DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 27 August - P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday, 28 August - Bookclub Order Due 9am
- Tuesday, 1 Sept - Golf Clinic (2 of 4)
- Thursday, 3 Sept - Golf Clinic (3 of 4)
- Tuesday, 8 Sept - Golf Clinic (4 of 4)
- Friday, 4 Sept - Qld Cricket Clinic
- Monday, 7 Sept - Showcase Parade 2.30pm
- Tuesday, 11 Sept - Spring Fling Disco
- Father’s Day Stall 1.30pm

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.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s *Nothing But The Best* awards who displayed **Integrity**: Marshall Boswood, Crystal Robson & Nate Everingham.

Hello everyone,

SURPRISE!! Look what Mrs Lyon made!!!!
Who said we couldn’t keep a secret!!!?? It’s my very great pleasure to announce some terrific news this week. We are expecting a wonderful new addition to our Caves School community in the near future. Our congratulations and very best wishes to Mrs Pamela Lyon and her husband, Dale on the impending arrival of their first baby. Get as much sleep as you can now, because you won’t be getting much for the next eighteen years!!!

Also, you need to start planning on moving to The Caves so that this wonderful little being can attend the best primary school in the district! I’m sure Mrs Farrell can take enrolments for 2021!

Good luck to our year five Netballers this Friday as they play their Grand Final against Parkhurst in the Junior C division. They have had a great time this season, and have really enjoyed learning the game, and playing as a team. Good luck also to our Touch players, who play their first games this coming Saturday after last week’s fixtures were cancelled due to the conditions of the fields. I hope you all have fun. Thank you to Darcy Jones and Lachlan Tait who have both offered to coach the younger teams with me on Saturdays. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Yours in education,

Lisa Dean
Acting Principal

**NETBALL DRAW 28.8.15**
The Caves v’s Parkhurst in the Grand Final on Court 2 at 1:10pm. Good Luck!
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.

BORROWBOX
Last week we sent home a registration form for Borrowbox. This program is run by the Livingstone Shire Council at no cost to you and allows all our students access to lots of online eAudiobooks. Once you have returned your form, we will forward your registration to the library and they will provide you with a library card. Demonstrations will be provided to the students on how to access these books before the end of term. Please return all registration forms to the school office no later than Friday 28 August. If you require another form, please contact the school office.

GOLF
On Tuesday morning Mr Gardner visited The Caves oval to teach all students basic golf skills. As a fun training activity we played a game which involved hitting the ball into a small area. We had a blast competing against other classes. We look forward to his upcoming visits. Results are below.

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ANZAC DAY ART TO COLLECT
We need to collect the Anzac Art that was produced by our students earlier this year for the Livingstone Shire Council. The piece of art is on a piece of timber and is approximately 3m x 2m and must be collected on Tuesday 15 September. Is anyone able to collect this? If so, please contact Michelle in the school office.

THANK YOU!
We are feeling very grateful this week, and have lots of people to thank. It has been amazing to see just how generous and unselfish some of our local families have been with their time, money and effort. We are very lucky to have some wonderful, caring locals.

Thank you to the Snowdon, Geddes & Robinson families for completing Mrs Buch’s 90th birthday celebration garden. Mrs Buch was very overwhelmed and humbled.

Thank you to Denell Hick and family for their continued classroom needs donations (you bargain shopper you!)

Thank you to the Larsen family for their efforts in bringing in their red hot rod for our choir to sign their ‘Grease’ songs with. It made for an awesome backdrop!

Thank you to the Weatherall family for their extremely generous cash donation that went towards the nibbles that you were all provided with during our Twilight Showcase.

Thank you to each parent who continues to volunteer each week in the classrooms, you efforts are more than greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our hard working P&C members who are constantly raising funds for our school. This can be a tiresome and often thankless task.

And finally, thank you to each and every parent who is reading our newsletter ☺
THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED TO MAKE OUR “QUILTS, CRAFTS & MINI MARKETS DAY A SUCCESS!!

We are delighted to be able to report that our inaugural “Quilts, Crafts & Mini Markets” day was a success, with many compliments from those who attended. Whilst there are still some expenses etc to be calculated we think that this event will have raised between $1400-$1500 – a great effort!!

Particular thanks must go to Mrs Carol Robinson & Alicia Snowdon – without their enthusiasm, vision and tireless effort to pull everything this day would never have come together. Thanks also to those who helped on the day and contributed baking and items for our stall. At the risk of missing someone, I would like to acknowledge these lovely ladies:

Mrs Lee  Mrs Jepson   Shelby Merritt  Josie Merritt
Sally Shaw  Charlene Blake  Tamara Jones   Sharon Gardiner
Jo Geddes  Elizabeth Jones

There were also a number of people who contributed to our stall – unfortunately I am not sure who they all are, but our sincere thanks to you. Finally a special thanks to our children who helped with set up, serving and clean up.

SOFTDRINK FOR SALE
We have assorted (Coke Zero, Coke, Lemonade, Lemon Squash, Creaming Soda & Pasito) softdrinks leftover and would be happy to sell these – unfortunately they are all broken cartons and are cold, so we are selling them for $1 per can. There is between 45-50 cans in total. If you are interested in any or all of these softdrinks please contact Jocelyn (0418 559 919 / jocelyn@peffcabinets.com.au) and I will arrange to meet you at school to collect.

COMPLIMENTS TO STAFF AND STUDENTS
I wanted to take the opportunity to commend all our staff and students involved in hosting the Twilight Showcase last Friday evening – by all accounts it was a lovely evening and I heard many compliments about the art displays (both the artwork and the manner in which it was displayed), the showcase of talents, the choir performance AND the supper provided. We do appreciate the work that an evening like this takes, particularly at a time when many on staff are feeling “under the weather” and wanted to assure you that these efforts did not go unnoticed and both staff and students certainly impressed!!

FATHERS DAY STALL
Thank you to those who have sent in their donations for the Father’s day stall and thank you to those who have offered to help on the stall. We have decided to have the stall on the Thursday afternoon before Father’s day. If you are available after 12 noon or around 1pm to help set up and help wrap etc please let me know. I look forward to receiving further donations for the stall and seeing the children’s smiles as they purchase a gift for a special person in their life.

Alicia Snowdon

GARDEN
Thank you to my team of gardeners who continue to water and help out at school. I am most appreciative of your continued efforts. I have received so many compliments regarding the school grounds and gardens and I am quick to let everyone know that I have a great team of helpers who have made it that way. It is looking great. Thank you to John our groundsman who is doing a great job. We realise he goes above and beyond for our little school and is always more than happy to help out.

Mrs Buch’s garden was lovingly completed by Carol & Carmel Robinson. Thank you to you both. Mrs Buch was overwhelmed when I spoke with her on Sunday. We are so very blessed to have Mrs Buch as our School Patron and it is great that we now have a garden in her honour. I think a cup of tea and morning tea beside the garden might be in order.

Alicia Snowdon
Grounds Co-ordinator