FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL
A very warm welcome to our new school year. For my first order of business I have the very great pleasure of announcing the safe arrival of Dustin Carter Lyon on January 21, weighing in at a very healthy 9lb14oz!! Congratulations to Pam and Dale, we wish you all the joys of parenthood, and look forward to having you all for a visit very soon.

I would also like to welcome the new students and their families to our school, and hope that you enjoy your learning time with us. As well as some new students, we also welcome two new teachers this term. Mrs Kelly Pearson is teaching the Year 1/2 class, and Mrs Kaye Kandemir is teaching the Year 3/4 class. We hope that you both enjoy working with all of us.

While Miss Porter is still enjoying her leave over in Great Britain, and teasing all of us with picturesque photos of quaint, snow-covered cottages, we have been sweltering over here organising our classrooms and crossing our fingers for some much-needed rain. I should imagine the temperature difference when Miss Porter returns in Week 4 will be a bit of a shock! Perhaps it will have cooled down a little by then.

I hope all students and their families have enjoyed our brief first week. It was a nice way to start the year, and get settled in. Remember, if you have any questions or queries; please contact your child’s teacher, Mrs Farrell in the office, or myself if I am able to assist.

Yours in education,

Lisa Dean
Acting Principal
Hi everyone!
My name is Kaye Kandemir and it is a pleasure to be here working at The Caves State School with the amazing Years 3 and 4. I was born in Sydney, raised in Mildura Victoria and have been living on the Gold Coast since 2001 and have recently moved to Rockhampton. I am happily married for 23 years with a 21 year old son who is residing in Melbourne due to University commitments. For a little part of my career I did relief and contract work at various State Schools on the Gold Coast, and have been working full time for the past 2 years as a Prep Teacher and English as an Additional Language/Dialect Teacher. I have a Batchelor’s degree in Education (Primary) and graduated from the Queensland University of Technology. My hobbies include watching netball, reading mystery books and walking my little Rambo at the park. I am super excited to be at The Caves SS and know that I will have a fantastic time while teaching and learning at the same time.

Hello Everyone,

My name is Candice Girdler and most of you will remember me from last year when I was doing supply teaching at the school. I’m very excited to be here permanently for 2016 on a Wednesday and Thursday teaching your children Science.

A little bit about me… I’m originally from the little town of Theodore, so when we moved out to the Caves nearly three years ago, it was like going home. My husband, Bruce, is also a teacher and he works at Rockhampton High School and we have two boys, Elijah and Peyton. We love being part of The Caves community and I enjoy coming to the school and sharing teaching and learning experiences with the students, they really are beautiful kids.

I am looking forward to my new position at the school and having fun with the students.

SHOWCASE PARADE
Our showcase parade is Monday 1 February at 2.30pm and we hope to see you all there.
Our Prep class will be introducing Chester and displaying their portraits of him.

The Year 1/2 class will be showcasing their ‘Starfish’ that they made to go with their class name.
The Year 3/4 class will see Alexander, Allan, Jack, Sophie, Elizabeth, Crystal, Shonate & Ciana read an acrostic poem titled Australia.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Our official school times are 8:55am to 3:00pm. It is expected that all children arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:50 so that they have time to prepare for the day and greet their friends and teachers before instruction begins at 8:55.

Children who arrive at school before 8:30am must go directly to the veranda outside the office, with their schoolbags. While there are staff members at school at this time, no-one is officially on duty until 8:55 and our staff are busy preparing for the day, having meetings or performing administrative duties. From 8:30am, all children must report to their classrooms. The teachers will have activities available to the children to encourage their social interactions and the children will also have chores to do to ready themselves for the busy day of learning ahead.
NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Information for Parents

In previous years we have sent home paper copies of letters & permission forms with information regarding happenings around the school. We have had many parents inform us that paper copies are efficient for them as it seems to get lost at some point along the way. To help combat this issue we have decided that all information will be sent home electronically, but we will still continue to send home the yellow permission forms. Please ensure your email address says current with us and this should help with the communication.

Yellow forms

If something is sent home on yellow paper, it means that we need you to return it to us as soon as possible by placing it in the wooden post box outside the school office. If a yellow form is not returned, we will assume that you do not wish to participate. Reminders will not be sent home. Please check your child’s port and remind them to give you any notes on the day they receive them.

Payment options

We do not have credit card or eftpos facilities.

Payments can be made via:

- **Cash** – by placing the money into an envelope, marking it with your child’s name and reason for the payment, and putting it into the locked wooden box on the table outside the office door. Please note that we do not keep a float, therefore, correct money is greatly appreciated
- **Cheque** – by placing the cheque into an envelope, marking it with your child’s name and reason for the payment, and putting it into the locked wooden box on the table outside the office door
- **Bpay** – only invoices over $10 are able to paid by using bpay. You will find these details on the bottom of your invoice. Please note, each child has a different reference code
- **Bpoint** – invoices can be paid using your credit card using the details on the bottom of your invoice. Please note, each child has a different reference code

You will see that on the bottom of the invoices we send home there is the provision for you to enter your credit card details for the school to process. Due to the accounting system that all state schools use, we are not able to remove this section.

Go Maths

Each student from Year Prep-6 will be given a Go Maths Textbook and/or Journal if you have not already purchased one with your items from the booklists. The cost for these will be $20 for Prep, and $32 for Year 1-6. An invoice has been sent home. The payment is due by Friday, 26 February 2016.

Student Resource Scheme

In 2016, The Caves State School will be operating a Student Resource Scheme which enables a parent to enter into a written agreement with the school that, in return for payment of a participation fee of $20 in Term 2 and Term 3 or $40 annually, provides textbooks, resources, consumables and materials for the student’s use.

Parents have the option of paying annually or in Terms 2 and 3. The agreement form including terms and conditions and other relevant information will be sent home. You will be given an invoice at the start of Term 2. Please refer to the payment option section of this newsletter for more information.
**Rainbow Awards**

Students are awarded Rainbow Awards throughout the school year as they demonstrate desired behaviours. A progression is made through the rainbow (Red, Orange, Yellow, etc) to Over the Rainbow and Pot of Gold. Students awarded the Pot of Gold Award are invited to participate in our celebration day activity. Rainbow Awards are a short and long term incentive for positive behaviour in the classroom.

A Rainbow Awards Contract is required to be signed by each student and their parent/s. The contract, as well as information regarding Rainbow Awards will be sent home.

**Headphones**

Headphones are available from the school office at a cost of $8 each. If your child does not already have a pair, we will invoice you. The office will check with your child’s teacher and if your child does not have them, an invoice will be produced. If you do not want to be invoiced for headphones, please contact the school office by Monday, 1 February.

**Dictionaries**

You probably noticed that dictionaries were missing from your child’s 2016 booklist. We have class sets of dictionaries to ensure that all students have the required resource necessary to support their learning for the entire year. There is no charge for the use of dictionaries; however students and parents will enter into a Dictionary Loan Agreement to ensure that the class sets of dictionaries are able to be used in future years. Please sign the Dictionary Loan Agreement which has been sent home and return to the school office by Wednesday 3 February.

**Student Card**

Your child’s student card has been printed on yellow paper and sent home for you to update any necessary details to ensure we have the most recent information. Please mark any changes, or if there are no changes to be made, please just sign it and return it to the school office by placing it in the wooden box just outside the office door by Wednesday 3 February.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student Banking is on Thursdays. School Banking accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. Take in identification for you and your child (such as driver’s license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!

When children make their 10th deposit they will be rewarded with a prize of your choice. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills. An information pack will be sent home to new students or you can collect a pack from the school office.

**BOOKCLUB**

Issue 1 has been sent home today. All orders are due to the school office by Monday, 15 February 2016.
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Our first Student Council activity for the year is a Valentine’s Day Fundraiser Day.

❤️ On Friday, 12 February students are invited to wear as many items of red clothing as possible for a gold coin donation. A tally will be taken of all red items (excluding underwear) worn and a class prize will be awarded to the students who has the most red items.

❤️ Also, a jar full of yummy valentine’s chocolates will also be available to the student who guesses how many chocolates are in the jar. 50 cents a guess or 5 guesses for $5. The jar will be displayed in the office and the school captains will be wandering around with the jar in the morning if you would like to have a guess.

❤️ By a heart-shaped cookie at first break on Friday, 13 February for $1.

BUS MEETINGS – THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2016
Etna Creek Bus 5pm; Barmoya Bus 5.45pm; Rossmoya Bus 6pm. Bus Updates- Etna Creek Bus Run looking into proposed extension. As always all positions will become vacant at the AGM (there generally is only one bus meeting a year), however this year it is worth noting that of the current executive (there is only a President and Secretary) half of them no longer have children at the school and we will need some new faces. Please come along to the bus meeting if your child is currently travelling on a bus. To my knowledge there are no issues but it is a good place to discuss anything bus related. Please look out for your bus form coming home on Monday.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0419 660059.
Thank you, Elizabeth Jones.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE CAVES PLAYGROUP
The Caves Playgroup is on every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am. We are located next to the playground at the school. Playgroup is a fun filled educational time to enjoy with the children (and other parents) through craft, reading books and learning letters and numbers. Cost is $1/week to cover craft costs. Everyone is welcome so come and join us next Tuesday for a cuppa! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287.
Tamara Jones

TENNIS LESSONS AT THE CAVES STATE SCHOOL
Robert Beak is a fully qualified level 2 Professional Tennis Coach. Robert specialises in small personalised classes from beginners through to experienced players. Private lessons or Squad Training and Match Play is available for all ages.

COACHING IS AVAILABLE AT THE CAVES STATE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY MORNINGS FIRST BREAK NEW TERM COMMENCING NOW
For more information phone Kerrie, Beak’s Tennis Ph: 07 49 361 021 / Mob: 0419 026 963

ROCKHAMPTON JUNIOR TENNIS
The 2016 season will start on Saturday, January 30, with fixtures ($10/session) held from 8.00 – 11.00am Saturdays, and from 4.00 – 6.00pm Tuesdays. Coaching ($12/lesson) will also begin on January 30. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phoning 07 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors are employed.
TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY
The Annual Development Day for juniors interested in learning more about Touch footy is open to every child from the ages 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are. Sunday 7 Feb 2016, 9am to 12.30pm (8.30am arrival for registration please). Bring a hat, water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen. Morning tea is provided at no cost. Anyone interested should email Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more details or to register to attend (for catering purposes and to ensure sufficient coaches and support staff are in attendance).

Rockhampton Touch is also holding a junior competition in the first half of the year for Under 10’s, Under 12’s and Under 14’s Boys and Girls Teams, no mixed on Friday night commencing Friday 26 February 2016. Nominations are being called for teams from schools, clubs and individuals to participate in this competition and close on 19 Feb. For more information please call Denise on 0409 631 633.

SURF GROMS
Want a fun and exciting after school or weekend activity? Take part in Surf Groms this term and Learn to Surf! Surf Groms is a national program for 5-12 year olds and encourages kids to participate in the wonderful sport of surfing while beating the summer heat. It is even more affordable this year with a great range of programs and times available. You can even use your Get Started vouchers with us. We have holiday, Saturday morning and after school programs. To register please go to www.surfgroms.com. For enquiries phone Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf on 0488076595 or pateastwood@hotmail.com

FAMILY FUN DAY!
Sunday 14th February, 2016
2pm to 5pm
Kalka Shades, Waters Street, Berserker

Looking for a new adventure? Keen to get into sport? After a sport for the family to play? Come and join Hockey! Catering for all ages from our little under 5’s through to our wiser generation at over 70’s. Our moto ......

friends, family, fitness and fun...

This day is all about the fun of hockey! It’s a great chance for all those out there looking for a ‘come and try’ sport before you sign on, so head on down and meet some of our members and play a mock game along side some of our talented players. We will have a selection of sticks to borrow so no need to bring any equipment, make sure you have joggers and plenty of water!

Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbours!

For all enquiries please contact
Julie Lawden (player coordinator) – 0411069545
Email – nceavencollthlack@lame.com
Web – www.frenchvillehockey.com
Our first P&C Meeting for 2016 will be our AGM on Thursday, 4 February 2016 at 6.30pm.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8:45am for all your uniform needs. I appreciate this time may not suit everyone so please do not hesitate to contact me to make alternative arrangements on 0429 875 287. Remember to wear your uniform proudly and be proud of our school!
Tamara Jones
Uniform Co-ordinator

THE CAVES PLAYGROUP
The Caves Playgroup is an informal group of parents that meet every Tuesday morning between 9-11am at the school near the playground. As well as playing on the play equipment we do craft activities, read books, sing songs and much more. We invite you to come and join in on the fun, everyone is welcome! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287.
Tamara Jones

YOUR P&C AGM & EXECUTIVE ROLES TO FILL
On Thursday 4 February at 6:30pm we have our Annual General Meeting. One of the main purposes of this meeting is to elect members to the Executive & Convenor roles and accept new and renewing memberships. The following is an overview of the roles & their associated responsibilities we will seek to fill Thursday evening:

Executive Roles
- **President** – runs meetings, responsible for all requisite P&Cs Qld and government reporting, liaison between school administration and P&C, oversight of P&C activities generally;
- **Vice-President** – run meetings in the absence of the President and assist President where required;
- **Treasurer** – management & reporting of P&C finances, including payment of accounts, depositing monies, preparing “books” for annual audit;
- **Secretary** – maintain membership register, take and distribute meeting minutes, manage inwards and outwards correspondence register.

Convenor Roles
- **Uniform Shop** – operate the “uniform shop”, including management of stock
- **Tuckshop Convenor** – operation of the tuckshop, including stock ordering
- **Grounds Convenor** – liaison with school administration on grounds maintenance matters, organization of “working bees”

All roles are declared vacant at the AGM & we then seek nominations for each of the roles.

I would ask that all P&C members consider how they may best contribute to our P&C and the school community. Should you feel that an Executive or Convenor role may work for you, I would encourage you to attend our AGM & express your interest. Please keep in mind, tuckshop cannot be run without an executive. **I would also remind all in our community to return your membership form to the school office, before the end of school on Thursday so that membership may be accepted at the AGM.**

A General Meeting and Asbestos Training will follow the AGM – our first for the year and it will be important to look at our priorities and plans for 2016, there is much to be excited about so we hope that you are able to join us!