DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, 11 September - Spring Fling Disco
- Friday, 18 September - Ball Games Carnival
- Monday, 5 October - Qld Cricket Clinic – free
- Monday, 19 October - End of Term 3
- Tuesday, 6 October - Public holiday
- Wednesday, 14 October - School resumes for Term 4
- Monday, 19 October - The Caves’ Educators Day
- Tuesday, 6 October - Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day
- Tuesday, 20 October – Friday, 23 October - 4-6 Kinchant Dam Camp
- Thursday, 22 October - P&C Meeting 9:00am in MPB (followed by Asbestos Training)

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL
This week, we’re focussing on the value of “Doing Your Best”.

Education is a community effort. It takes equal commitment from the school, from the student and from the parent. How do we teach our children to do their best? We start not by telling them how to do this, but rather by modelling to them how to do this through our own behaviour. Perhaps, then, the best way to help our children learn to do their best without rewards and without competition or comparison is to first learn to do it ourselves.

If we learn to do our best, and model that behaviour to our children, our example provides them more than any conversation can about how to do our best. The skills that help us most in life are not the skills we learn from homework. Ambition, self-confidence, and goal-setting are better indicators of adult-life success than doing well in school. These are the skills that really make a difference in children’s future success or failure.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS
The key learning time for children is in the morning and after first break.

In view of this, we would be grateful if parents could make appointments during school holidays, after school or from 2:00 where possible.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now finished and this Friday is the last chance you will have to send in the last of your stickers. If you have not yet put your stickers on a collection sheet, please don’t! We have lots of unfinished collections sheets that we need to finish, so just send in the stickers to the wooden box outside the office.
RAINBOW AWARDS

**Blue**
Isaac Dodd  
Jack Robinson  
Mia Payne  
Cody Funch  
Callum Stidiford  
Tyrone Gillies  
Elizabeth Shaw  
Alexander Weber

**Indigo**
Amber Delaware  
Thalia Hill  
Angus Barnett  
Tom Geddes  
Emily Geddes  
Matilda Peff  
Amber Delaware  

**Violet**
Riley Broszat  
Brock Hick  
Cooper Snowdon  
Katherine Tait  
Jacob Trenaman  
Nate Everingham  
Isaak Proposch  
Riley Rolfe

Olivia Barnett  
Ben Jepson  
Ruqayya Nixon  
Julia Jones  
Emily Jones  
Darcy Jones  
Sydney Peff  
Rose Robinson

PREPARING FOR PREP
The Queensland Government a website for the general community and parents containing some significant information there for prep parents: http://www.qld.gov.au/education/childcare/prep/

Prep is the first year of school and provides the foundation for your child's education. It is a full-time program held in primary schools. Children attend Monday-Friday, generally from 9am-3pm. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. If your child was born between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, make sure you contact us so that we can keep you up to date on what we’re doing at The Caves State School to Prepare For Prep!

2016 Prep parents will be receiving information about our Prepare for Prep transition program soon.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Our swimming program needs your help! Smaller group sizes are the best way to deliver the high quality program that we offer and ensure that our children are getting the best instruction possible. Volunteers are offered training and assistance prior to lessons commencing and are given all the skills they need to assist the teachers with the delivery of our program.

Please consider the contribution you could make to your child's education and water safety by helping at swimming lessons. Your assistance might save a life! Please return the form sent home if you are able to help, even if it is only for one week.

GOLF
Mr Gardner was also here last Thursday; the results are below.

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THANK YOU
A very big thank you this week to Mr & Mrs Cooke for offering to collect our Anzac Day Artwork from the Livingstone Shire Council.

The children will certainly be grateful to have their hard work returned and put on display.

LOST PROPERTY
Please make sure you check the Lost Property basket on the veranda outside the office before the end of the term for any items that might have been misplaced. Anything remaining in the basket after Friday, 18 September will be donated to a charity bin.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s **Nothing But The Best** awards who displayed **Freedom**: Rhett Weatherall, Dawson Jones, Mackenzie Rolfe.

With our class numbers on the increase, my application for additional teacher aide staffing has been approved by Central Queensland Regional Office. We have been appointed an additional 10 hours of teacher aide time until the end of the year. Mrs Merritt and Mrs Letts will be employed in this position until the end of the year.

I look forward to catching up with you at our Spring Fling on Friday, and again at our Ballgames Carnival next week.

The children have been training for our Ballgames Carnival which will be held next Friday, 18 September from 9:00 – 10:45. The children need to bring hats and a water bottle, and should wear their team-coloured shirts. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to cheer the children on, and if time permits, Buch vs Hatch parent events will be held too. Please start organising your teams!

Many thanks to our P&C, who have once again committed to providing a subsidy of $3270 so that we can continue to run our successful swimming program at a minimal cost of only $20 per child to families.

266 people drowned in Australian waterways between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014, and we don’t want any of our students or families to ever have to deal with such a tragedy.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

**ELECTRICITY SAFETY WEEK 7-11 SEPTEMBER**

Our students have turned into Safety Heroes this week as they learn about electricity and how to behave safely around electrical equipment as part of Ergon Energy’s Electricity Safety Week. A first for Queensland, the free program has taught students valuable lessons that we hope they will bring home – from identifying dangerous electrical situations to knowing what to do in an emergency – to using electrical appliances safely and keeping them away from water.

A safety reminder for parents: If you see a fallen powerline, stay at least 8 metres away from it and anything it may be touching. Always assume they are ‘live’ and dangerous. Report them immediately to Triple Zero (000). For more information visit: [www.ergon.com.au/network/safety](http://www.ergon.com.au/network/safety)

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

This Friday is our **Spring Fling**

We hope everyone is able to come for a boogie and a fun evening from 6:00 – 7:30pm. We will be selling chips, drinks, glow sticks and battery-operated candles.

- Chips: 50c
- Drinks: $1.50
- Glow Sticks: 50c
- Candles: $2.00

Supervision will be provided for students of The Caves State School only. Siblings and other children who are not students must be supervised by their parents at all times. Alcohol is not permitted on school premises for this function.
**Reading Strategy: Comprehension - Monitor and Fix Up**

Good readers often stop to think about if what they are reading makes sense. They make sure they understand what is happening in the story or what the selection they are reading is about.

If meaning breaks down during a story, good readers have strategies to go back and fix the problem. Some strategies a reader may use to assist in making sense of a story include: summarize text, go back and adjust the reading rate, reread text while thinking carefully, skim and scan the selection to gain meaning, or ask for help.

Readers who monitor their own reading know and use these specific strategies when meaning breaks down and fix their reading to improve their comprehension.

Your child is working on the comprehension strategy, monitor and fix up. This strategy will help your child identify when meaning breaks down and will give him/her tools necessary to regain comprehension.

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

1. When reading with your child, stop periodically and ask your child, “Does this make sense?” If not, ask your child what he/she could do to help gain understanding of what is being read.

2. Read to your child and model what it sounds like when you stop to monitor your reading. Let him/her hear the process you go through. Ask yourself the following questions: Who is this story about? What is happening in the story? What is the author trying to tell me? Let your child hear you answer the questions and go through the process of monitoring your comprehension.

3. Ask your child to create a list of his/her favourite fix up strategies. Remind your child to use these strategies when meaning breaks down. The goal is to coach your child to monitor comprehension and use the strategies until they become a habit.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

DEGRADED PASTURES FIELD DAY - HOSTED BY HEALTHY SOILS INC.

A field day is being held at the property “Sandy Creek” to develop a pasture regeneration program for Indian Couch pastures with information presented by Luke Mathews, a permaculture educator from Mackay. The first stage approach will be to reduce runoff and increase infiltration, and on the day we will view existing constructed banks and also looking at ideal design/layout for this landscape. The day will also include: Keyline principals, Property design, Building Swales/ contours, Selecting trees and Management after construction.

When: Sunday 13th September, 2015 Time:10:00am start Where: "Sandy's Creek" 671 Stanage Bay Road, Kunwarara (80 km north of Rockhampton) Cost: Including Lunch - $20 for non-members, free for members of Healthy Soils Inc. Please BYO Chair and Hat

For more information and RSVP - Mick 0438395255/admin@healthysoils.org.au or Tina 0417356111.

This event is supported by FBA and the Regional Landcare Facilitator through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.

Healthy Soils Inc. is a group of passionate farmers, graziers, scientists, business operators and other urban based people who are excited about improving the condition of the soil and plant ecosystems in the central Queensland and Capricorn regions. More information on Healthy Soils Inc. can be found at www.healthysoils.org.au.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS GRANTS PROGRAM

The Queensland Government is offering grants to stay-at-home parents to establish or grow home-based businesses as part of Queensland Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. Funding of up to $5,000 (excluding GST) will be provided to each successful applicant in two stages. Any stay-at-home parent who operates or plans to operate a home-based business can apply. Applications close 24 September 2015. Please visit https://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/small-business/home-based-business-grants-program for more information and the online application form.

Next meeting: Thursday, 22 October at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Building.

THANK YOU!!

We hope that all the Fathers in our community enjoyed “Dad’s Day” on Sunday. Our sincere thanks to Alicia, for organising our annual “Father’s Day Stall” and to Sally, Tamara and Elizabeth for helping to ensure the eager shoppers all managed to find something for a Sunday morning surprise!

2016 SCHOOL BOOK PACKS – ORDER NOW!

We are again offering the option to purchase your school booklist requirements through the P&C. Forms listing the booklist for 2016 and P&C pricing will be available today or tomorrow and we are confident that you will find the P&C pricing very competitive with “in town” retail pricing. This is a service offered by your P&C to help families avoid the stress and bedlam of back to school shopping in January!! So that we have time to collate and place the orders and then have the items back to us and sorted ready for distribution we ask that you have your orders returned to the school office no later than FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER – THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM 3. We intend to collate the order over the holidays and have the orders submitted before term 4 commences.

Should you have any queries regarding this service please do not hesitate to contact either Jocelyn 0418 559 919 or Elizabeth 0419 660 059 and we look forward to your support of this concept.

P&C FACEBOOK PAGE

We have been advised by P&Cs Qld that under Department of Education and Training’s “Social Media Guide” P&Cs are prohibited from posting photographs of children on our facebook page so I would ask all those engaging with our page to please observe this prohibition.
The Caves State School Student Council’s

Spring Fling

Friday 11 September
From 6:00 - 7:30

Food & Drinks
Games
Prizes
Music

Entry $2

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