DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tuesday, 10 November
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
- Wednesday, 11 November
  - Remembrance Day
- Wednesday, 18 November
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
- Monday, 23 November
  - Volunteer’s Afternoon Tea 3:00
- Thursday, 26 November
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
- Tuesday, 1 December
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
  - Prep Parent Meeting 10:45

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL
This week, we’re focusing on the value of Responsibility.

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.

RAINBOW AWARDS

**INDIGO**
Kelcee Kime

**VIOLET**
Abbey Wright
William Blamires
Luke Schneider

**OVER THE RAINBOW**
Abbey Wright
Darcy Frankish
Daniel Dinsdale
Ciana Furnell-Hall

**OVER THE RAINBOW**
Sina Abdollahi
Katelyn Jones
Breanna Larsen

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NEW START DATE FOR THE 2016 QUEENSLAND SCHOOL YEAR

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

The previous start date of Monday, 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

HELP!

We have a difficult job that our groundsman needs help with – it is replacing the tubing that covers the chains on the playground. It really is a two-person job, and the tubing is very tight, therefore making the job time-consuming and frustrating. We were hoping a wonderful parent would like to offer their services for this fantastically fun request. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Michelle in the office.

Thanks!

WHOOOO CAN HELP?

The small fridge/freezer in the workroom that holds our student ice packs has decided it no longer wants to work. Before we are able to replace it, we need the old one removed and dumped. Is there someone who is willing to come and take care of this for us?

If you can help, please see Michelle in the office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Last Friday, many of the children wore red, and all children were reminded of their personal safety. This included discussions about how to prevent bullying.

Strategies For Students To Deal With Bullies

1. Let the bully know that what they are doing is bullying.
2. Refuse to join in with their bullying
3. Support any students who are bullied.
4. Stand up for yourself if anyone tries to bully you by:
   - Telling them to stop
   - Ignoring them or walking away
   - Asking an adult for support if nothing else works and once the student has tried to manage the situation

Working Together: A toolkit for parents to address bullying gives parents practical strategies to support their child and work with the school to address bullying. The videos and the toolkit are free to download from the Queensland Government website: http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/bullying-and-violence/schools/Pages/qsaav.aspx#toolkit

READY SET PREP

Our 2016 Preps have started joining our current Prep class during their outdoor play session and fruit break from 9:00am to 10:00am on Mondays, and their first Classroom Induction Visit will be conducted on Tuesday, 10 November from 8:45am to 10:45am.

With the increased expectations of the Australian Curriculum, children will be learning literacy and numeracy skills from Day 1. To give our children a flying start, we would like to introduce some of these concepts during the visits and provide them with resources that they may like to work with over the summer break. We will also be conducting some assessment in order to identify those children that may require extra support or extension.

Children will need to wear a shirt with sleeves, and have closed-in shoes, hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit. They are able to wear their uniforms if you wish.

Enrolment Meetings will also be taking place over the next few weeks. When you come to the Enrolment Meeting, please make sure all paperwork is completed and signed by you and your child before the Enrolment Meeting, and remember to bring your child and your child’s birth certificate with you!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Fair Go: Angus Barnett, Isaac Snowdon & Rose Robinson.

Summer has well and truly hit this week, and we are doing what we can to keep cool at school. Please remind your children to bring their hats with them every day to keep them protected from the sun.

Alternative play areas are available for the children, and we have suggested that they avoid the sun and playing on the oval when it is hot.

At the most recent P&C meeting, I was made aware of a very generous donation of $1250 from The Caves District Lions Club to our P&C. I would like to thank the Lions for their ongoing support of our school community and for their generosity.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the letter sent home last week regarding your preferences for transportation to the Swimming Carnival on 8 December.

As only three children require bus transportation, we will not be booking a bus, and we hope that those children will be able to make alternate arrangements so that they can participate. We would like to have 100% participation as we did for Sports Day in June, so we appreciate the extra effort everyone goes to for Swimming Carnival.

Our tuckshop performs an important role in school life and much of the hard work undertaken by our tuckshop convenor and volunteers is done out of the public eye. They provide an invaluable service in ensuring students have access to nutritious, tasty and affordable food.

Tuckshop Day on Friday, 6 November gives school communities the opportunity to show their appreciation for the work they do. Celebrate this day and give your tuckshop convenors and volunteers a big “thank you”.

Next Tuesday, 11 November, our Year 6 students will be delivering our Remembrance Day service. All family members are invited to our service, which will be held at the flag pole from 10:50 to 11:05, to observe one minute’s silence at 11:00 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone who has volunteered at the school this year to join us for Afternoon Tea on Monday, 23 November at 3:00 so that we can express our appreciation for your help and support.

If you have donated time for the P&C, in the classroom, at sporting events, transporting students, covering books, at working bees or by taking on a job from the Whooo tree, or in any other way, we’d love for you to join us.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

The children are working on a secret mission for Presentation Night. Details are classified but all will be revealed on 4 December.

If you would like to be part of this mission, join us for training on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 – 2:45.
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!

Thank you to all our fashionistas yesterday who were decked out in their finest race wear for Fashions in
the Field. The children rivalled the outfits in Melbourne for colour, creativity…and maybe even lack of
comfort too!

STOCKTAKE
We will soon be commencing our stocktake of all library and reading resources.

With over 12,000 individual resources in the school, you will understand that this is a big
job that we are required to undertake annually and we appreciate your support in returning
library books and reading books as soon as possible.

We invite you to our
Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

Monday, 23 November
at 3:00pm
in the Resource Centre.

RSVP by 19 November to
4912 6111 or admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au
SCHOOL BANKING TERM 4 NEW REWARDS LAUNCHED
The reward items touching down to planet savings in Term 4 are (available while stocks last):

- Outer Space Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool virtual Dollarmites token. Once students have individually ‘collected’ 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mt Etna Reveg Project Tree Planting

Volunteer needed to assist in revegetation activity...

After months of planning and preparation the Mt Etna Reveg project is now ready for the first round of tree planting. The project aims to seed and care for 500 native trees and provide a habitat for local wildlife.

When: Saturday 13 November 2015
Where: Rossminna Road, The Caves (turn off the Bruce Hwy onto Rossminna Road, past the pub and school, for approximately one minute, the planting site is on the right near the Lorikeet’s Cave, opposite Bli Bli House)
Time: 7am-12noon, morning tea provided

Please bring a hat, sun-med and a folding chair for morning tea break.

You will learn the ins and outs of planting and maintaining local flora. Volunteers will be on hand to provide advice throughout the day.

The project will create a green buffer, protecting a long line of plants from the impacts of wildlife, and providing habitat for local fauna. Come along to be part of the first planting event for this significant project.

RSVP: Wednesday 11 November 2015
For more information: Cassandra Bevans at Flinders Basin Association Inc.
P: (07) 4999 3520
E: cassandra.bevans@flba.org.au

This event is supported by REA through funding from the Australian Government.

SHORT FILMS SCREENING AT THE CAVES SHOWGROUNDS - UNDER THE STARS
Bring the kids along for a fun family night of short films from around the world. Livingstone Shire Council is co-ordinating this program of short films which includes comedy, animation and drama. The Queensland Touring Film Festival, In the Bin, tours regional Queensland offering this special program to communities. The Caves Progress Association will be firing up the BBQ at 6pm. Please see the above flyer for more details.
THE COUNT DOWN IS ON!!
As we hurtle towards the end of the school year and calendars are rapidly consumed by festive season frivolity, P&C activities are also on the wind down. However before we close the door on another school year we thought it might be useful/timely to re-cap what is left on the P&C agenda for 2016:

- **Book Packs** – for all those families who ordered book packs, we are waiting on a last few items to arrive and we will then be able to process orders. Orders will be distributed no later than week 9 of term, but hopefully sooner.
- **Swimming Carnival Subway** – as we have offered in recent years we will again offer families the opportunity to order Subway for lunch at the swimming carnival on the Tuesday in the last week of school – as in previous years this will be offered on a pre-ordered basis, so stay tuned for the order forms in coming weeks.
- **Post Presentation Night Celebrations** - we are planning to again host a post Presentation Night gathering to unwind and celebrate the school year that was. This will be an informal, bring a plate to share, affair for those who would like to linger directly after Presentation Night concludes. This is not a fundraiser and all in our school community are welcome to join us.

As more details, forms etc come to hand we will continue to share and would encourage all who have not yet liked the P&C facebook page to do so that we may also communicate with our community using this medium.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
The P&C need YOUR help with their Christmas Hamper Raffle in the form of donations of any suitable Christmas or Hamper items. Items could include drinks, sweet and savoury treats, canned items, Christmas decorations, wrap, etc. The more items collected will mean more hampers can be created.

Please bring your non-perishable donated items to the school office for this year’s raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 4 December at Presentation Night.

GROUNDS
Thank you to Angela McCartney and Brett Beveridge for donating some plants recently for the school. We look forward to adding them to the garden near the prep classroom and the covered play area. We really appreciate your support!

It is also great to see grass surfacing in the newly seeded area on the Barmoya Road entrance to school. Thank you to my children and husband for putting up with the numerous watering trips to school and for all of their help. Thank you also to everyone who has watered the edges or assisted with the preparation of the ground and watering.

Thank you to John, our Groundsman, who has been doing extra hours at the school recently. John we appreciate all that you do. Thank you so much.

Thank you also to those who continue to offer their assistance at school. Volunteering takes you away from your family and takes up your much deserved spare time. I really appreciate your efforts and offers to help. You know who you are.

*Alicia Snowden*  
*Grounds Co-ordinator*