DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, 2 May
- Tuesday, 3 May
- Wednesday, 4 May
- Friday, 6 May
- Sunday, 8 May
- Tuesday, 10 May - Thursday, 12 May
- Monday, 16 May
- Thursday, 19 May
- Saturday, 21 May

- Labour Day Public Holiday
- Football FC 8.00 - 8.45am (for 6 weeks)
- Year 1/2 Parent Meeting 3.00 – 3.30pm
- Mother’s Day Stall gift due
- P&C Mother’s Day Stall
- Captain Active 1.30 - 2.30pm
- Mother’s Day
- NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- School Photo Day
- P&C Working Bee 8am start

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Whilst updating our Dates To Remember section above, I looked at the Term Calendar and realised that we are almost 1/3 of the way through this term already! Time certainly does seem to go faster every year, and we all need to remember to stop and smell the roses occasionally. Our children are young for such a short time that it’s important that we celebrate their childhood with them while we can.

As many of you would know by now, I am currently teaching our Year 1/2 class, and thoroughly enjoying having a class to call my own again. I am working with the Central Queensland HR team to locate a teacher who exemplifies our school motto of Nothing But The Best. I will keep you informed of my decision when a suitable applicant is found.

In other staffing news, congratulations to Mrs Kandermir who has been awarded her full teacher registration as well as a permanent appointment to The Caves State School!

Mrs Lyon has extended her leave until 2017.

Congratulations to Cooper Snowdon, Jacob Trenaman, Joel Schneider, Emily Jones, Riley Rolfe and Alannah Tighe who competed yesterday in the District Cross Country Carnival, and to our 2016 Library Monitors:

Olivia Barnett  Cienna Joyner  Chardonnay Hick  Allan Weir
Emily Jones   Katherine Tait  Katelyn Jones   Luke Schneider
Julia Jones  Joseph Boswood  Matilda Peff
Alannah Tighe  Emily Geddes  Shonate Peterson
We appreciate the generosity of The Caves Progress Association for their donation of $40 towards purchasing a book, and to the Lions Club for their donation of a book, to commemorate Anzac Day.

Thank you to all staff and students who volunteered their time on Monday to participate in the Anzac Day service at The Caves. Anzac Day is an important time for all of us to acknowledge the hard work and sacrifice of our service men and women.

So many of our students were able to support their local community services because of the dedication and commitment of our school staff and their parents.

Thank you also to Vicki Hick for mowing over the Easter holidays while our groundsman was away, to ensure that we all returned to a tidy school.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

RAINBOW AWARDS

Orange
Ryan Kime
Sienna Kingston
Jack Robinson
Jack Schneider
Angus Barnett
Tom Geddes
Brodie Kime

Orange
Mia Peterson
Fletcher Sadler
Adrian Hill
Emily Geddes

Yellow
Abbey Wright
Annie Boswood
Jack Kingston

Yellow
Jake Augusteyn
Joey Snowdon
Joseph Weber

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On photo day, on Thursday, 19 May, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child has been sent a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child's shootkey. Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write 'Mum's order' or 'Dad's order' on top of your envelope. To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355. Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day!
SSP
Take a few minutes to visit http://www.wiringbrains.com/ for ideas and resources for you to support your child speed up the learning to read, write and spell, and to instill a love of learning, and of literacy. Parent membership is available on the site.

The SSP Spelling Piano App is a free app that also supports this program.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL
Thank you every person who donated towards the School Fun Run. We raised $1056 and our Student Councillors are meeting regularly with Ms Schroeter to discuss how we can spend our earnings.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST
Congratulations to the recipients of this month's Nothing But The Best awards!

- **Doing Your Best:**
  Trinity Sadler, Fletcher Sadler and Alannah Tighe

- **Care & Compassion:**
  Ava Hinchcliffe, Amity Merritt and Amber Delaware

- **Honesty and Trustworthiness:**
  Travis Richards, Matilda Peff and Katherine Tait

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is just over a week away. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. Our teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Most of the test-doing skills, such as time management, reading through questions and knowing what to expect, has been taught by our teachers. Our children have also been given the chance to do some practice exams.

Parents can also help their children face the pressure of tests and exams. Many children will cope well with the challenge of tests, exams and assessments but parents and carers should be aware of how their responses can add to, or relieve, the pressure felt by children.

Sometimes children tell us how they are feeling through their behaviour. These changes in behaviour could indicate stress or nervousness:

- being more irritable
- easily upset
- clingy or fidgety
- displaying less interest in activities they normally enjoy

Some children can find it difficult to put into words how they are feeling, so it is often up to parents and carers to recognise that their child needs some extra support.

If you’re worried or you feel your child’s level of stress or anxiety is excessive, then talk with your child’s classroom teacher about how your child is managing at school and the resources our school can offer.
Year 3 Language Conventions

There is one spelling mistake in each sentence. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

At the museum the guide showed us the skeleton of a dinosaur.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

○ My family love’s to sing together.
○ We sing lot’s of different songs.
○ Some songs are our favourite’s.
○ My brother’s a great singer.

Year 3 Numeracy

Jesse hangs 3 T-shirts on a line.
Any T-shirts next to each other share a peg.
He uses 4 pegs.

How many pegs would Jesse use to hang 6 T-shirts next to each other?

A shop sells cupcakes in trays and boxes.
Each tray holds 6 cupcakes.
Each box holds 8 cupcakes.

Molly buys a total of 50 cupcakes.
She buys 4 boxes and some trays.
How many trays does Molly buy?
Year 5 Language Conventions

Which event happened last?
Before we pitched the tent, we cleared the site and spread out the groundsheet that we had borrowed.
- we pitched the tent
- we cleared the site
- we spread out the groundsheet
- we borrowed the groundsheet

Which is a correct sentence?
- Give it to Miss Jones or I.
- Give it to Miss Jones or me.
- Miss Jones or myself will collect it.
- Miss Jones or me will collect it.

Year 5 Numeracy

In a game, each black counter is worth double the points of each white counter.

How many points is each black counter worth?

The pictures show the front, side and top views of an object made of cubes.

How many cubes are needed to make the object?
THE CAVES SHOW
Congratulations to all our students for their beautiful work displayed at The Caves Show on the weekend. Thank you to Mr Hill for his efforts to collecting, displaying & returning all our school work.

Thank you to Pete from The Caves Shop who entered a pumpkin on behalf of the school. The school won $100 in the giant pumpkin competition – schools class. Thanks Pete!

Here are our winners:

**Joey, Sienna & Josie**

**Marshall, Annie, Callum, Angus, Matilda, Abbey, Ava, Tom, Brodie & Evan**

**Sina, Shonate, Katelyn, Amity, Joseph, Emily, Luke, Mia, Matilda & Jack**

**Isaac, Ruqayya, Cienna, Emily, Alannah, Cooper, Brock & Katherine**
News from the Sea Horses

This term our class has two social goals we are working towards. They are both aimed towards helping the children be aware of other’s needs and feelings.

The first is to 'Think before we speak' and we use the following to help us remember. We refer to this regularly during the day and when incidents occur.

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

The second goal is to be a 'bucket filler', not a 'bucket dipper'. We have read a book titled "How full is your bucket?" which explains how we all have imaginary buckets which can be emptied or filled depending on how we interact with each other. A full bucket and we are happy, confident and a good friend to each other. An empty bucket and we are sad, moody and don’t treat our friends well. The children have discovered that when you fill up someone else’s bucket you actually fill up your own at the same time and that is a great feeling. On the flip side they have also learnt that when you dip from someone’s bucket you also take from your own, which doesn’t feel so good.

You can find several versions of the book on YouTube so please take the time to share with your family.
Ninja News!

There’s been lots of changes in the Year 1/2 classroom!
We are now the...

LEARNING NINJAS

Our mission is to learn.

This week in Maths, we have been stealthily learning about flat and 3D shapes.
Bing bang boom! Awesome little cool kids flying their kites happily on a mountain.
- Sina A.

“Oh what was that?” It’s a kite. I wanted one of these. Let’s go fly this big boy.
- Dawson J.

Look a monster! Bang crassh! Help! I fell off. Run the monster is coming!
I was so scared. I was shivering as I got up and ran as fast as I could.
- Chardonnay H.

Ready set go! The girl is winning but then I skate in front. The boy skated in front of me how dare he! They are all at the lead and they see the finish line. It was a tie.
- Mia B.

Boom! Bang! The doors burst open. Out came a bunch of kids with skateboards. They lined up getting ready for the BIGGEST RACE EVER! Ready. Set. Gooooo! And they’re off racing through the room.
- Aeryon S.

Boom! Crash! Through the doors, “I will win” said Luke. 1 metre to go.
“I won” said Amy.
“I came second!” yelled Eliza.
- Elizabeth S.

Kaboom! Went Dawson’s kite. A big explosion. Wa wa wa wa Dawson was in tears. “My kite is gone!”
- Gianu

Football for Children

ANZAC SOLDIER SILHOUETTE

Emily
Matilda
Snape
Crystal
Anna
Charlotte
Dawson
Aeryon
Luke
Allan
Totton
Elizabeth
Daniel J.
The Toilet Apocalypse

JACOB TRENAMAN Yr5

“We should research who is behind the apocalypse on the computer! If it works,” said Adrian.

“Okay,” I agreed. We went to the laptop and did some research. The mastermind was a GIRL! It was our Principal, Miss Porter!! She works at OUR school – The Caves State School!!

“Why would she do this?” I asked.

“Anyway, I didn’t trust her from the start,” we both said together.

“Now we know where to go! Let’s get on our bikes!”

The Annoying New Prep Kid

RILEY BROZAT Yr5

Flash!!! Hey you better stop that.” I said.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! You can’t stop me!!!” yelled the Kid.

“Hey,” said Lilly. “Who were you talking to?

“What? You didn’t see him”? I said.

“No. See who?”

“That prep kid who took my picture just then,” I said.

“Nope. Anyway, in the school paper is a picture of you lying on the ground after you got knocked out in that fight with Blinky Blue,” she laughed.

“Oh yeah, but who in the world would want that in the school paper?” I said.

“Not me for sure,” she said.

“Well whoever did, I don’t really like them,” I said.

Are iPhones better than a Samsung?

OLIVIA BARNETT Yr6

“AAAAHHHH!!! I’ve lost my Wi-Fi connection! AGAIN! I’m going to DIE!!” I screamed.

“Shut up! It’s only Wi-Fi, and it’s not like it’s the end of the world,” said my little sister, Zoe.

“If you had an iPhone like me, you wouldn’t be having these problems,” she said, standing in the doorway of my room, smirking. “IPhones are way better! They make it SO easy to find games!”

“GET OUT OF MY ROOM NOW!!!” I yelled, angrily.

I threw my useless Samsung on my bed with disappointment and disgust.
UNIFORM SHOP
I apologise for the uniform shop being closed over the past two weeks and for any inconvenience this may have caused. In my absence Zanda has kindly offered to assist with the uniform shop. For the next four weeks Zanda will be opening the uniform shop on a Monday from both 8:30-9:00am and 2:45-3:00pm excluding next week as Monday is a public holiday the uniform shop will be opened on the Tuesday from 8:30-9:00am for all your uniform needs.

I have some exciting uniform news - the dresses that have been so highly sought after are ready for purchase. The uniform shop now has dresses available for purchase! The prices are as follows: Dresses Size 8 and under - $45 Dresses Size 10 and up - $50

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 875 287. Remember to wear your uniform proudly and be proud of our school!

Tamara Jones
Uniform Co-ordinator

PUB RAFFLES
A big thank you goes to Petula Jacobs and Marnie Augusteyn who have attended to the pub raffles earlier this year. The pub raffles are a relatively simple way to raise funds for the school P&C which ultimately benefits our children. I am asking if anyone is able to attend to the pub raffles on 27th May or the 24th June which is in 4 and 8 weeks respectively. If you are able to please let me know on 0429 875 287 or email me at anthonyandtamara@bigpond.com. Thanking you in advance!

Tamara Jones

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The P&C’s Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 6 May from 9.00am. Renae Schneider is coordinating this event on behalf of the P&C.

Please make sure you have given your gift to the school office no later than Wednesday 4 May.

Please remember that children need to bring money to school on Friday 6 May to purchase their gift for Mum. We would appreciate it if you could remind children that they should not share money with another child at school.
Community Notices

The CTC Rocky River Run shows its dedication to giving back to the local community by announcing that it will be making a school donation for every student that registers.

To encourage young people to enter, the CTC Rocky River Run will donate $2.00 for each registered student to their primary or secondary school in Queensland.

There is no cap on the number of school children that register for the CTC Rocky River Run. The more students that enter, the higher the donation to their school.

It's a fantastic initiative to get young people involved in a great community event while promoting health and fitness and important issues in Central Queensland. Students can choose to walk or run while enjoying the picturesque views of the Rocky scenery.
Swimming is a life skill and is so important. We are surrounded by water in dams, rivers, creeks, the ocean and backyard pools. **ARE YOUR KIDS WATER SAFE??**

We at Affinity Swim strive to ensure that kids become safe and confident in and around water. We have small class sizes, which allows us to give quality time with each individual child, and provides the best value for money. We also offer private 1 on 1 lessons for children requiring personalised attention.

All our instructors are fully qualified with Austswim and we have a total of 75 years experience.

If you would like more information on swimming lessons for your child, please don’t hesitate to contact us on 49262882.

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**Mother’s Day Family Night**

**Free**

**Thursday 5th May 5.30–7.30pm**

Join us for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for mum
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Give the gift of joy with a Bunnings Gift Card

Bookings recommended for more information or to book speak to a team member in store or go to [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) and locate your nearest store.
28 April 2016

The Premier recently announced the rollout of a $136 million partnership with Telstra that will see schools across Queensland get access to faster broadband.

I'm delighted that The Caves State School will benefit from this program with access to the high speed fibre optic cable due to be completed by Semester 1, 2017.

These new connection will bring the world to students in their classrooms and will help ensure students can access the learning technologies and skills they need for the jobs of the future.

We need to ensure we can teach our students in classrooms that are well-connected and make use of interactive learning.

I look forward to seeing the benefits to the school as the connection comes online.

Yours sincerely

Brittany Lauga MP
Member for Keppel