DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, 18 October - Livingstone Lifestyle and Garden competition 10:00
- Monday, 19 October - Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day
- Tuesday 20 – Friday, 23 October - 4-6 Kinchant Dam Camp
- Monday, 26 October - Slushie Monday $1.50 – first break
- Thursday, 22 October - P&C Meeting 9:00am in MPB (followed by Asbestos Training)
- Friday, 30 October - Day for Daniel - Wear Red and Educate

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 Respect.

Treating each other with consideration and regards, and respecting another person’s point of view are ways that we can demonstrate respect for ourselves and other people. Real respect is something that is earned. One earns another's respect by voluntarily doing things such as taking that person's feelings, needs and thoughts into consideration. Respect seems to be like a boomerang in the sense that you must send it out before it will come back to you.

Respecting someone means respecting their feelings and their needs. We can do this by:

- asking them how they feel
- validating their feelings
- empathizing with them
- seeking understanding of their feelings
- taking their feelings into consideration

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at The Caves State School. To learn respect, children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents and caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.
Please consider safety for students when parking. As you would have noticed if you were farewelling the children when they departed for camp on Tuesday, larger buses need the full turning circle when collecting children.

With swimming on Fridays this term, please be aware that a coach is used. As such, please do not park on or near the bitumen in the turning circle, as the buses cannot be held up when departing our school in the afternoon.

Please note that there are no swimming lessons on Friday, 23 October as the Year 4-6 class is on camp.

The eleventh annual Day for Daniel 2015 will be held on Friday, 30 October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities.

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Honesty and Trustworthiness: Evan Peff, Amity Merritt & Breanna Larsen.

On Sunday, our school leaders were present for the announcement of the winners of the Livingstone Lifestyle and Garden Competition winners.

The Caves State School won a commendation in the garden competition and were presented with a new leaf blower.

Thank you to our school captain, Sydney, and vice-captain, Breanna, for attending the awards and to Mrs Larsen for transporting them. The Council and judges publically praised the school and how well the girls conducted themselves during their tour of the school grounds.

Congratulations to all of the students who ensured the grounds and gardens were rubbish free for judging, and to Alicia Snowdon and all of the wonderful families who have contributed to making our school such a positive and attractive learning environment.

Grandparents Day on Sunday, 25 October is a wonderful opportunity for grandchildren to thank their grandparents for their endless love and support.

There are many ways that children and families can celebrate the special connection grandchildren share with their grandparents. Here are a few ideas:

- give grandparents a card, bookmark or certificate to thank them for their love and support
- send grandparents a special Grandparents Day postcard
- make a special thank you gift
- take grandparents out to morning tea or lunch
• spend time together doing something fun - such as going to the park, watching movies, baking or simply chatting and catching up

To all our grandparents, we hope you have a happy Grandparents Day this Sunday!

Visit the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services website at www.qld.gov.au/grandparentsday for more information on Grandparents Day.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has come to an end and the points for our school have been allocated. I have ordered another Robotics kit valued at $605, to add to our resources.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by collecting their stickers every time they shopped.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council will be selling slushies every Monday at second break for the rest of the term.

Bring along $1.50 to have an icy cold slushie!

AUSKICK

NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League's key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you'll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play plenty of fun games and football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Come along and join the fun with your school friends learning a whole range of new skills, playing plenty of fun games, and getting kitted out with the latest Auskick sporting merchandise. This includes your very own Auskick Ruler, footy, footy cards, Footy Activity book and pencil case!

COME AND TRY YOUR FIRST SESSION FOR FREE!

The Caves SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session Friday, 30 October 2015

Time: 8:15am-9:00am (every Friday for 6 weeks)

Venue: School Oval

Cost: $25

For more information contact: Scott at AFL Qld Capricornia office on 4927 3432, 0404 986 543

Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

BOOKCLUB

Issue 7 was sent home last week. Please ensure all orders are returned to the school office no later than 9:00am on Monday, 26 October.

Books make great Christmas presents, so get your order in!

SCHOOL DENTIST

Dental appointments have started and should all be completed within 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please see the ladies in the dental van between 8.30am and 9am.
CONGRATULATIONS ALICIA AND OUR TEAM OF GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are very excited to share that last Sunday our school captains, Sydney & Breanna, attended the announcement of the winners of the Livingstone Lifestyle and Garden Competition, where The Caves State School was awarded 2nd place in the Schools section.

This is a great achievement and acknowledgement of the many hours of toil (we hope it is a labour of love 😊) by our very enthusiastic and dedicated Grounds Convenor, Alicia Snowdon. Alicia has been supported by many in our school community who have assisted with watering, pruning, planting and lovingly tending to our gardens.

I am sure we have all appreciated the recent improvements to our school grounds and credit for this must go to Alicia and our parent and student volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy. A BIG THANK YOU also to Sharon Gardner for giving up her Sunday to escort Sydney & Breanna to the announcement.

ACCOLADES FOR OUR SCHOOL CHOIR!

Just thought I would share some unsolicited feedback offered to me on how wonderful our choir performed at the Heritage Village last Tuesday – a member of the audience mentioned to a work colleague of mine how great the performance was. Well done to all the students committed to our choir and a special thank you to Miss Dean for all her effort and patience.

GROUNDS REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate The Caves State School on receiving a commendation in the LSC Garden Competition on the weekend. Thank you to the LSC for the prize. We won a blower/vac/mulcher for the school. Thank you Breanna Larsen and Sydney Peff for attending the awards presentation. I have received some great feedback regarding your attendance. The LSC were most thankful for the tour that Sydney and Breanna gave the Judges a few weeks ago. Thank you so much to the team of helpers along with anyone who has kindly donated plants and to the Commonwealth Bank for the grant to help us recover from the cyclone. Without the grant, The Caves State School would not look like it does. We are very grateful for this assistance.

You will notice the Barmoya Road front yard has recently been topsoiled. The Caves Quarry supplied a lovely product and we thank them for their advice and support. Thank you to Ben and Carmel Robinson for spreading the soil with their machinery and to Peter and Yvonne Woodeson for supplying the bobcat and levelling the soil ready to seed. Thank you Joanne Rolfe and Vicki Hick for seeding the lawn with me yesterday. With a good watering, we should see signs of germination within 7 days. Please keep off that area until the grass is well established.

Did you know we are very lucky to have a Mt Etna plant growing at our school? It only grows native to this area apparently. That’s a little bit special.

If you would like to hand water the gardens at any stage, especially Mrs Buch’s flower garden, feel free to give it a little water if it looks thirsty. We have to be careful with our water usage but we also have to keep our lovely gardens alive.

Thank you also to John, our Grounds person, for all that he does around the school.

I’m off to shake my rain stick.

Yours in gardening,

Alicia Snowdon