for helping out last Wednesday afternoon in the garden.
Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank for the Grant provided after the Cyclone. This has enabled us to complete the tasks listed above and to attend some much needed maintenance. It is restoring the school to its former beauty and we are most thankful. I also would like to thank the School (represented by Miss Porter and Michelle Farrell) for working together to identify areas that need attention. Thank you also to anyone who offered advice and suggestions. We welcome your input.

Thank you to Paul Wardyke for supplying the clean sand for the sand pit and to Billy Geddes for carting same. Thank you to Jo and Billy Geddes for bringing Bob (the Bobcat). The children on Monday morning were making sandcastles and had the biggest smiles on their faces when they kept their shape.

Thank you to Carol Robinson, Fiona Jepson, Jo Geddes and Yvonne Woodeson for the plants for the gardens.

You will see a garden edge around Mrs Buch’s garden next Monday, it will take a few days to cure. Please keep away from the garden edge whilst it cures.

If you are wishing to volunteer in the garden, I am seeking a volunteer to water the gardens with the hose every now and then, just until the new plants are established. Thank you to Jo Rolfe to offering to water them on Fridays. If you wish to do this, please contact me as you are required to sign the volunteer register and obtain a key to access the hoses.

In the future, I will be adding plants to the garden near the sandpit and mulching that garden. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out feel free to contact me.

Thank you to the children who are being careful not to walk in the gardens and picking up their lunch rubbish. We have a truly beautiful school and this is a reflection on the students also.

With kindest regards,

Alicia Snowdon
Grounds

FATHERS DAY STALL

With just over 20 days until we celebrate our wonderful dads, I have started planning for the father’s day stall. If you would like your child to purchase a gift for someone special at our Father’s day stall, please send in a gift.

The stall is usually held on the Friday before. I will be unavailable that day, so I am seeking a volunteer to take the reins and run the stall for the P&C. I can price the gifts and set them up on the Thursday in the multi-purpose building ready for the stall Friday morning. Alternatively, we could run the stall earlier in the week. Please contact me if you are able to assist with pricing, wrapping or running the stall.

I am more than happy to have the stall earlier in the week if this was more suitable. With this in mind, could you please send in your gifts as soon as possible and no later than the 28 August 2015 so that we can plan which day to hold the stall. I will add the date and details in next week’s newsletter.

Thanking you in advance.

Alicia Snowdon