DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 26 November
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
  - P&C Executive Asbestos Training 6:00pm
  - P&C Meeting 6:30pm

- Friday, 27 November
  - Fair In The Square

- Monday, 30 November
  - Future Leaders’ Parade 2:30pm

- Tuesday, 1 December
  - Ready Set Prep – Pre-prep visit 8:30-10:45
  - Prep Parent Meeting 10:45

- Friday, 4 December
  - Presentation Night 6:30pm

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

This week, we’re focussing on the value of “Freedom”. Freedom is a lot like air. When it is around, you hardly notice it. Once taken from you, you notice it instantly.

Most of our focus over the term has been on respect, knowing right from wrong and being honest and compassionate. Teaching children about freedom almost contradicts many of the values we are working on right now. We often answer many of our child’s “why” questions with “because I said so,” which isn’t exactly imparting freedom. So how do we explain freedom to children without bringing question to our authority as the parent or teacher?

As we teach our children what freedom is, we must also teach them that there are responsibilities that can affect individual freedoms. As a child grows they can earn more freedoms. For example, if a two year old stays in his bed at night he has the freedom to not be in his crib. If a five year old gets himself dressed he can have the freedom to choose what he wears.

However, if children don’t do the things that allow them to have some freedom, we have the authority to take away their privileges. We can also show them some of the things we do to keep our adult freedoms, such as voting, paying taxes, going to work and even volunteering. These are all activities of responsible adults that show our children that everyone has to contribute to keep the privileges that allow us freedom.

RAINBOW AWARDS

VIOLET
Crystal Robson
Allan Weir

OVER THE RAINBOW
Mia Peterson
Callum Stidiford
Amity Merritt
Luke Schneider

POT OF GOLD
Kallum Hick
Bonnie Jones
Evan Peff
Callum Stidiford

POT OF GOLD
Jack Kingston
Katelyn Jones
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s **Nothing But The Best** awards who displayed Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion: Annie Boswood, Mia Broszat & Adrian Hill.

Every school day counts! With only 12 school days left until the end of the 2015 school year, we are ensuring that every remaining school day will be a precious day of teaching.

Please help us achieve our vision of every member of our learning community learning every day in every way by making sure your children attend school every day.

It was lovely to catch up with Mrs Buch and a few of our volunteers at our Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea on Monday. I understand how busy we all are at this time of the year, but if you were unable to attend, please know that your contribution has been valued and appreciated this year!

We are well and truly into what is one of the busiest times of year. As we consolidate the year’s work and reflect on what has been achieved, we also start to think about priorities for 2016. I will be presenting our Annual Implementation Plan for 2016 at the P&C meeting on Thursday, 26 November. I encourage you to attend so that you are aware of our focus for 2016.

Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of attending a forum with Director-General, Dr Jim Watterston. He spoke about the changing role of schools to prepare our students for the challenges of tomorrow, and putting them on the path to success.

Every Queenslander plays a part in making the difference – families, communities, early childhood educators, teachers, principals, support staff and our education partners. By working together we can ensure that our children and young people have the opportunity to benefit from the life changing effects of education and to be resilient and engaged members of their communities.

Your views are being sought on how we can work together to deliver our vision for the future of education in Queensland and how to best support our children and young people to reap the benefits education brings.

You can read more about **Advancing education - an action plan for education** at [http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au](http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au), and contribute your ideas through an online survey, open until 23 December.

I am also delighted to be able to confirm our school’s **Investing for Success** (**I4S**) initiative funding for 2016. The indicative I4S funding for The Caves State School in 2016 is $23,375, and a similar amount is confirmed for 2017. These funds will be used in supporting students and to prioritise local investments that maximise outcomes for students. Allocating I4S funding to schools strengthens the needs-based approach used over the past two years to better reflect recommendations arising from the Australian Government’s **Review of Funding for Schooling** (also known as the Gonski Review).

The funding methodology for the next two calendar years guarantees that schools will receive at least the level of funding they have received this year to ensure that this important funding continues to provide schools with certainty in providing support where it is needed most.

This time of year is also one to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students, and I look forward to seeing you and members of our wider school community at Presentation Night, next Friday, 4 December commencing at 6:30pm.

At the conclusion of Presentation Night, I will be handing over leadership of the school to Ms Dean until I return from leave on Monday, 15 February.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

A very special thank you to Angela McCartney for ensuring that every child received lunch today! Upon her arrival, she discovered that the tuckshop freezer had died and the food was spoilt.

Angela made very speedy alternative arrangements by organising Sausage Sizzle and Chicken Chippies.
TOUCH NEWS

On Saturday, The Caves State School had 7 touch football teams competing in the grand finals. All of our players played exceptionally, showing huge improvement and outstanding sportsmanship.

Special mention to our Under 10 girls team who played in the Division 1 grand final in a very close game getting narrowly defeated in extra time.

A huge thank you to Ms Dean, Lachlan Tait & Darcy Jones who gave up much of their time to coach our teams! Without them the children would not have been able to play. Well done, coaches and players!

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.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

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<td>Our Year 6 students will be celebrating their primary school graduation with bowling, laser tag and lunch. Ms Dean, Lisa and the students are organising this event together. The Year 6 Slide Show will be in Ms Dean’s room from 2:30, after the Graduates share their graduation gift from Miss Porter, a graduation cake.</td>
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<td>The Caves State School will hold the annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival for all students at the Rockhampton Grammar School commencing at 9:00am and finishing by 2:30pm. Students need to be at the pool by 8:45 so that they are ready to swim by 9:00am. Please note that there will be no-one to supervise students at the school on this day.</td>
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<td>Thank you in advance to everyone who will be assisting on the day.</td>
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<td>Pot of Gold Day</td>
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<td>We will be celebrating at The Botanical Gardens. Students are required to be at school no later than 8:45am. The bus is booked for a 9:00am departure. We will leave the park at 12:30pm to return to school for an afternoon of activities that we can enjoy in the air-conditioning. Please make sure Pot of Gold forms are returned by Monday, 7 December!</td>
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<td>Break Up Day will be held at the school on Thursday, 10 December. This will be Free Dress Day. Children need to wear appropriate, safe footwear and sun-smart clothing and must wear broad-rimmed hats. Classroom teachers will be arranging class parties and notes will be sent home from each teacher with all the details.</td>
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<td>Clean Up Day will be held at the school on Friday, 11 December. We understand that some children will not attend as families will leave early to travel. If your child is not attending, please let us know in advance. Children who do attend need to wear work clothes, including safe, closed-in shoes, as they will be helping to clean and move furniture. Children will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch as usual. Children should bring a set of clothes to change into, as they might get wet when cleaning furniture.</td>
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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
Cremes 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.

All Enquiries please phone
Sherri 4936 3389  Bev 4934 2463

Hope to see you at ‘Fair in the Square’

P&C NEWS

Next meeting: Thursday, 26 November at 6:30pm in the 3/4 Maths classroom.
(Asbestos training at 6:00pm)

SUBWAY ORDERS FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A reminder that subway orders for lunch at the swimming carnival are due back no later than THURSDAY,
3 DECEMBER (forms went home last week). 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!!

HELPING HAND FOR THE LIONS ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT FAIR IN THE SQUARE
The Lions do a wonderful job hosting the Fair in the Square each year for our community and I’m sure you
can appreciate what a logistical feat it is to organise such an event. In recent years we have endeavoured
to help the Lions with “manpower” on the night and are again asking if anyone is able to give up even an
hour on the night to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Typically we help out in the food van or selling
raffle tickets, but really wherever a lending hand is needed. If you think you might be able to assist please
let me (Jocelyn) know ASAP via the following: 0418 559 919 / jocelyn@peffcabinets.com.au.

We thank you in advance for your support of this great community event.

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.