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Associate Principal's Column

Why I spend my Lunch Breaks in the Prep Playground

Since the temperature dropped in the last few weeks, I have been wearing black stockings with my school skirts to stay warm in the playground. As I passed by one of our Prepstars who was sitting on the path eating his lunch last week, he looked me up and down and said, "Mrs Heiser, did you get a spray tan?"

Australian Early Development Census

Over the next two weeks our school (Prepstars), along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class.

Once all schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e. data that does not include any children's names, ages, addresses or schools. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au

Learn to be Safe with Emmy

This is a series of free pro-active behaviour workshops delivered to our Year 1 students each year. These lessons teach students how to respond to risky people and situations. Using early learning principles, 'Learn to be safe with Emmy' helps kids to:

- distinguish between 'ok' and 'not ok' situations

- recognise emotions and early warning signs in their bodies
- distinguish between those who are allowed and not allowed in their personal space
- understand the difference between private and public parts of the body
- tell the difference between secrets and surprises
- identify safe community and personal people.

Our Year 1 students will be taking part in these activities early next term. ACT for Kids is a non-profit organisation with more than 20 years' experience delivering evidence-based educational programs to children.

Important Date Claimers

Just a reminder to come along and enjoy the excitement of the athletics carnivals next week.

Monday	15 June	Years 2 & 3
Tuesday	16 June	Prepstars
Wednesday	17 June	Year 1
Thursday	18 June	Years 4, 5 & 6
Friday	19 June	Years 4, 5 & 6

Have a great week!

Margaret Heiser, Associate Principal Prep to Year 2

Readers Cup Gold Coast

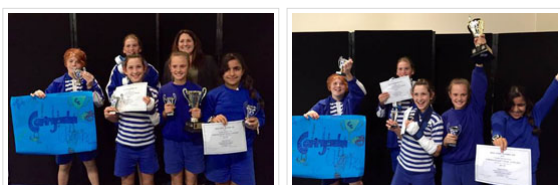
A very exciting night was had on Tuesday 2 June by the Year 6 Readers Cup team - Eden, Rachel, Banjo, Destan and Tadhg. Teams from 26 schools across the Gold Coast met at Hillcrest Christian College to compete for the Readers Cup Gold Coast title. They sat through 5 gruelling rounds of questions and were required to converse and then record their answers all within 30 seconds. At the end of the night, the scores were very close but Caningeraba State School took out first prize.

Each student received a \$25 gift voucher to spend at Symonds Books and a personal trophy and certificate. There is also a large trophy that will be kept in the administration building of our school for the year. Now our team moves onto State Finals in

September, representing our region for yet another fierce and raging battle on the forefront of literature.

Our wonderful team of students worked very hard over the course of the term, reading and studying five books in depth. They deserve much praise for their diligence and focus. This was an extra demand over and above their normal school work.

Well down team Caningeraba for the win. Good luck at State Finals!



NETBALL: Mallowa Dr Palm Beach 6A 12:30pm; 6B in Grand Final 1pm; 6C 1:30pm; 5B 1:00pm.

Helping Hands Caningeraba News

At helping hands this month we have had our worm farm and compost bin to further encourage the children to be mindful of their food waste each morning. Each day a group of children feed the fruit and veggie scraps to the worms. We also have created a pot-plant veggie garden outside our homework room. If any families want to donate any pot-plants we will welcome them with love. The children are looking forward to harvesting their own food, after carefully watering and watching them grow.

The children have improved on their recycling abilities with the aid of different bins for a variety of recyclable items.

Over the next month we have vacation care and these holidays we are jam-packed with some fun and exciting activities such as Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, making our own aquariums, carnival day with 4 other Helping Hands services and Henny Penny Hatching watching their fertilized eggs hatch into little chickens.

School Banking News

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

Erin 2P	Darius 3S	Wyatt 1G
Rose PO	Javian 1P	Elkie PS
Harrison 3O	Inca 3P	Ruby PB
Josephine 3O		

Music News

Cultural Diversity

Music plays an important role in almost all societies and civilizations worldwide. Exposing children to music from different parts of the world will help them to learn about other cultures and recognize differences between cultures. This can also help children develop an appreciation for different cultures and traditions.

Music Class of the Week

Prep Orange - great performance of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on the Boomwhackers

1S - for working well as a team

2O - for pitching given notes

3P - for being superb students - organised and responsible

4M - for knowing musical symbols

5/6M - for having the best knowledge of sycop.

Winter Interschool Sports Draw Finals – Friday 12 June

BOYS SOCCER: 6A in Grand Final St Vincents 1:35pm; 6B St Vincents 12:40pm; 5A Italo Aust Club 12:40pm; 5B Italo Aust Club 1:35pm.

GIRLS SOCCER: 6B St Vincents 1:35pm; 5A Italo Aust Club 12.40pm & 1:35pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Firth Park Mudgeeraba 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 12:40pm at St Andrews College

Student of the Week

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

6G	Destan, Eden, Banjo, Rachel & Tadhg	4G	Josh
4M	Owen & Jake	4S	Shannon
3O	Juliette	2M	Ashlee
2O	Hailey	1M	Alivia
1O	Kiran	1S	Jacob
PG	Leon	PO	Kai & Bianca
PR	Adam	PW	Keidance, Jack & Ariana

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

1. Year 5 Planetarium payment of \$24.00 due by 10:30am Monday 15 June.
2. Year 6 Canberra payment of \$200.00 due by 10:30am Friday 19 June.
3. Year 6 Day Camp payment of \$65.00 due by 10:30am Friday 19 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 12 June	Yrs 5 & 6	Winter Interschool Sport Finals
Monday 15 June	Yrs 2 & 3	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 16 June	Yr 5	Planetarium
Tuesday 16 June	Various	ICAS Spelling
Tuesday 16 June	Prep	Sports Day 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday 17 June	Yr 1	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 17 June	Various	ICAS Writing
Thursday 18 June	Yrs 4-6	Athletics Carnival
Friday 19 June	Yrs 4-6	Athletics Carnival
22 – 26 June	All	Talent Quest
22 – 25 June	Various	Music Camp
Friday 26 June	All	Last day of Term 2
29 June – 10 July	All	Winter Vacation
Monday 13 July	All	Term 3 commences

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 15 June	Marnee & Kaylah
Tuesday 16 June	Cheryl & Makayla
Wednesday 17 June	Carolyn & Greta
Thursday 18 June	Marnee & Carolyn
Friday 19 June	Maureen & Kez

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Merrimac SHS Workshops

Extension workshops offer exciting learning opportunities and challenges for talented Year 5 & 6 students. Participating students will be involved in the full day program that gives insight into the Merrimac SHS Summit Excellence Programs. Visit the school website for program details. Phone or email today to reserve your place in the extension workshop. No costs involved. Ph 5595 8666 or email the.principal@merrimacshs.eq.edu.au by Monday 15 June.

Free School Holiday Craft at the Burleigh Libraries!

Looking for something crafty to do this school holiday? Join us at the Burleigh Libraries for a range of free school holiday programs. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 5581 1700.

CELEBRATION CARD - Create your own designer greeting cards using various types of paper.

Burleigh Waters Branch Library, Wednesday 1 July 1pm-2pm.

VINTAGE PAPER PICTURE FRAMES - Create a colourful vintage picture frame from paper. Burleigh Waters Branch Library, Friday 3 July 10am-11am.

A BOARD GAME FROM PAPER - Create your own board game using the templates provided or by creating your own unique game. Burleigh Waters Branch Library, Tuesday 7 July 2pm-3pm.

ART POPS - Re-imagine great works of art using paper. Burleigh Heads Branch Library, Friday 10 July 10.30am-11.30am.