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## Principal's Column

As part of our overall *Strategic Plan 2014-2017*, a key school priority that has been identified is to strengthen and develop effective strategies to engage in genuine community partnerships to maximise student learning. More specifically, our work has been focussed around strengthening partnerships with external agencies and local early childhood providers to share resources for prevention, early identification and intervention for children, particularly in the birth to 8 years phase.

The Department of Education Training and Employment (DETE) has a strong focus on working proactively in the birth to 8 years phase. This is based on the latest research strongly supporting that it is the timely intervention in these early years which provides the greatest determinant of life success for our young people over the long term. Most recently, Caningeraba State School has been fortunate to partner with DETE at a regional level and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI) to collaborate in the Platforms Project in the southern Gold Coast community.

The Platforms Project aims to build a common and collaborative culture between the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector and community members to create an understanding of local needs and priorities, and a shared commitment between services and community members to improve outcomes for local children and families. Platforms Projects are currently being piloted across Queensland in Gympie, Laidley and Hattonvale and on the Gold Coast. Platforms is a nationally recognised program that facilitates and supports place-based service redevelopment, planning and collaborative initiatives. This framework supports and guides communities to:

- Build community partnerships that lead to the reconfiguration of services
- Identify, plan and respond to the needs of children in their community
- Monitor and evaluate their work to ensure outcomes for children are improving

Caningeraba State School has recently participated in two Raising Awareness community workshops hosted by the Murdoch Institute where we have had the opportunity to make

connections with a vast array of agencies, providers and community members within the local Burleigh and Miami communities. This has included ECEC providers, allied services including education, health, communities and local council, non-government agencies and members from the local community.

The Platforms implementation through the Murdoch Institute involves working through an expression of interest process and working with community groups to engage approximately 15 local representatives to participate in a series of training workshops later this year. Caningeraba State School, along with Burleigh Heads and Miami State Schools, has expressed such an interest but the key is ensuring that there is the right mix of local community members and agencies for what is going to be a long term project.

In essence, there is perhaps considerable confusion and a lack of coordinated information about services and agencies that are available to support young families throughout our community. There is such a vast range of locally funded programs and services which can be of such great benefit to families, and yet, the navigation of such services is often quite daunting. It has been refreshing recently to meet face to face with so many community members in one place with the knowledge that we all have the same common purpose. That is to say, that we all wish to maximise opportunities and outcomes in the local community for young children and their families in a more integrated, proactive, collaborative and supportive manner.

The old saying goes that it takes a village to raise a child and so the hard work ahead is that as a community we are going to attempt to bring more of that coordinated "village" approach over the long term. The Platforms Project has been successfully implemented in other states for some years. This is work worth doing and as a school we are committed to the Platforms Project for the long haul.

Regards

**Ray McConnell, Principal**

## Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who purchased items at the Carnival Book Fair. As a result of your tremendous support the Library is able to purchase additional books and resources to the value of \$2000.00.

## P.E. News

### District Cross Country

Students born in 2005, 2004 and 2003 who placed in the top 6 of their age group at the school cross country carnival are invited to join the school team to run at the Oceanic District Cross Country Trial at Pizzey Park on Thursday, 28 May. Selected students need to return permission slips to Mr. O'Toole by the end of this week.

### Auskick

Over 90 aspiring Australian Football stars are shining on the school oval on Monday afternoons as part of AFL's entry level Auskick program. It's great to see our junior school students active with their parents having a kick, handball and a laugh on the oval after school.

### Sporting Schools

The Federal Government's Australian Sports Commission has launched the "Sporting Schools" initiative. Caningeraba had previously been a provider of the Active After Schools Program. Re-badged "Sporting Schools" this program provides greater flexibility to help encourage active participation of our youth in sport, before, during and after school.

This Term, Miss Larissa Josephson is coaching our budding marathon runners before school on Tuesday mornings with a regular attendance of up to 110 students.

Mr. David Page and Mr. Hugh O'Toole will be conducting an Athletics Extension Program for students from Years 4 to 6 after school on Wednesday Afternoons, Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8 from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

Sporting Schools programs are FREE and will offer a variety of different sports in Terms 3 and 4. The sign on sheet is in the PE office although please note numbers are limited to 48 participants on a first come, first served basis.

### Oceanic Softball

If any girls aged 11 and 12 are interested in joining the district softball team to participate in the South Coast Regional Trial then please see Coach, Mr. Kerry Sutton for more information.

### Oceanic Tennis

The Oceanic District Tennis Trial was postponed due to wet weather. Monday, 25 May is the new trial date at GCA Tennis Centre, Christine Ave Burleigh Waters.

**Hugh O'Toole, P.E. Teacher**

## Winter Interschool Sports Draw – Friday 22 May

BOYS SOCCER: Yr 6 at Marymount 6A 12:40pm; 6B 1:35pm; Yr 5 at Broadbeach 5A 12:40; 5B at 1:35pm.

GIRLS SOCCER: 6A St Vincents 12:40pm; 5A Broadbeach 1:35pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Pizzey Park 5A 12:45pm; 6A 1:30pm.

OZTAG: Games at Glennon Park Nerang A teams 1:30pm; B teams 12:45pm.

AFL: From 12:45pm at Salk Oval Palm Beach.

HOCKEY: from 12:45pm at St Andrews College

NETBALL: Mallawa Dr Palm Beach 6A 12:50pm; 6B & 5B 1:20pm; 6C 1:50pm.

## Book Club

Book Club order forms have recently been handed out to students. If you wish to place an order for your child please note payment is due by Monday 01 June.

Please remember, we no longer accept cash as payment for books ordered. All orders can be done online at Scholastic Australia. All information is contained in your order form.

**Warren Bransden, LS Teacher**

## School Banking News

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 deposits and received a bronze certificate:

Damon 6P	Tiana 2B	Lola PM	Rosarna PS
Juliette 3O	Reave 2B	Phoebe PR	Brayden PS
Jackson 3G	Jordan 1/2R	Celice PS	Talen PW

## Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have received a student award at their assembly.

6B	James	2W	Levi
6G	Cade	1M	Liam
6O	Oscar & Narii	1S	Emma
5/6M	Anthony	PM	Bailey
5B	Sharli	PO	Emerson
4S	Evie	PR	Cooper
3O	Lucas	PS	Zenn
2M	Tyson	PW	Dylan
2O	Anni		

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

1. Year 6 Canberra Trip payment of \$200.00 is due by 10:30am Friday 22 May
2. Year 6 Day Camp payment is due by 10:30am Friday 22 May
3. Year 6 Lightning Carnival payment of \$7.00 is due by 10:30am Monday 25 May
4. Prep, 1, 2 & 3 Artslink payment of \$6.00 is due by 10:30am Wednesday 03 June

Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

Date	Year Level	Activity
Friday 22 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Winter Interschool Sport
Tuesday 26 May	Yr 6	Lightning Carnival
Thursday 28 May	Various	District Cross Country
Thursday 28 May	All	P&C Disco P-3 5pm - 6:30pm 4-6 6:45pm – 8:15pm
Friday 29 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Winter Interschool Sport
Wednesday 03 June	Various	ICAS Science

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 25 May	Greta & Kaylah
Tuesday 26 May	Cheryl & Makayla
Wednesday 27 May	Carolyn & Greta
Thursday 28 May	Marnee & Carolyn
Friday 29 May	Maureen

***Katrina & Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors***