Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. There is still plenty happening right up until 9 December, so make sure you note everything down on your calendars!

We have had an Acting Principal appointed for the first six weeks of 2017, while Miss Porter is still on leave. Her name is Ms Rosalie Welburn, and she has been Principal at Stanwell State School for a number of years, and she is looking forward to spending some time with us at The Caves.

Unfortunately, we still do not have final details about our staffing for 2017, but we do know what the format of our classes will be. We will have a Prep/1 class with Mrs Schroeter; a 1/2 class, possibly with an incoming teacher; a 3/4 class with Mrs Kandemir; and a 5/6 class with myself. Mrs Lyon will also be working three days a week, and Ms Welburn will have a teaching role of some description as well. As soon as we hear any further information, we will share the news with you.

Report cards will be emailed home Wednesday 7 December. They will also be available via QParents, but you will need to sign in to access these, if you have not already.

We have another important birthday milestone for one of our staff members coming up shortly, when our wonderful Mrs Christensen turns 70 on 3 December! We hope Mrs C has a lovely day, and is suitably spoiled by everyone.

As this will be my final Acting Principal newsletter for the year, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas, and also to thank everyone for their support while I have been working in this role. I would like to wish our graduating Year 6 class all the very best for their future schooling, and I look forward to seeing all the bright, happy faces of the students returning to our wonderful little school in 2017.

Yours in education,

Lisa Dean
Acting Principal
NOTHING BUT THE BEST

Congratulations to the recipients of this month’s Nothing But The Best awards!

- **Fair Go:**
  ~ Sienna Kingston
  ~ Angus Barnett
  ~ Isaac Snowdon
  ~ Adrian Hill

- **Responsibility:**
  ~ Jahmaya Gillies
  ~ Kallum Hick
  ~ Chardonnay Hick
  ~ Riley Rolfe

- **Integrity:**
  ~ Charlotte Smith
  ~ Brodie Kime
  ~ Katelyn Jones
  ~ Mackenzie Rolfe

- **Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion:**
  ~ Tom Smith
  ~ Bonnie Jones
  ~ Allan Weir
  ~ Brock Hick

RAINBOW AWARDS

**INDIGO**
Cooper Snowdon
Isaac Dodd

**VIOLET**
Lachlan Sutton
Tyrone Gillies
Rafe Condon
Jack Robinson
Casey Schuh
Isaac Dodd

**OVER THE RAINBOW**
Shonate Peterson
Brodie Kime
Mason Rogers
Lachlan Sutton
Tyrone Gillies

**POT OF GOLD**
Cozy Funch
Kallum Hick
Ava Hinchcliffe
Bonnie Jones
Evan Peff
Mia Peterson
Travis Richards
Jessie Watson
Angus Barnett
Bradley Dinsdale
Tom Geddes
Mason Rogers
Fletcher Sadler
Callum Stidiford
Shaniya Watkins

**OVER THE RAINBOW**
Sienna Kingston
Sophie Semmler
Aeryon Schuh
Trinity Sadler
Lachlan Shaw
Joey Snowdon
Mia Brozsat
Daniel Dinsdale
Ciana Furnell-Hall
Amity Merritt
Luke Schneider
Elizabeth Shaw
Isaac Snowdon
Sophie Sommerfeld
Sina Abdollahi
Joseph Boswood
Emily Geddes
Chardonnay Hick
Katelyn Jones
Dawson Jones
Matilda Peff
Shonate Peterson
Alannah Tighe
Riley Nowland
Charlotte Smith

**POT OF GOLD**
Alexander Weber
Allan Weir
Jessy Wedel
Riley Broszat
Amber Delaware
Brock Hick
Benjamin Jepson
Cienna Joyner
Joel Schneider
Katherine Tait
Jacob Trenaman
Ellie Watson
Olivia Barnett
Nate Everingham
Thalia Hill
Julia Jones
Emily Jones
Cloe Letts
Ruqayya Nixon
Isaak Proposch
Mackenzie Rolfe
Riley Rolfe
Jake Augusteyn
Ayla Watkins
Tom Smith
**VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA**

Morning Tea on Monday, 28 November at 9:00am in the library. Please come so that we can thank you! RSVP to Michelle in the office today 😊

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**SCHOOL DENTIST**

The dental van has been delayed & as yet we do not have a new arrival date. If you have any questions, please see the ladies in the dental van between 8.30am and 9am when it arrives, or contact the clinic directly on 4920 7553.

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**STOCKTAKE**

We are 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 no later than Monday 28th November.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Our Year 6 students did a wonderful job leading our Remembrance Day service on Friday 11/11/16. Congratulations to them for their sensitivity and the respect they demonstrated to all of the Armed Forces, and for the thoughtful way in which they led the younger students to observe one minute’s silence in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

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**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS – CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Student Council are holding a Christmas Theme Free Dress Day on Wednesday 30 November for a gold coin donation. Please remember to dress sun smart.

Guess the Christmas Jar full of Christmas Goodies – 50c per guess or 5 guesses for $2

Student Council members will bring the jar around to each class in the mornings from Wednesday 30 Nov

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**STUDENT BANKING**

The last banking opportunity for 2016 is Thursday 1 December. Please ensure your child’s banking book is placed in the locked wooden box outside the office by 9:00am. Thanks!
END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

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<td>Student Council is holding a Christmas Free Dress Day. For a gold coin donation, wear your favourite sunsmart Christmas shirt, dress or even a Christmas costume! All funds raised will go to Student Council. Don’t forget to have a guess for the Christmas Goodie Jar as well – 50c/guess or 5 for $2</td>
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<td>We will begin promptly at 6:30pm. <strong>The children need to wear their school uniforms.</strong> Costumes for class performances will vary from class to class, but the theme is ‘Aussie Christmas Carols by Candlelight’. If you are unsure what your child needs to bring for their class performance, please contact their class teacher.</td>
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<th>School Leaders’ Graduation Day</th>
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<td>Our Year 6 students will be celebrating their primary school graduation with bowling, laser tag and lunch at Sizzler. Bus transport is being provided by Elizabeth Jones – Thanks! The Year 6 Slide Show will be in Ms Dean’s room from 2:30, after the Graduates share their graduation cake.</td>
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<th>Interhouse Swimming Carnival</th>
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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 2:00pm. Students need to be at the pool by 8:45 so that they are ready to swim by 9:00am. <strong>Please note that there will be no-one to supervise students at the school on this day.</strong> Helpers are needed on the day – please let Michelle know if you can assist as per the note already that has already been emailed home. Transport is the responsibility of parents. Adults may wish to bring chairs.</td>
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<th>Pot of Gold Day</th>
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<td>We will be celebrating at The Capricorn Caves. Students are required to be at school no later than 8:45am for a 9.00am departure. We will leave the park at 1:00pm to return to school for an afternoon of watching movies in the air-conditioning. No uniforms to be worn this day, but you will need a hat, water bottle &amp; your swimmers. All activities are free thanks to the support of The Capricorn Caves &amp; morning tea &amp; lunch are being provided by the school with $150 being donated by the P&amp;C. Please make sure Pot of Gold forms are returned by Monday, 5 December!</td>
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<td>Break Up Day will be held at the school on Thursday, 8 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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<th>Clean Up Day</th>
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<td>Clean Up Day will be held at the school on Friday, 9 December. We understand that some children will not attend as families will leave early to travel. <strong>If your child is not attending, please let us know in advance.</strong> 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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**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME**
At a P&C meeting earlier this term, it was agreed that in 2017, The Caves State School will once again 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 $40 annually ($20 in Terms 2 and 3), provides textbooks, resources, consumables and materials for the student’s use. Details and a Participation Agreement Form will be sent home at the start of the new school year.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Please check lost property before the end of the school year. Anything remaining on Friday, 9 December will be donated to charity.

**2017 BOOKLISTS**
Book Lists have been emailed home and are available on our website [https://thecavess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](https://thecavess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx) Please make sure you purchase everything on your child’s list and make sure it is named, ready for the first day back.
**NO TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK**
Thank you all for supporting the P&C by purchasing tuckshop for your child/children this year. This week, we ran out of everything, so we won’t be re-ordering. This means there will be NO TUCKSHOP on Wednesday 30 November.

**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 by Thursday, 1 December.

If you need more tickets, please see Michelle in the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 2 December at Presentation Night.

**SUBWAY ORDERS FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Please note that we do need these order forms & payment returned no later than 9am, Wednesday, 30 November. 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.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT GET TOGETHER**
Let’s finish off the year with some social & wind down time! The P&C will be offering tea and coffee after Presentation Night in the Multi-Purpose Building. If you would like to join us, please bring of a plate of sweet/savoury items to share. Looking forward to catching up.

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**Community Notices**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Community Meeting at The Caves Hall, Buch Square, Thursday 1st December at 7pm
Regarding the large number of break-in’s and thefts in the local area to collate information and to reduce further incidents in the future. Police have been asked to attend also. If you have information to share or are interested in finding out more please come along.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2017**
Mr Brad Acutt is offering an instrumental music program at The Caves State School throughout 2017. To allow this to go ahead, we will need support from families.

If you are interested in your child learning the guitar or ukulele please see all the details on the enrolment form which will be sent home in the first week back of school next year. Please return your enrolment form as soon as possible so that we can gauge interest. Thank you
AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017
Does anyone need care for their school-aged children, from 3pm weekdays in 2017? I have 10 years of experience as a teacher aide and 17 years as a child-care provider.

If you are interested or have any questions, email me at lisamk70@gmail.com or call 0429 165 309. Thanks, Lisa Kime

SAVE THE DATE – CAVES SHOW
The Caves Progress Association would like to announce that the Caves Show for 2017 will be held on Saturday 29th of April, so save that date for a wonderful family day out!

CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY PROGRAM
These holidays, Camp Australia will be running a fantastic holiday program for primary aged children. There will be loads of fun things for the children to do with countless opportunities to learn, play and make friends. With an endless choice of games, craft, free-play and sports activities, your children are sure to be entertained while parents can relax knowing they are in a safe, secure, fun and comfortable environment. We have so many exciting things to offer these holidays and we’d love to meet lots of new children and their families. We know the holiday period can be stressful time and we would like to make this time of year an easy one. Whether it be everyday or just a few, parents can book children in for any day of the holidays they wish but we will be closed for one week which will be from Monday the 26th of December – Monday the 2nd of January 2017.

Jump on our website and take a look at the program or give us a call, All our contact info is on the Camp Australia Holiday Club website.

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au

Movement Improvement
School Holiday Speed & Agility Camps
Movement Improvement Speed and Agility Camps will help your children to move better, faster and have a head start when it comes to their sport. They will learn the components of running technique, speed, change of direction, first step quickness, and overall movement efficiency.

December - Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th
January – Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th
Hogwood Stadium, Huish Drive, Wondal
Cost $65 includes 3 x 1 hour sessions, drink bottle, sports bag and spiky ball
For bookings or more information phone 4923 7576 or
OUR GARDEN

After a few months of work “our garden” is thriving.

This great asset to our students learning would not have been possible without the generous donations and eager support from The Caves Lions Club $1000, The Caves Progress Society $500 and The Caves State School P&C Association $500.
Our first tomato!
We picked garlic chives from our garden and made garlic bread.
It was yum!
A big THANK YOU to the following people for their assistance in building the garden:

   Jo & Billy Geddes
   Stub & Ainsley Kime
   Michelle & Caitlin Farrell
   Amanda Letts
   Luke Schneider
   Josie Merritt

These donations have made an idea come to life, thank you.