Electronic Payment of Voluntary Contributions - can be made to BSB: 066-109 Account #: 00900114 using the narration ‘fees and your child’s full name’.

From the Principal’s Desk
A busy two weeks for staff and students with more excitement still to come in Term 3. Please read through the newsletter and mark important dates in your calendars so you don’t miss out on anything. We know that educational outcomes of students are improved when there is a strong partnership between school, parents and students and we look forward to seeing as many families as possible joining in the many events on offer this term.

Faction Carnival Events
Our Faction Carnival events kick off with the Jumps and Throws to be held tomorrow commencing at 9am. Those students competing in the Jumps and Throws have been notified in writing. We encourage families to attend, spectators are always a wonderful addition to build the atmosphere.

Our main Faction Carnival events will be held this Friday, 2nd September commencing at 9am. A program of events was sent home with newsletter recipients yesterday. Please consider the environment by bringing your program with you on Friday, we will have limited additional copies available on the day.

Students have been placed into divisions for flat races based on times they ran during Physical Education classes. Students competing in Division A flat races will also compete in a distance race towards Championship points. In some year levels we have a shortage of faction competitors to form teams for our games, you may see students competing for a rival faction. These students are showing great sportsmanship in filling a place in teams and are to be commended.

On The Frog and Toad Café will be on-site for spectators who wish to get a hot tea or coffee and light refreshments. Please be aware students are required to stay in their faction bays during all events. Students will join their family to enjoy lunch but all students must return to the faction bays when events re-commence. The Student Councillors will open the Canteen to sell popcorn and juice boxes for $1.00 each for a short duration at lunchtime, we will announce when they are open.

We want to remind everyone to be Sunsmart during this outdoor event. Remember to apply and re-apply sunscreen, wear a hat and drink plenty of water throughout the day. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful event with as many families as possible. We hope to see you there!

Science Week Excitement
Students have enjoyed a stronger focus on the science learning area throughout Week 6 as Caversham Primary School celebrated Science Week. Our Year 4 students shared their knowledge of robotics and coding with the rest of the school, presenting small classroom based demonstrations of the Edison Robots across the week. The highlight of the week was a special visit from Mr Justin Longbottom, presenting a talk and demonstration of his Phantom 3 Quadcopter. Students and staff learned about the difference between a quadcopter (often called a drone) and a real drone. We would like to thank Mr Longbottom for sharing his knowledge and passion for these wonderful modern applications of science. Students and staff formed the word ‘SCIENCE!’ for a sky-high photo opportunity on the oval.
Reminder – Students with Medication

If your child self-manages their asthma and stores their medication in their school bag, please remember to check the expiry date regularly. With Faction Carnival events on Wednesday and Friday and pollen season upon us this is a good time for a quick check. Please remember to ensure your child has their medication with them each day.

School Council Update

At our recent School Council Meeting we were joined by Special Guests, Shayne Harris & Karen Lithencoff from East Beechboro Primary School. They attended our meeting as we were discussing the ‘Optional Boundaries’ (areas that are within the boundaries of more than one school and therefore families living in these areas have a choice) surrounding Caversham PS. While Caversham PS has to be conservative in the student numbers they accept, East Beechboro PS has got room to grow, and therefore our two schools will continue to work together to ensure all children in our Optional Boundaries are offered a place at school.

I advised the School Council that I had sent a letter to the City of Swan expressing our concern at the lack of footpaths on Coast Rd, and requesting they support the speed limit being changed from 70kph to 50kph, making it safer for our families walking to school. I also sent with the letter, our list of Supporting Signatures that we collected in the School Office. Thank you to all those that took the time to come in and sign the list, we appreciate it. As yet I haven’t received a response from the City of Swan but will keep you posted.

Kim Perkins & Margaret McCarthy reflected on the Independent Public School briefing they attended on 1st August and reported that their presentation went well and was overall a very positive experience. We now have to wait and see if we are one of the schools selected to receive Independent Public School status in 2017.

Carmen from the Caversham P & C, attended the meeting to put forward the option of adding a School Bag to our Uniform. The school bag is a good quality bag and would have the Caversham PS Logo on it. The school council approved this addition to our school uniform, but this item of our uniform will be optional. The P & C will let everyone know when this item becomes available for purchase.

Debbie Drew
School Council Chairperson

NAPLAN Results

Well done to the Year 3 and 5 students who performed very well in the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments in May.

Our Year 3 and 5 students performed the same as or above the All Australian Mean in Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation. Our Year 5 students performed above Like Schools in all 5 assessments and our Year 3 students performed above Like Schools in 3 assessments.

Individual student reports will be sent home with students tomorrow.

Learning Journey Dinner

As the leaves on the large tree in the playground return we know that spring is here! With the cold and rainy weather still with us, do not be deterred from celebrating your child’s learning achievements at the annual Learning Journey on Wednesday 7th September. Classroom doors will be open from 6pm-7pm.

Come along from 5.30pm and enjoy a community shared dinner. We have delicious flavours from India, Philippines, Bosnia and Mauritius to date.

If you would like to contribute a national dish to represent your cultural heritage please fill in the slip below and return to the front office by Friday, 2nd of September. Dishes will be served from 5.30pm.

To assist with catering the International dishes and sausage sizzle are available by pre-order only so please return your order and money by Monday the 5th of September to ensure you enjoy a lovely meal. Bring along some loose change so that you do not miss out on sweets!

In the event of rain the art area and undercover area will be used to serve and enjoy meals.

Volunteer to Contribute to International Community Shared Dinner

I would like to contribute a dish to the International community shared dinner to be held on Wednesday, 7th September serving from 5.30pm. I will be providing a national dish representing (country) ______________________.

Parent Name - _________________________________________ Contact No. ________________________________

Student Name - ____________________________ Room No. ____________

Thank you for supporting this wonderful event.
Reminder: InTerm Swimming PP-Yr 6 Due Monday

Please see the classroom teacher if you have not yet received a copy of the swimming information and permission slips. The cost per student is $44.00, to cover the cost of the bus and pool entry. The cost of swimming instruction is funded by the Department of Education.

Please ensure you return all three of the following items to the classroom teacher by no later than Monday the 5th of September:

- Permission slip
- InTerm Swimming Enrolment Form
- Payment of $44.00 per student

Please ensure you complete all information requested on the forms and return all forms and money at the same time. Please see the office if you need to make changes to your child’s medical information. Families wishing to discuss payment arrangements should please see Mrs Vine in the office.

Run Club – Spare Shoes and Socks

We are nearly at the end of the wetter weather but we have had a request from parents to please ensure if your child participates in Run Club, please send them to school with spare shoes and socks as sitting in wet socks for the day is uncomfortable and could lead to students being unwell. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Crunch ‘N’ Sip

Our school is taking part in The Great Aussie Crunch, joining with schools from across Western Australia to simultaneously crunch on fresh vegetables - and have fun doing it! The Great Aussie Crunch is part of Fruit & Veg September, aiming this year to educate students on the importance of eating more vegetables.

When: Tuesday 6th September at recess in the undercover area.

Please ensure your child brings: some fresh, washed vegetables to crunch on. Maybe a carrot or sugar snap peas, or cut up some capsicum, broccoli, cucumber or celery?

More information is available here; www.crunchandsip.com.au/events

Student Update Forms

Student Update Forms ensure that we have current information on our school system. With the increase in our student numbers these are being sent home in several smaller distributions.

Kindy and Pre-Primary students were completed at the end of last term. Thank you for returning these promptly to your child’s classroom teacher.

Rooms 2,3,12 and 13 students received their letters to take home on Monday 22nd August. Rooms 7,8,15 and 4 will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please check your child’s details and return the forms, even if the details are all correct. Student Update Forms may also have a consent form attached, please complete and return these forms to the classroom teacher.

Our Student Councillors encourage all students and staff to wear their favourite sports teams colours on Friday the 9th of September 2016 for a gold coin donation. Funds raise support the fight against Cancer!
'Sporting Schools' Grant Funds Athletics Coaching

Sporting Schools is a $100 million Australian Government initiative to get children committed to a lifelong love of sport. Sporting Schools specifically aims to help schools increase children’s participation in sport, connect 860,000 children with NSO endorsed sporting opportunities and nurture children’s lifelong love of sport.

Mrs Jeayes successfully secured a grant and organised Athletics Coach Allana Wignall, from Athletics Australia to facilitate training sessions for students to introduce them to a range of different athletic sporting techniques.

We received a lovely email that we would like to share - Allana writes “I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Sarah Jeayes for organising the Athletics Program that I recently conducted. I was impressed by her passionate positive approach to sport for all the students in your school and I wanted to acknowledge this. The students were willing to learn something new and this was a reflection on how Mrs Jeayes and the other teachers have assisted the students in their learning environment.”

Spelling Bee

The finals of the Spelling Bee will be held on Monday the 19th of September from 2pm in the undercover area. Room 4 students will compete towards the end of the Spelling Bee, to accommodate their return from swimming.

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LEARNING JOURNEY SAUSAGE SIZZLE COMBO PRE-ORDER

Wednesday the 7th September - Orders to be collected between 5.30pm and 6pm

Each combo includes a sausage sizzle and either a juice box or can of soft drink for $5. Please ensure these orders are returned along with payment before the end of school on Monday the 5th of September.

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Total Included - No. of sausage sizzle combos _____ x $5.00 = $____________

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LEARNING JOURNEY HOMEMADE DISH COMBO PRE-ORDER

Wednesday the 7th September - Orders to be collected between 5.30pm and 6pm

Each combo includes a single serving of a homemade dish and a soft drink for $8. Please ensure these orders are returned along with payment before the end of school on Monday the 5th of September.

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Total Included - No. of homemade dish combos _____ x $8.00 = $____________

Please note – the selection of your pre-ordered homemade dish on the night will be on a ‘first in, first choice’ basis.