DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 19 November - RSVP for Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
- Monday, 23 November - Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea 3:00
- Thursday, 26 November - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
- Friday, 27 November - Fair In The Square
- 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 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 week's Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Integrity: Cody Funch, Amity Merritt & Alannah Tighe.

The end of the year is barrelling towards us, and we are already making plans for 2016.

I am in discussions with regional office personnel regarding staffing for next year, and I will let you know as soon as any decisions are made. We are seeking teachers who have experience with multi-age classes so that they are able to teach in our complex educational environment and meet the needs of every student.

I am also developing our Annual Implementation Plan for 2016, and I will be presenting this at the P&C meeting on Thursday, 26 November. I encourage you to attend so that you are aware of our priorities for 2016.

All of the teachers are compiling report cards at the moment. They will be sent home by Friday, 4 December. Please ensure that your child is attending school every day so that they are here for assessment.

150,000 children and students from 830 schools and 410 early childhood centres take part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year, reading almost two million books. Congratulations to all of our students! The Caves State School achieved 100 per cent participation in 2015. Students will be presented with their awards as soon as they arrive in the mail.

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!

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.

If you need more raffle tickets to sell to friends and family, please collect a book from the office. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 4 December at Presentation Night.

FROM THE LIBRARY
All classes have now ceased borrowing from the library, and all library books and home readers must be returned by Friday, 27 November so that stocktake can begin.

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

VOLUNTEERS’ AFTERNOON TEA
Everyone who has volunteered at the school this year is invited 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 Whoo tree, or in any other way, we’d love for you to join us. Please RSVP by Thursday, 19 November to 4912 6111 or admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We love celebrating the successes of our past students, so please keep sharing the good news with us.

Congratulations to Natalie Tighe, who received the Dux Award for Year 8 at TCC for 2015.

Congratulations to Jaya Acutt, Year 7 and Caitlin Farrell, Year 9 who received Academic Awards for their continued hard work.

Congratulations also to all former students of The Caves State School who received awards at the Glenmore SHS awards night earlier this week.
With our heartfelt thanks...

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
SPEAK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Wednesday, 25 November 2015 is White Ribbon Day.

White Ribbon Day provides a key opportunity for all of us, and men in particular, to speak out against violence against women and to affirm it is never acceptable.

BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY – IMPORTANT NOTICE
Coin lithium button batteries can cause severe injuries when swallowed. These batteries can get stuck in the throat and cause severe burns. Small children often have easy access to these devices, and many parents do not know there is a risk. The Battery Controlled is a partnership to raise awareness about the severity of this issue and share information with parents, caregivers, and the medical community. Launched in Australia by Energizer, Kidsafe, and the ACCC (Australian Competition and Consumer Commission), this effort is committed to helping parents prevent children from swallowing coin-sized button batteries.

FAIR IN THE SQUARE
COME ALONG JOIN THE FUN AT THE CAVES LIONS COMMUNITY ‘CHRISTMAS FAIR IN THE SQUARE’
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2015 6PM

Live Band Ham Wheels Jumping Castle Free Bike Raffles Christmas Hamper Raffle Train Rides Camel Rides Free Face Painting Hot Food & Drinks Burgers Chips Ice Creams Christmas Cooking Craftwork Jewellery Herbs & Plants Honey Childrens Clothing Fruit & Veges Multidraw Raffle Cent Sale Lions Cakes And Puddings & much much more

Santa will hopefully be calling at Buch Square The Caves on his way from the North Pole around 8pm with lollies for the little children.

Stall Holders Welcome & Invited to attend – Bookings Essential

All Enquiries please phone Sherri 4936 3389 Bev 4934 2463

Hope to see you at ‘Fair in the Square’
Next meeting: Thursday, 26 November at 6:30pm in the 3/4 Maths classroom.  
(Asbestos training at 6:00pm)

GROUNDS
Thank you to Rod Gough (Rockhampton Heavy Towing), past student of Mrs Buch's, who kindly delivered the bobcat to school to level the front yard. Rod donated his time and truck for delivery and pick up of the Bobcat.

Thank you very much Rod!

Thank you to Vicki Hick who pops in regularly to volunteer. It is greatly appreciated. I also notice students watering in the mornings. Thank you all so much. It is great to see you taking care of the school. You can all be very proud of our little school. You never know, next year we could win the gardening competition!

With the school holidays approaching, it would be great if we could have a roster of some sort to water. For example – take on the responsibility for one week of looking after the gardens or certain days where someone volunteers to hand water Mrs Buch’s garden and the new gardens and grass around the school. John the groundsman will no doubt take care of the hard yakka, we need 7 people to volunteer to handle watering for one week or to take on one day of watering regular watering.

If you could please email or telephone me if you are able to assist over the holidays. We will also have to arrange a gate key to unlock the gardening shed in case you require anything and a form to sign when you volunteer that can be returned to office in 2016. It would be lovely if all the hard work this year didn’t go to waste over the hot summer.

Thank you in advance to anyone kind enough to volunteer their time.

I look forward to hearing from anyone who can help at school with the watering.

Kind regards
Alicia Snowdon
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0459 792 546

SUBWAY ORDERS FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
As flagged previously we are again offering subway for lunch at our swimming carnival – the last Tuesday of term 4! This is a relaxed, hassle free alternative to packing a lunch & adds to the enjoyment of what is typically a great day.

The order form will go home today with the newsletter – please note that we do need these forms returned no later than THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER. It does take time to collate the orders and then Subway do require notice so WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT LATE ORDERS.

When returning payment the correct change is greatly appreciated.  DON'T MISS OUT – COMPLETE YOUR ORDER NOW AND RETURN TO SCHOOL TOMORROW!!

REMINDER – INFORMATION SESSION FOR OUR DEFFBRILLATOR TOMORROW NIGHT @ 6PM!
The P & C Association has recently purchased a defibrillator that will be housed at The Caves Country Pub and will be available for school and community use in the event of an emergency.  In an effort to promote awareness and confidence in using the defibrillator we are holding an information session at the pub on Thursday 19th November at 6pm and invite all community members to attend.

During this session we will have qualified trainers explaining and demonstrating the use of the defibrillator.  An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) dramatically increases the chance of survival in the event that a person’s heart stops.  We would like to see as many community members there as possible so that we are all confident in using this amazing, simple to use technology.  None of us know when this information could save a life.

There is no need to RSVP and please feel free to spread the word far and wide, we would love to see as many people as possible there to take advantage of this opportunity.  If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact either Jocelyn or Elizabeth.