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## Head of Curriculum

Parents often ask the question 'How can I help my child with maths at home?' Often they think that it's going to mean sitting down with their child at a table and working through page after page of complicated number problems. Caningeraba's SMARTmaths is an approach dedicated to developing creative, passionate, confident and reflective mathematical thinkers and the formal algorithm, or sum, is only a very small part of that. The most powerful thing you can do is to encourage your child to see the mathematical opportunities in every situation and talk to them about their thinking and reasoning. I have listed just a very few ways that you can show your child that maths is purposeful, fun and challenging.

### In the car

- What do the digits on the number plate of that car add up to?
- What is the largest number you could make using the digits on the number plate of that car?

E.g. The number 237 could be rearranged to form 732

- Who can find a number plate where the digits add up to more than 20?
- What number do you get to if you multiply the digits on the number plate?
- Use road signs to identify how much further/closer one place is than another.
- Use road signs and speed to work out how long it would take to get to a certain place. What if you added a dinner stop in?

### At the shops

- Look at packaging to work out best buys e.g. This 500g pack of cereal costs \$4.80 but the 250g one costs \$2.70. Which is the best value?
- If you are paying with cash, let your child work out which notes to use and calculate change
- Ask your child how much two of the item you are buying would cost
- Ask your child to make an estimate of how much the shopping will cost. Often we find that our students

have little concept of what would be reasonable for shopping to cost.

- Talk about kilograms and grams to your child. How much do you think 5 rashers of bacon will weigh at the deli? I need just under a kilogram of mince, can you go and find me the pack that has the closest to that amount?

### In the home

Playing cards are a great way of playing fun games with children.

- Ask your child to add the digits of the first three cards they turn over.
- Deal each player five cards and challenge them to make the largest number
- Deal each player five cards and challenge them to make a given number e.g. the number 35 could be made with the cards 10, 4, 8, 6 and 2 by  $10 \times 4 - 8 + 6 - 3$
- Ask your child to make a sentence using the words less than, more than about cards e.g. the 4 is less than the 8 but more than the 2.
- Ask your child to pose problems with the cards they have. E.g. Amy had 5 lollies more than James but James had 7 less than Tom. If Tom had 9 lollies how many did James and Amy have?

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 28 August – our Gold Coast Show holiday. Your child can return their forms to their class teacher or to the office either before that date or on the Monday following. Every child who participates in the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement which is signed by the Premier.

Regards

**Helen Davidson**

### PE News

### Sporting Schools

A four week Australian Football program has just been completed. From weeks 6 to 10 there will be an Extension Tennis Program available for students from Years 4 to 6.

Parents can sign on at the office. Numbers are limited to 16. This program is free and students should present ability in the sport.

## HOT SHOTS

The Hot Shots Tennis Program will start in week 5 and go through till the end of the term. Specialist Tennis Coaches will come on board to help the Year 3s in Monday's PE classes.

You can register your child (On-Line) for Hot Shots to receive a free t-shirt and all registered students accrue a rebate for tennis equipment for our school.

## Athletics - Champions Day

Well done to Jay, Lydia and Bella for qualifying in the South Coast Athletics Trial. Jordyn will compete in the Oceanic 12-19 Trial to gain selection also. Good luck.

## Interschool Sport

All students have signed on to a team in the Term 3/Term 4 "Summer Series".

Sports on offer are: Cricket, Basketball, Touch, Oztag, Gymnastics, Tennis. Unfortunately we didn't have enough students who wished to play Teeball this year.

## Girls AFL

Gold Coast AFL are starting a Girls AFL league (just for Girls). Registration is free. Games are played on Friday afternoons 5.30pm – 7.00pm. For more info Phone: 55945 722

### Regards

**Hugh O'Toole**

## Story Dogs Needed!

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can't wait to read and the program works!

- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email the Story Dogs so you can start helping children to become better readers

info@storydogs.org.au or phone 0411 536 355 or visit website: www.storydogs.org.au

## Emergency Clothing

If your child has borrowed clothing from sick bay, in particular shorts and girls' underwear, could it please be laundered and returned as soon as possible as we no longer have any spares.

Thank you

## Lost Property

If your child has any lost property, please check the box outside the office, as we have a lot of jumpers, etc, which need to be collected.

## Payment Window Hours

The payment window is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8am and 10.30am. You can also phone between 9.15am and 10.30am on these days to pay over the phone. Alternatively you can pay online at any time or by BPoint.

## Music Is Physical Education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek and facial muscles in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

## Music Class Of The Week

Prep R for super "so" and "mi" sight reading and singing.

1O for sharing a wealth of knowledge about the 4 instrument families.

2P for sustaining each root note in "Wackey Do Re Mi".

3O for displaying a good sense of humour and enjoying the clip "Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom".

4S for enthusiastic attempts at moving through recorder music.

5B for knowing time signatures PLUS fabulous ukulele playing.

## School Banking News

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

Calais PG	Neo PO	Amelie 1O
Jaylen 1S	Fletcher 1P	Jaeda 1B
Dash 1/2R	Samuel 2O	Ashley 3O
Jacob 3B		

Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a silver certificate:

Boh 1O	Kai PO	Harrison 1P
Jesse 1/2R	Jesse1B	Zach 2B
Andrew 2M	Lily 2W	Annie 2W
Sandy 3B	Beau 3O	Jada 3S

## Student of the Week

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

6G	Destan	5P	Izy
4M	Tazmin & Lily	4G	Holly
4S	Shannon	3G	Shanai
3O	Paige	1S	Chase

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

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

## Community Notices

### Visit Our Website

We encourage our parents, carers and family members to visit our website, to see ongoing class activities. New activities on our website are:

***Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator***

Date	Year Level	Activity
Friday 14 August	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sports Trials
Monday 17 August	Recorder Ens	Eisteddfod
Tuesday 18 August	Grade 4 Band	Eisteddfod
Tuesday 18 August	Grade 6 Band	Eisteddfod
Wednesday 19 August	Grade 5 Band	Eisteddfod
Friday 21 August	Jazz Band	Eisteddfod – Evening Performance
Monday 24 August	Strings	Eisteddfod
Monday 24 August	All	School Photos
Tuesday 25 August	All	School Photos
Wednesday 26 August	All	School Photos
Thursday 27 August	Yr 3	Raw Art
Friday 28 August	All	Gold Coast Show Holiday
Friday 4 September	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport Starts
Tuesday 15 September	Yr 4	Swell
Wednesday 16 September	Yr 4	Swell

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 17 August	Tasmyn
Tuesday 18 August	Cheryl
Wednesday 19 August	Carolyn, Esther
Thursday 20 August	Marnee, Carolyn
Friday 21 August	Maureen, Rikki-Lee

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors