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## Principal's Column

### Thank you P&C for our new LED sign.

You may have noticed a big white "Welcome" back to term four on our new digital LED sign at the front of our school site. These old mechanical type signs across Queensland have been an ongoing health and safety concern due to rusting components and maintenance issues. It is for this reason recently that our school sign has been out of service until we could procure a suitable replacement. I can't say a big enough thank you to our hard working P&C for donating the funds to the school to support this project and especially at such short notice. We are in the process of scheduling the software to provide a range of messages far superior to what has been possible in the past. I would also make special mention of Allan Beckhouse, our janitor/groundsman for all the years he has spent winding that sign up and down whilst trying to fit the impossible with limited space and limited letters on many occasions.

### Facilities

Caningeraba State School has elected to be a Direct to Market (D2M) school for now our third year running. As a Direct to Market school, rather than work through a third party Education Queensland agency, we are directly responsible for prioritising all scope of works, managing tender processes, contracts, project management and all financial processes. In my role as principal and Building Manager, I work closely alongside the Business Services Manager (BSM), Mary Anne Packer, to ensure that we can achieve the results we need, in the most efficient and effective way with a close eye on value for taxpayers money. This year we have been able to refurbish the carpet in several classrooms and have continued our ongoing program of replacing fascias on buildings and painting exteriors. A common perception among the general public and trade companies alike can be that there is always plenty of funds to go around in government organisations. The reality is that we have to work very hard with every dollar spent to maximise improvements to our facilities. Our next project will include exterior painting and rejuvenation works on the covered area near the tuckshop and the covered walkways throughout the school.

I have consulted recently with our Regional Facilities Manager to address issues regarding drainage throughout our school.

Many would be aware that in heavy downpours, the concrete path at the back entrance to our school and several other notable areas are problematic and flood with water. A hydraulics engineer has been contracted by Region to compile a report regarding our drainage issues and has met on site with myself and the BSM to assess the issues at hand. In short, as our school was constructed almost 30 years ago and with no surrounding houses at the time, the drainage infrastructure has struggled to keep pace with the growth of school facilities over the years. I am hopeful that in time we will be accommodated with an appropriate solution.

### Operable Walls

Currently we are finalising tenders for the construction of operable walls in five of our double classroom spaces in the Prep to Year 2 area. My roving survey of almost 200 students and 10 staff across the ten classrooms has made it abundantly clear that they want the more fluoro bright pin board colours. These new folding walls will serve the purpose of dramatically reducing noise interference between classrooms but at the same time provide full flexibility of the space as in our school library. There are some very excited children and staff and hopefully this work can be finalised before the end of the school year. It is important to note that the considerable budget for these works is not included in annual facilities funding but rather it is a school based decision and school funded initiative. It has therefore been a deliberate priority to use budget efficiencies to make this long awaited improvement possible. Our future priorities at the present time are to build a much needed storage shed for special sports equipment on the oval and the ongoing plan to upgrade our school hall.

### Arbor Day

Today I had the pleasure of accompanying our student leaders to an annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at the Gold Coast Botanical Gardens at Benowa. Our school received a special invite to plant a tree, a native Bluegum (a Caningeraba theme) along with five other primary schools. Our school was gifted with a Bluegum to plant on our school grounds which will involve a small planting ceremony once we have found a suitable position for this beautiful native but also very large specimen tree.

## Year 5 Camp

I had the privilege of spending the better part of a day with the students on Year 5 camp at Tallebudgera Beach School last week. I enjoyed the walk around Burleigh Headlands with the children whilst soaking up the history of our indigenous people, their approach to sustainability and taking only what you need and living off the land. Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and I'm sure they will cherish their camp memories for many a day. I cannot say thank you enough to our dedicated staff who put their life on hold for a week and provide this opportunity for our students. I see firsthand behind the scenes just how much our teachers give of themselves to ensure the very best experience for all our children. Home sickness, illnesses, and little mishaps along the way never take away from the enjoyment our staff receive from seeing the personal growth in the children that they teach every day.

Regards

**Ray McConnell, Principal**

## ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards

Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan. Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning ( [www.zoowhiz.com](http://www.zoowhiz.com) ) during school hours. Parents are able to access ZooWhiz at home at a very special price by using the Home Access Discount Card.

ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to support your child's progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

Please note: The ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Card must be used to activate a subscription by **19/10/2015** as it will expire after this date.

The ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards were distributed to children last term. If you are unable to locate yours then please contact the Uniform Shop.

## Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children from prep to Year 6.

This service will be provided onsite by the Mobile Dental Clinic. Hours of operation for this clinic are Mon – Fri 8:00am – 4:30pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone 1300 300 850, Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30 pm excluding public holidays.

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child's \$1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets \*eligibility criteria.

\* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp>

## PE News

### Community Kickbacks

Thanks to all parents and community members supporting our school when they make purchases at Amart Sports. 5% of your purchase goes to a credit for the school to spend on sport equipment. Make sure your shopper card is linked to Caningeraba State School.

Caningeraba State School also has a community kickback deal going with Rebel Sport at Robina Town Centre. Mention Caningeraba for a 5% credit to our school.

### Sporting Schools

The free Sporting School Program sports for term 4 on offer are:- T-Ball on Mondays, Weeks 2,4,5,6. and Cricket on Mondays, Weeks 7,8,9,10 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. These programs are for students from Years 3 to 6 to extend their skills and have fun. Sporting Schools offers kids a chance to grasp an understanding and appreciation for sport and allows for pathways to enter Club sport if they wish.

### Years 1 to 3 Swim Program

Students in Years 1 to 3 will be participating in a 6 week swim program on Mondays from weeks 4 - 9. This program is offered at a low cost to allow all students a chance to be "swim ready" for summer.

### Years 4-6 Swim Carnival 2016

2016 will be the first year that the Oceanic District Swim Carnival will be conducted before Caningeraba has theirs. This will mean that any student born 2006, 2005 and 2004 who does club swimming who wishes to nominate for districts must submit their times to their school's PE teachers for consideration.

### 2015 Sports Awards

The Caningeraba State School Sports Awards will be held in the hall on Tuesday 1st November (Week 9) at midday.

**Hugh O'Toole, PE Teacher**

## Uniform Shop News

The new bucket hats have not arrived as yet and may not be here until the 1st November.

We are looking for helpers from the 1st November to help out in the mornings at the Uniform Shop when the book packs should be arriving and we will be needing help on the Prep experience day which is Thursday 19 November.

I have my lovely few ladies that have put up their hand to help again but around this time of year I need so many more as you can quite understand how busy it can get.

Also if anyone can help out the week before school starts and first week back, just a couple of hours or whatever you can

would be great. If you could come and see me in the uniform shop or phone me on 0410 501 351 that would be great.

The booklist prices are not out yet but should be by 1st November.

**Dione Skelton, Uniform and Bookshop Convenor**

## LOTE News

Great news, only 2 more girls to place in families for our French sister school St Jean Baptiste Noumea, New Caledonia, who are arriving in a month at our school (5th November to 12th November). If you are interested, please send your child to collect a letter from me.

St Jean Baptiste students have been visiting our school annually since 1996, although initially with only eighteen year 5 students, compared to 39 students this year. This year again, they have timed their visit with the Gold Coast Bonjour French Festival held at the grounds of the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Designed like a French outdoor market, parents will be able to savour the many tasty French dishes offered by restaurants on the Coast.

Last year's event was fun for visitors and Caningeraba students who will perform on stage followed by our French visitors. Look out for the Caningeraba cancan girls, our French leaders in a play and French-Polynesian entertainment on Sunday 8th November around 12:30pm.

This year, the event has extended to 2 days covering the whole weekend Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November. If you can assist please contact the relevant people as seen in the flyer.

Wishing to see you on Sunday 8th November to support our school and enjoy French food!

**Madame Wada, LOTE Teacher**

## Music News

Music education develops the creative capacities for lifelong success:

1. Sharpens student attentiveness
2. Strengthens perseverance
3. Equips students to be creative
4. Supports better study habits and self-esteem.

## Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep. Orange	for groovy dancing and beautiful singing of "Gold"
Prep. Maroon	for always lining up beautifully
1G	For articulation for the song "Gold"
1S	for pitch recognition
2O	for showing solfege hand signs and keeping in time for continuous rhythmic patterns

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
2B and 2W	for quick reading of space notes on the treble staff
3S	for reading treble staff notes and quality singing
3G	for being a fun but sensible class
4G	for knowing the values of dotted notes
4M	for Auslan signing of the song "Gold"
5W	for working independently during assessment

## Sing it

Children get so much out of singing or being sung to. Singing helps with language skills, memory, rhythm, maths patterns and sounds, which are necessary for early reading. You can sing almost anytime or anywhere.

## Routine Songs

Encourage your child to sing as much as possible. Driving songs when driving, walking songs when walking, eating songs when eating etc.

## Summer Sports Draw – Friday 16 October

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

BOYS BASKETBALL: All teams have a bye

GIRLS BASKETBALL: All teams have a bye

BOYS OZTAG: All games at Mallowa Drive, Palm Beach - 6A & 5A 1:30pm; 6B 12:40pm; 5B 12:40pm.

GIRLS OZTAG: All games at Robina Common - 6A & 5A 12:45pm; 6B & 5B 1:30pm. CRICKET: Mudgeeraba SS 12:40pm.

TENNIS: Christine Avenue each week 12:30pm – 1:30pm.

GYMNASTICS: School hall each week 12:30pm – 1:30pm.

## News from the Chaplain

The Annual Christmas Food Drive starts next week (week 3) and runs until Tuesday 1 December. This food drive is used each year at Caningeraba to provide a little support (food hampers) to families in our school community who could use a little lift over the Christmas break.

Each year we have a friendly competition between classes for the food drive - the class that brings in the highest amount of items wins a pizza party for their class to enjoy. Last year we had a record amount of hampers with over 150 baskets filled to the brim.

The food will be counted and collected from students' classrooms on Tuesday the 1st of December. If you would like to volunteer on this day to help sort and pack the food we would love your help.

For further information please feel free to contact me at the school.

Warm regards,

**Chappy Josh, School Chaplain**

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## Bookclub Orders

Bookclub orders are due by Monday 26 October. Please remember that orders can only be paid for by phone or online at the Scholastic Bookclub website. No cash or cheques are accepted by Caningeraba, only completed order forms can be handed in.

## Library Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Pat Cowling for her kind donation of books to the school library.

## School Banking News

Congratulations to 2B & PO for receiving recent classroom awards in the school banking program! Who will it be next week?

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

Hayden 1/2R	Zara 1M	Coco PS	Bianca PO
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a Silver certificate:

Taylor 3R	Brock 2B	Tiana PM	Patrick PW
Koopa 3O	Alyssa 3O	Tazmin 4M	Sarese 2G
Emily 2M	Ruby 4G	Lotty 4G	Kuma 2G
Kai 1B	Celice PS	Anni 2O	

Congratulations to the following students who have made 30 deposits and received a Gold certificate:

Charlie 4M	Tai 4M	Anthony 2W	Lachlan 1O
Kade 1M	Kruz PW	Jimi 4S	Jakobi 4M
Joel 4G	Kacey 3G	Matthew 5P	Lacey 2M
Lockie 1/2R	Frazer PO	Keira PR	

## Student of the Week

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

6O	Tyler, Tamu & Dylan	6G	Alex
4G	Josh & Kai	4M	Lily
3O	Lachlan, Maddison & Trhanna	3S	Allie

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

1. Years 1 – 3 Swimming payment of \$20.00 due by 10:30am Friday 23 October.
2. Prep – Year 3 Artslink payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Monday 26 October.
3. 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 16 October	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
<b>Monday 19 October</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Friday 23 October	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Monday 26 October	Years 1-3	Swimming
Tuesday 27 October	Prep –Yr 3	Artslink
Tuesday 27 October	Yr 6 Parents	Parent info - Sexuality Talk
Thursday 29 October	All	Music Count Us In 11:30am
Friday 30 October	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Monday 2 November	Years 1-3	Swimming
3 & 4 November	Yr 6	Sexuality Talks
Tuesday 3 November	Yr 3	Poetry Writing
Thursday 5 November	All	St Jean Baptiste Noumea Students arrive
Friday 6 November	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 19 October	Student Free Day
Tuesday 20 October	Cheryl
Wednesday 21 October	Carolyn
Thursday 22 October	Marnee & Carolyn

Date	Names
Friday 23 October	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

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

## Community Notices

### Zootober at the Burleigh Branch Libraries!

Help us celebrate Zootober at the Burleigh Branch Libraries and come along to one of our animal themed sessions: Zentangles - Zen-Out and learn to unwind with the art of Zentangles for ages 12 to 17 years, Burleigh Waters Branch Library, Tuesday 20 October 3:30-4:30pm; David Fleay Wildlife Park - Meet Fleay's resident ranger and some native Australian critters for ages 5 to 12 years, Burleigh Heads Branch Library, Saturday 24 October 10-11am.

Sessions are free, but bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 5581 1700.

### Stepping Stones Triple P

Stepping Stones Triple P is a specially tailored program for parents of children with a disability and autism aged 2 to 12 years. It is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world's most effective parenting programs. Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities. The following Stepping Stones Triple P program has been scheduled through the Robina Disability Service Centre:

***Group Stepping Stones 19th October – 7th December 2015, 10:30am – 1:00pm***

More workshops to come in 2015; please contact Kim Atkinson on 5656 5913 or Lucy Besnard on 3884 7981 or [kim.atkinson@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:kim.atkinson@communities.qld.gov.au) further information or to register, go to:

<http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/>

### Musical Variety Show

Volunteering Gold Coast proudly presents a musical variety show on Saturday 24 October 10am – 12pm at Albert Waterways Community Centre, \$10 per person including morning tea. Bookings essential – 5526 0688 or [entertainment@volunteeringgc.org.au](mailto:entertainment@volunteeringgc.org.au)

### Aloha Hawaiian Night Fundraiser

All funds raised help Broadwater Dragons July 2016 Hawaii tour. Saturday 31 October at Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Road. Doors open at 6pm, spit roast dinner served at 7pm, BYO. Live entertainment and show. All tickets must be pre-purchased from [www.broadwaterdragons.com](http://www.broadwaterdragons.com) For further information phone 0417 079 349 or email [events@broadwaterdragons.com](mailto:events@broadwaterdragons.com)

### Get your kids into the T20 Action

Super fun, social, safe and active – it's cricket & it's a blast! Gold Coast Dolphins – Milo T20 Blast Program, Kerrydale Oval,

Robina. Free for the first 32 girls! Friday 23 October 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

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

## Visit Our Website

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

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

***Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator***