DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Monday, 29 February - P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday, 2 March - An Introduction to SSP 2:00pm
- Monday, 7 March - School Leaders Parade 2:30pm
- Thursday, 10 March - Bookclub Payment Due
- Monday, 14 March - Crazy Science Payment Due
- Wednesday, 16 March - Crazy Science Artslink 2:00pm
- Saturday, 19 March - Election Day
- Wednesday, 23 March - Fun Run Money & Forms Due
- Thursday, 24 March - Cross Country / Fun Run 9:00am
  - End of Term 1
- Monday, 11 April - First Day of Term 2
- Monday, 18 April - First Aid Refresher Course 3:00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I was very excited to return to The Caves State School this week, and to see all of the children hard at work and excited about learning again. Thank you to Ms Dean and Mrs Farrell, and to all of the staff, who ensured a smooth start to the year for our students.

I had a wonderful time in England and Scotland, and it was only when I returned to Australia that my lungs decided to protest the end of my holiday! I can’t choose just one trip highlight, but I thought I’d share a photo from Loch Ness – I didn’t spot Nessie, despite my best efforts!

2016 is going to be an exciting year at The Caves State School, as we undertake a School Review of all of our operations. The review will be tailored to the individual needs and context of our school, with the purpose of helping our school to continue to lift our performance and improve outcomes for students.

Reviews are conducted in a professional manner by teams of three to four reviewers appointed by the School Improvement Unit. Reviewers may spend between three and six days in a school looking at its operations and speaking with staff, parents, students and other community members. Principals and school leadership teams are involved and kept informed throughout the process.

At the completion of the review, the review team presents its findings to the school’s leadership team. A written report follows that identifies areas for future improvement.

Following the review, schools work closely with their regional office to develop an appropriate response and improvement strategies. The school also shares the findings with their school community and publishes the final report on their website.

Congratulations to the recipients of last week’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed A Fair Go: Riley Nowland, Mia Peterson, Emily Geddes, Ben Jepson.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal
An Introduction to SSP

If we want to dramatically shift literacy levels, and positively change the way students 'learn to learn', we need an approach that has a huge focus on collaboration and teacher support, and on HANDS ON child-centred learning.

Speech Sound Pics (SSP) is a method for teaching reading and writing by developing learners’ phonemic awareness – the ability to hear, identify and manipulate phonemes in order to teach the correspondence between sounds and the pictures that represent them.

The SSP approach speeds up the learning to read, write and spell skills acquisition process for all learners.

Please join us on

Wednesday, 2 March at 2:00pm

in the Prep room to gain an understanding of phonemic awareness, duck hands, lines and numbers, sound pics and spelling clouds.

Parents of all year levels and anyone who wants to help us get Immunised Against Illiteracy is welcome.
SHOWCASE PARADE
Our showcase parade is on Monday, 7 March at 2:30pm. This parade will be our Leadership Parade, and we will be announcing our Student Council representatives from each class, and presenting our 2016 school leaders with certificates. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE
First Aid and CPR
First Aid Response will be delivering a First Aid Refresher Course (including CPR) on Monday, 18 April 2016 at 3pm. The cost for all participants is $100.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to the school office by Monday, 11 April.

SCHOOL FUN RUN / CROSS COUNTRY
We will be holding a School Run for Fun as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Thursday, 24 March in conjunction with our Cross Country.

The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form today to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. Forms & money must be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 23 March. Please don't forget to record your prize. Note: No online fundraising is available at this time.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to the Gold Coast!

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the School Fun-Run event day at the school on Thursday 24 March to help cheer on the students. We will be asking for volunteers and help out on the day so if you are able to assist please contact the school on 49126111 or admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

CLEANER POSITION AVAILABLE
We have a permanent cleaner position of 4.75 hours a week at The Caves State School. The work time for these hours is negotiable – either before or after school. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the school office via email admin@thecavess.eq.edu.au for an application package.

Please be aware that all prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from Blue Card Services. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period.

Applications close at 9:00am on Friday, 18 March. Applications will be accepted at the office, via email (principal@thecavess.eq.edu.au) or by mail.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 2 has been sent home today. All orders are due to the school office by Thursday, 10 March.

FROM THE LIBRARY
In order for children to become good readers, they must read every day. We provide our students with as many opportunities as possible throughout the day to read.

Children must have a library bag to borrow resources from our library, and should bring their library bag to school for their library lesson. The library bag will help keep the resources together, and will also help protect them. The library bag can be a simple cotton drawstring bag or even a pillow case, but no plastic shopping bags please. Items borrowed from the Library remain the responsibility of the person borrowing them. If you would prefer that your child does not borrow from our school library, please notify us in writing so that

Library lesson days are as follows. Please remind the children to bring their library bag on this day.

- Prep & 1/2 - Wednesday
- 3/4 & 5/6 - Tuesday

CRAZY SCIENCE
Wednesday, 16 March at 2pm will be our Artslink Performance for Term 1 called ‘Crazy Science’. An invoice has been sent home today & payment is due no later than Monday, 14 March. If payment is not received on time we will assume you do not want your child to attend.
In a science lab far far away is Australian stage magician of the year, Richard Scholes who takes you on a wild ride in this world-class interactive show. Crazy Science features a hilarious mix of science, magic, illusion, comedy, music and the Arts.

Witness incredible science magic such as giant columns of elephant toothpaste, rockets launching, the world’s weirdest bird, massive smoke rings zooming, levitations, gigantic bubbles, mountains of slime, lightning striking and earth shattering experiments that change the way you see the world around you.

With ten years of scientific research at the University of Queensland behind him, multi-award winning entertainer, scientist and teacher Richards Scholes teaches primary students of all levels about catalysts, reactants, chemical change, science safety, weather patterns, climate change, Earth, space and more!

Crazy Science is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, respond to, and understand important science concepts and processes. Students will become spellbound as Richard concocts some of his favourite experiments.

GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The Caves State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to complete the deposit slip & place the wallet into the locked box outside the school office door before 9:00am.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every 10 deposits earns your child a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

GREATER ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

- Tennis Trials are being held on March 15th from 8am to 3.30pm (approx.) at CQ Regional Tennis Centre (Victoria Park, Lion Creek Rd, Wandal) and nominations are due by Friday 11 March.

- Soccer Trials are being held on March 11th from 4.30pm-6.30pm or 6.50pm-8.30pm at Berserker Soccer Club (Foster St, North Rockhampton) and nominations are due by Wednesday 9 March.

If your child would like to trial, please contact the school office for the necessary nomination & permission forms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COUNCIL UPGRADE TO SCHOOL CARPARK

This is to inform you of Livingstone Shire Council’s intention to develop a concept plan to improve car parking and bus bays at The Caves State School, considering all feasible options.
To start with, Council will need to collect some data on current demand and patterns of car/bus arrivals and departures during morning and afternoon peak times. The usual way we do that is to deploy a few low resolution cameras to capture this data.

We understand that this a very sensitive issue when it comes to filming near schools, however, we take a few additional measures to avoid any potential issues related to privacy, as described below:

1. Install cameras adequately far from the filmed areas, so that recognition of students, parents or vehicles is very difficult. Also note the cameras that we use are of very low resolution, Go-Pro type ones.
2. We handle video clips with care, by installing in only personal workstation of the authorised officer(s), so that nobody else can copy or watch them. Video footages, typically 45 minutes per session X two sessions) are watched by an analysing officer and tabulated in spreadsheet format in terms of vehicle volumes. Video footages are deleted as soon as the study is completed.

Optionally, a representative from the school can be present in choosing camera locations and/or downloading footages from SD cards. We can also provide a copy of the footages to the school if required. Council understands the potential issues in filming near schools, and will take all necessary measures to mitigate any potential concerns from parents and the public.

If you have any concerns, please contact
Amal Meegahawattage
Coordinator Infrastructure Planning, Livingstone Shire Council
Phone: 0749 135 000 or 1300 790 919
Email: amal.meegahawattage@livingstone.qld.gov.au

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

FIT BY VIC TRAINING
Hi, my name is Vicki Fontaine and I am conducting group fitness classes for residents in the Caves, Glendale, Glenlee areas. I cater for all fitness levels, we do a variety of boot camp/circuit style classes. Training days are Wednesday and Friday, 5pm, $10 per session in the Under Cover Area of The Caves State School. Sign up to our Facebook page for updates.
Fit by Vic Training
Cocktail Fundraiser Event

Saturday 21st May 2016 from 6.30pm
Frenchville Sports Club—Capricorn Room
$85 per person including canapes and drinks
(2 Cocktails, Beer, Wine and Soft drinks)
Cocktail attire
Live Music from The Arisokatz
RSVP: by Monday 9th May 2016
rockhampton@autismqld.com.au or 4923 4800

All proceeds donated to Autism QLD The John Villiers centre of Excellence Central Queensland in Rockhampton
Hook in2 Hockey has been developed to give children aged 5-10 years a fun environment in which to learn the game of hockey and perfect the skills in a modified game-based environment.

Over the 4 week program, children taking part in Hook in2 Hockey will:
- Enjoy a fun environment in which to learn the game of hockey and perfect the skills.
- Meet other children and enjoy the positive social experience that team sports provide.
- Join a pathway which can transition them into club-based competitive hockey at youth level.
- By purchasing the Participation Pack, your child will be supplied with all equipment required to play the game of hockey.

Participation Packs cost $40
(Pack includes Kookaburra stick, Kookaburra ball, Stick bag, Shin guards, Mouthguard and a reversible playing singlet)

Please contact Barbara Knowles to register or find out more information,
Mobile: 0419 830 188 Email: rockhock@bigpond.net.au
PUB RAFFLES
Thank you to the two people who have offered to do pub raffles in the next 12 months. This relatively easy fundraiser for the P&C makes approximately $1300 per year which assists our children’s school. Any one family is not expected to do these raffles more than once for the year.

If you are able to assist with this and have lost your note please just email me at anthonyandtamarajones@bigpond.com or call me on 0429 875 287. Thanking you in advance!

Tamara Jones

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