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## Principal's Column

You may well have heard me say it before, but I never cease to be amazed by the sheer talent and dedication of our staff, students and families at Caningeraba State School. Our community deserves to be very proud of our students and the very fact that our school supports such a variety of opportunities across a range of endeavours.

In recent times, many students performed at the annual Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ) Speech Contest at Griffith University and our wonderful students displayed their French language skills and acquisition at an exceptionally high level taking away some impressive accolades. Thank you to Madame Wada for her mentoring and tutelage of our students over many years and for giving up her Sunday to support the children.

Three Tournament of Minds teams competed at the Regional Championships last Sunday in the categories of Social Science, Applied Technology and Language Literature. I was fortunate to watch the performance of all three teams and it was obvious how well the students had collaborated on their TOMs challenge through problem solving, scriptwriting, costume and prop making and a huge amount of creativity and thinking on the spot. Once again our community is indebted to our teachers who have given up so much of their personal time to allow our students to shine especially through lunch time, after school and Saturday rehearsals and Sunday competitions. Congratulations to our teams who came away with a first place and second place Honours with the possibility that two teams will progress to State Finals in Brisbane. A very special thank you to our parents for supporting the children and to the considerable team of dedicated teachers who have committed so much of their own time to our TOMs program.

Our instrumental music and choral teachers are in recovery mode after the gruelling Gold Coast Eisteddfod program over this past two week period. This year has been a challenge for all primary schools losing both their Year Six and Year Seven senior students in 2014 and with it, an enormous amount of talented mentors for the younger ones. However, true to form, Caningeraba has risen to the occasion and performed most admirably in a vast array of categories in 2015. Our Year Four students have now stepped up to the plate (not really a music analogy) in what is always a highly competitive

arena of private Independent and State Schools. Our dedicated instrumental and choral teachers, our supportive parents and our talented students have done our school proud and are to be commended for the very high standard of performance at this year's Eisteddfod and the accolades received. The volume of eager musicians and singers is testament to the culture of our school and the commitment and dedication of our wonderful music staff and helpers.

If that wasn't enough, our students are off next week to compete at the State level in the Readers Cup after being announced champion school at the regional level competing against State and Private schools on the Gold Coast. This is a huge achievement and very exciting for our staff and our students and we wish them the very best of success at this event. As you can see, we have a lot to be proud of at Caningeraba State School and our talented students always exceed our expectations in every endeavour.

Regards

**Ray McConnell, Principal**

## LOTE News

### Great results!

Congratulations to our contestants at the MLTAQ speech contest on Sunday 16 August.

### YEAR 6 FRENCH:

1st Place	Eden
2nd Place	Maya
Highly Commended	Rachel

### YEAR 5 FRENCH:

Highly Commended	Matthew
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Caningeraba State School is proud of all the contestants.

**Madame Wada, LOTE Teacher**

## Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds is an international problem solving competition for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Teams of seven are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges over a six week period. This year Caningeraba participated in the disciplines of Applied Technology, Language Literature and Social Science.

On Sunday, our three teams did themselves and our school very proud at the Regional Tournament. Our Applied Technology team was awarded first place, Social Science team members received Honours and Language Literature students produced a wonderful performance they all should be very proud of. All twenty-one students from years five and six worked productively over six weeks to create three very polished and entertaining performances. The Applied Technology team will now compete in State Championships which will be held at Griffith University (Nathan Campus) on Sunday 13th September. Social Science students are anxiously waiting to hear if they get an invite to compete in State Finals this year also. A massive thankyou to the teachers and parents for training and supporting our creative, talented, hardworking and dedicated students.



Well done to all!

## Instrumental Music News

**Got big plans for next year? Don't miss out. Be a part of the BAND!**

We have started recruiting for band and strings in 2016. If your child is in grade 2 or 4 they may be interested in joining our vibrant and successful program.

We will be offering places to students in the following:

Grade 2 for strings, i.e. violin, viola, cello and double bass  
Grade 4 for band, i.e. flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar and percussion.

There will be an information meeting for parents where expression of interest forms will be available for you to fill out. These notes will not be sent out with children and will only be available at the meeting. There will be 2 meeting opportunities for you to meet with our staff as follows.

**Afternoon meeting:** *Wednesday 2nd September 3:00pm Hall*

**Evening meeting:** *Thursday 3 September 6:00pm Science room*

If your child wishes to participate and you are not able to attend either of these meetings, please call to arrange an interview. If you have had a child in the program previously, it is not necessary for you to attend but you are most welcome.

*Lights, stage, audience provided, we just need you - be part of the band... and strings!*

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/>

[how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins](#)

## Chess Tournament Round 3 – REMINDER

The third round of the Gold Coast South Primary Interschool Chess Championships will be held on **Wednesday 2nd September from 9:00 am – 2:30pm at Carrara Basketball stadium**. This event is open to players of all abilities from beginners to A Grade. Entry is **\$18.00**. There will be a teacher from our school at the event to supervise however, students will be required to get their own transport to and from the event.

If you would like your child to participate, please collect and fill out a permission slip from the office and return with money to the payments window in the administration building Friday 26th August. If you have any queries, please feel free to call Renea Christy on 07 5568 6333.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

The school will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion this year. When you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at the:

- School office
- Local Woolworths Stores with collection boxes with Caningeraba's name on it:
  - Burleigh Stocklands
  - Robina Town Centre – Both Stores
  - Super Q Centre, Mermaid Waters.

The school will be able to redeem the points from these cards for some exciting resources to be used at school.

## Father's Day Stall

The P&C Association will be holding a Father's and Other's Day Stall on **Wednesday 2 September** in the Science Centre East Wing (closest to the library) for students to purchase gifts.

For any students absent that day or who forget their money a catch-up stall will be held on **Thursday 3 September from 9am – 12pm**.

Donations of home made goods, non-perishable craft items and other small items would be gratefully received. Biscuits, sweets, truffles/balls are always hugely popular.

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off to the school office (attention to P&C) from Monday 31 August to Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday afternoon we will be setting up the stall in the Science Centre East Wing.

Food donations can be dropped off on Tuesday September 1 to the office in the morning or in the afternoon or Wednesday morning to the Science Centre, before the stall opens to students. Please bag, wrap or box baked goods ready for sale.

Gifts available for purchase by students will range from 50c to \$7. If you would like to help out at the stall please email [pandc@caningeraba.org.au](mailto:pandc@caningeraba.org.au)

Thanks in advance for your support!

## Music News

### Music Advocacy

Science Proves Music Lessons Were The Best Thing Your Parents Ever Did For You.

Though there might have been a few arguments along the way, it turns out your parents were right! Here's a sample of the vast amount of neurological benefit music lessons provide:

1. improved reading and verbal skills.
2. improved mathematical and spatial-temporal reasoning.
3. improved grades.
4. improved IQ.
5. helped you learn languages quickly.

### Music Class of The Week

Prep. Orange for having THE BEST version of "B.I.N.G.O".

1M for focussing on listening to different instruments.

2O for singing "Gold" in tune.

3B for working in double quick time and completing all tasks with time to spare.

4M for 100% effort in all given activities.

5W for enthusiastic singing of our "Music Count Us In" song.

## Council Rate Donation

Gold Coast City Council has for a long time recognised the important role that non-profit organisations play in supporting the growth and development of the City's community network and facilities. Caningeraba State School would like to thank the Gold Coast City Council for their generosity of granting the school a rate donation.

## Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps

At Caningeraba State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the

normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student;
- An education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and/or provision of a consent form completed by the parent/carer.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account at the school, and used for any cost in the future.

## School Banking News

Parents/carers please note that the planet handball is no longer available as a school banking reward.

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

Madalynn 2P	Liam 4M	Jessica 4M	Max 2M
Sango 2P	Hayes PO	Miller PO	Bella 4G

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

Abbey 5S	Max 4M	Rosarna PS	Lucas PS
Jaiden PS	Claudia 1B	Kris 1M	Amani 1S
Chloe 1/2R			

## Student of the Week

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

6G	Samara & Jordyn	5B	Sharli
4G	Simone	4M	Jasmine & Gabby
4S	Camron	1O	Afeni
PG	Oliver	PM	Ceci
PR	Rachael	PS	Brayden

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

1. Summer Interschool Sport payments are overdue and payable now.
2. Chess payment of \$18.00 due by 10:30am Monday 31 August.
3. Year 5 Tallebudgera Camp final payment of \$108.00 due by 10:30am Wednesday 2 September.
4. Prep Raw Art payment of \$8.50 due by 10:30am Friday 4 September.
5. Yr 4 Swell payment of \$17.00 due by 10:30am Monday 14 September.
6. 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
Tuesday 15 September	All	P&C Disco
Wednesday 16 September	Various	Parliament House visit
Wednesday 16 September	4S & 4G	Swell Festival
Wednesday 16 September	SEP	Swimming Fun Day
Thursday 17 September	Various	Afternoon tea for Indigenous families
Friday 18 September	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Monday 5 October	All	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 6 October	All	Term 4 commences
Monday 19 October	All	Student Free Day

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 31 August	Tasmyn
Tuesday 1 September	Cheryl
Wednesday 2 September	Greta & Esther
Thursday 3 September	Marnee
Friday 4 September	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

### ***Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors***

## Community Notices

### Qld Child Protection Week

Come along and learn how you can keep kids safe. Monday 7 September 3pm-5:30pm, Memorial Park, Connor Street, Burleigh Heads. Bring a hat and sunscreen and join us for an afternoon of family fun. Games, live entertainment, obstacle course, face painting, information stalls, boomerang competition and free sausage sizzle. Phone 5656 8600 for further information or email [burleighcpw@actforkids.com.au](mailto:burleighcpw@actforkids.com.au)

### Gold Coast Little Athletics

Gold Coast Little Athletics is now taking new registrations for athletes aged under 6 to under 17 for our 2015/2016 season. Register on-line now [www.goldcoastlittleathletics.com.au](http://www.goldcoastlittleathletics.com.au) details are on the registration page.

Sign on days for registration pack and uniforms are: Saturday 5 September 10am to 3pm and Sunday 6 September 3pm – 5pm.

Date	Year Level	Activity
Friday 28 August	All	Gold Coast Show Holiday
Monday 31 August	Yr 5/6	Indigenous Art Lessons
Wednesday 2 September	All	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 2 September	Selected	Readers' Cup State Finals
Wednesday 2 September	Various	Chess Tournament
Thursday 3 September	Catch-up	Father's Day Stall 9am – 12noon
Friday 4 September	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Friday 4 September	Yrs P-4	Indigenous Art Lessons
14 – 18 September	All	Disability Awareness Week
Tuesday 15 September	4B & 4M	Swell Festival

## **PEACH Program**

Families can now sign up for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH. Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. The program will be held on Tuesdays in term 4 from 4:30-6pm weekly at Coomera Springs State School. For further information phone 1800 263 519 or visit

<http://www.peachqld.com.au>

## **Junior Oztag – Sign Up Now**

Oztag sign up on now at Marymount College 4-6pm. Contact Andrew Pye on 0425 333 807 or visit [www.miamioztag.com](http://www.miamioztag.com) Get tagged, you'll love it!

## **Parents Back at School Free Information Session**

Do you want to find out how you can get \$500 for education costs plus learn how to create wealth for yourself or your family? Learn how to save money for your child's education and get up to \$500 matched savings to help pay school resource fees, textbooks, uniforms etc. Thursday 10 September 9:30am-11am at Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre, Mattocks Road, Varsity Lakes. To book phone Elsie on 5593 7006 or email [bdm@varsitylakes.org.au](mailto:bdm@varsitylakes.org.au). RSVP by 7 September.

## **Family Fun Night Fundraiser**

You're invited to our family fun night on Friday 4 September 5:30pm-8:30pm at 4/9 Rothcote Court, Burleigh Heads. There will be entertainment, music, jumping castle, food, Koala Karma, raffle and fun, huge lucky door prize. Please come and support the opportunity for the Gerardy girls to represent their state and themselves at Aeroskools Nationals. Phone Chantal 0400 107 706 for further information.

## **Nipper Sign-On**

Coolangatta SLSC Nippers are having an Open Day on Sat 29 August and Sign on Days on Sat 29 August and Sunday 6 September. Our Club welcomes new members of all skill levels, and would appreciate if you could include the attached flyer in your school newsletter. Surf Life Saving is built on volunteers and is an amazing family activity and for nurturing a child's confidence, knowledge and skills in the beach environment. The Nipper program is focused on play, participation and fun. Not only do children have fun and meet new friends, they become part of an iconic organisation that has served the Australian community for over 100 years. Phone Naomi on 07 5536 8474 for further information.

## **Visit Our Website**

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

<http://caningerss.eq.edu.au>

**Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator**