Welcome to our October newsletter! Where has the year gone?? We find ourselves in the middle of a very busy term with lots of terrific things happening in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on your Term 4 calendar for all of the important dates.

Our Future Leaders’ Parade is coming up in Week 6, where all the students who are hoping for a school leadership position will be giving their speeches. Positions will be announced on Presentation Night. This year, Presentation Night will be Friday 2 December and our theme is “Aussie Christmas Carols”.

Semester Two report cards will be sent home in the final week of school on Wednesday 7 December. If you are having any concerns regarding your child’s academic progress, please contact their teacher at your earliest convenience.

I would like to thank the Lions Club for their ongoing support of our school community and for their generosity of $1000 towards our Vegetable/Sensory Garden and also The Caves Progress Society for their generous donation of $500. We very much appreciate it!

Friday, 11 November, our Year 6 students will be delivering our Remembrance Day service. All family members are invited to our service, which will be held at the flag pole from 10:45 to 11:05, to observe one minute’s silence at 11:00 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Yours in education,
Lisa Dean
Acting Principal
PREP 2017
Names are now being taken for Prep 2017.
If your child was born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, please contact the office.

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

- **Nothing But The Best:**
  ~ Trinity Sadler
  ~ Katelyn Jones
  ~ Nate Everingham

- **Care & Compassion:**
  ~ Sophie Semmler
  ~ Tom Geddes
  ~ Daniel Jacobsen
  ~ Ruqayya Nixon

- **Honesty & Trustworthiness:**
  ~ Cody Funch
  ~ Mia Broszat
  ~ Riley Broszat

- **Respect:**
  ~ Jahmaya Gillies
  ~ Travis Richards
  ~ Jack Kingston
  ~ Julia Jones

RAINBOW AWARDS

**Blue**
Cooper Snowdon

**Indigo**
Jack Robinson
Casey Schuh
Isaac Dodd

**Violet**
Amber Delaware
Adrian Hill
Samuel Jacobsen
Jack Schneider
Mia Swadling
Joseph Weber
Aeryon Schuh
Kelcee Kime
Brodie Kime
Isaac Snowden
Dawson Jones
Shonate Peterson
Ryan Kime
Sienna Kingston
Charlotte Smith
Jahmaya Gillies

**Over the Rainbow**
Annie Boswood
Marshall Boswood
Matilda Brown
Cody Funch
Kallum Hick
Ava Hinchcliffe
Bonnie Jones
Evan Peff
Mia Peterson
Travis Richards
Jessie Watson
Bradley Dinsdale
Tom Geddes
Fletcher Sadler
Callum Stidiford
Shaniya Watkins
Daniel Dinsdale
Ciana Furnell-Hall
Amity Merritt
Luke Schneider
Aeryon Schuh
Sina Abdollahi

**Over the Rainbow**
Sophie Semmler
Mia Broszat
Daniel Jacobsen
Elizabeth Shaw
Sophie Sommerfeld
Chardonnay Hick
Katelyn Jones
Matilda Peff
Riley Broszat
Brock Hick
Ben Jepson
Cienna Journey
Katherine Tait
Jacob Trenaman
Ellie Watson
Olivia Barnett
Nate Everingham
Thalia Hill
Julia Jones
Emily Jones
Cloe Letts
Ruqayya Nixon

**Pot of Gold**
Jake Augusteyn
Josie Jacobs
Sienna Kingston
Ayla Watkins
Trinity Sadler
Lachlan Shaw
Joey Snowdon
Joseph Boswood
Emily Geddes
Dawson Jones
Alexander Weber
Jessy Wedel
Isaak Proposch
Mackenzie Rolfe
Riley Rolfe
Alannah Tighe
Allan Weir

Jack Kingston
Daniel Jacobson
**QPARENTS**

Please keep the QParent enrolments coming!

We have had 18 out of our 60 families complete the process so far.

Parents should have received an invitation email, several times by now and it's great to see that so many parents have registered already. Another invitation will be sent today. If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately.

Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

**DAY FOR DANIEL**

The twelfth annual Day for Daniel 2016 will be held on Friday, 28 October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

**Wear Red for a gold coin donation** and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel in 2016.

**INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA**

The Saddleworld Open Interschool Gymkhana was held last Sunday the 23rd October 2016. Three of our students represented the school in this event: Dawson Jones, Lachlan Sutton and Bonnie Jones. All three children rode very well in extremely miserable (and freezing cold) weather conditions showing outstanding sportsmanship and had a fantastic time! Lachlan and Bonnie both received ribbons in some of their events. Dawson won 5 out of his 8 events giving The Caves State School 1st place overall for Grade 4. St Joseph’s Park Avenue won the primary school section and The Cathedral College won the high school section. Well done to our three students who represented our school so well!

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OUTBACK SAVERS**

Thank you to all the families who currently participate in the Student Banking Program each Thursday here at school. Due to your support, we have won a bag full of sports equipment valued at $200. If you would like to sign up for the Student Banking Program, please see the school office for your pack. P.S. Children who haven’t started school yet are also eligible!
TUCKSHOP DAY – THANK YOU!
A special thank you to our tuckshop volunteers! Tuckshop Volunteers Thank you Day, is Friday 4 November. Tuckshop Day is to recognise the great work and to highlight the important role tuckshops play in school life. Providing nutritious food and drinks means families can have one less task to worry about at the start of their day and helps students to concentrate and learn well in class. Encouraging students to say please and thank you every time they use the tuckshop is important but the work that goes on to prepare the food and keep the tuckshop well-stocked is done behind the scenes.
Thank you to Angela Beveridge and the lovely ladies who have helped throughout the year – Marri-Ann Sadler, Jo Rolfe, Jodie Condon, Kellie Schneider, Kylie Kime, Charlene Blake, Sally Shaw & Zanda Furnell-Hall

THE CAVES PLAYGROUP
The Caves Playgroup is on every Tuesday morning from 9-11 at the school playground. There is so much fun to be had with craft activities, reading books, singing songs and much more! Everyone is welcome! Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Tamara on 0429 875 287.

SCHOOL DENTIST
Dental appointments are due to start Tuesday 22 November and should all be completed within 2 weeks. Medical forms were sent home earlier this week & are due back by Friday 4 November so they can be forwarded to the dental clinic. If you have any questions, please see the ladies in the dental van between 8.30am and 9am or contact the clinic directly on 4920 7553.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS - Freaky Melbourne Cup Dress Up Day
Next Tuesday, 1 November the Student Council is holding a Freaky Melbourne Cup Dress Up Day to celebrate both the Melbourne Cup & Halloween. Students are invited to dress in recognition of either day or a combination of both for a gold coin donation. Please keep in mind that if outfits are not sun smart, children will need to bring their uniform.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone who has volunteered at the school this year to join us for Morning Tea on Monday, 28 November at 9.00am 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, grounds work or by taking on any other job, or in any other way, we’d love for you to join us. Please RSVP to Michelle by Thursday 24th November.

STOCKTAKE
We will soon be commencing our stocktake of all library and reading resources. With over 12,000 individual resources in the school, you will understand that this is a big job that we are required to undertake annually and we appreciate your support in returning library books and reading books by Thursday 24th November.
READY SET PREP
Our 2017 Preps have started joining our current Prep class during their outdoor play session and fruit break from 9:00am to 10:00am on Fridays, and their first Classroom Induction Visit will be conducted on Tuesday, 8 November from 8:45am to 10:45am.

With the increased expectations of the Australian Curriculum, children will be learning literacy and numeracy skills from Day 1. To give our children a flying start, we would like to introduce some of these concepts during the visits and provide them with resources that they may like to work with over the summer break. We will also be conducting some assessment in order to identify those children that may require extra support or extension.

Children will need to wear a shirt with sleeves, and have closed-in shoes, hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit. They are able to wear their uniforms if you wish.

Enrolment Meetings will also be taking place over the next few weeks. When you come to the Enrolment Meeting, please make sure all paperwork is completed and signed by you and your child before the Enrolment Meeting, and remember to bring your child and your child's birth certificate with you!

SHOWCASE PARADE
Our monthly Showcase Parade is Monday, 7 November at 2:30pm.

• Preps will be sharing some of their poems they have written.
• Year 1/2 will be sharing some geography, art & narrative writing
• Year 3/4 will be sharing their pop art
• Year 5/6 will be sharing their experiences from their NKIEEC camp
• The choir will also be performing a medley

Ninja News

During Visual Arts, we have been exploring “Colour Theory”. We have used the technique of “blotting”, colour mixing and interpretation to create our amazing artworks.

For Geography we have been discussing the concept of “special places”. Why are some places so special to us? How do special places make us feel? What is required to care for our special place? We have created drawings of a place that is very special to us.
We have been writing narratives and illustrating them. Our narratives are full of descriptive language, to entertain the reader and keep them engaged. We are also loving creating the illustrations to add more meaning to our already amazing stories. Gone Batty is our first class narrative. We love it! Check out some of our illustrations for Gone Batty.

On a very cold and damp night, Mr M, wearing his finest suit, was walking very slowly through the spooky woods.

The stench of rotten water and smoke was strong; he knew that he was close to the middle of the woods.

Mr M was beginning to lose feeling to his toes, his nose felt like an icicle and it was hard to blink through all of the mud.

All of a sudden the light was gone. Mr M was in darkness in the middle of the woods. The distant sound of bats was getting closer and closer. Mr M had nowhere to go.

The bats had him surrounded, their wings were hitting him, their sharp claws were pulling at this shirt and pushing him lower and lower!

“Beep, Beep, Beep!”

“ARRRRRR!” Mr M, gasped as he jumped up out of bed, with his sheets wrapped tightly around his body and his head stuck in the pillowcase!

“That’s the last time I drank coffee before bed,” Mr M sighed, with relief.
Seahorse’s News

We have all been enjoying the new fairy garden in our outdoor investigation time as well as at lunch time. Many stories and scenarios are played out around the fairy garden.

Lee and I were lucky enough to attend a weekend of workshops with Miss Emma (the creator of Speech Sound Pics) a couple of weeks ago to hone our SSP skills. Although the children were disappointed that they couldn't come to Bundaberg with us to meet Miss Emma, they sent her a special message which included a photo of our class and an individual message from each student. Emma was delighted with the gift and recorded a personal message to the Seahorses.

Lastly, the seahorses would like to share some of their free verse poems they have written this week about their lunch boxes and tuckshop. These were their very first attempts at writing poems and I’m sure you will agree they have done a terrific job. We will be sharing more of our poems at the Showcase Parade.

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YEAR 5/6 CLASS NEWS

NORTH KEPEL ISLAND CAMP

We had a fantastic time on camp in week two (apart from the sand flies!!) and here are some of the terrific things we got to see and do!

Team building activities!

Water catchment study.

Marine debris study Maisie Bay.

Mangrove identification lesson.

Swimming off the beach in the afternoons.

Fishing from the boat “Gundoo Spirit”.


Next Meeting: Monday, 21 November at 6.00pm in the Library

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop continues to open at 8:45am every Tuesday morning. I will endeavour to open extra mornings in November to allow plenty of times for all our pre preps to have the opportunity to purchase uniforms. These extra mornings I will be open are 24/11 and 28/11. I appreciate this time may not suit everyone so if you are needing some uniform supplies and are unable to make it to the uniform shop at this time 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 the Shaw family who attended to the pub raffles last month and to the Trenamen family for volunteering to do the pub raffles next month. The pub raffles are a relatively simple way to raise funds for the school P&C which ultimately benefits our children. Families volunteering to attend to these are very much appreciated!

Tamara Jones
Pub Raffles Co-ordinator

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 that can be created.

Please bring your non-perishable donated items to the school office for this year’s raffle.
Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child, so keep your eye out. If you need more tickets, please see Michelle in the school office.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 2 December at Presentation Night.
Community Notices

Unlocked homes and cars cause property crime to increase – Have you secured your house and car?

On Tuesday October 18, Acting Assistant Commissioner Bruce McNAB launched a strategy 'Property Security Partnership' that will focus on reducing the amount of reported property crime in the Capricornia District.

The Capricornia District sustained increases across all major property offences in 2015/16 compared to the previous year.

These offences involved burglaries to homes, stealing vehicles or stealing from cars. Items stolen included mobile phones, laptops, wallets and cash. In almost every case the home or vehicle was unlocked at the time of the offence.

It also involved offenders stealing bank cards and using the pay wave function to buy goods.

Police are wanting the community to focus on security in and around the home, and this can be achieved through establishing strategies and developing new habits to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a crime.

How to avoid becoming a victim to an opportunistic offence?

- Ensure that your vehicle is locked when you are not using it, this includes when your vehicle is parked in the driveway, carport, or garage.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when you are not using it. This may include car/house keys, wallets, GPS devices, money, handbags, computers, or mobile phones.
- Get into the habit every time you return home, and place your car keys, handbag, wallet, mobile phone and personal items in a cupboard or a safe place that is out of sight and is unknown to other people.
- Ensure that your house is visible to your neighbours and passers-by so that any thieves can be observed. This may mean trimming back trees and shrubs.
- Security lighting can be installed around the perimeter of your property, including over entry ways, along your driveway and the back of the house, revealing any possible hiding places for thieves.
- Ensure that when you leave the house it is secured, this will make it more difficult for opportunistic offenders to gain access to your property.
- Have CCTV systems installed in your home, this can be a deterrent for opportunistic offenders and will be able to assist Police with investigations if an offence was to occur.

Unlocked cars

Police want to remind the community that it is an offence not to secure your vehicle when you are not using it. The penalty for failing to secure your vehicle is a $48 infringement. Police do not want to issue members of the community with infringement notices for this offence, and would much rather work in partnership with the community by implementing strategies to prevent property crime from occurring.