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Associate Principal's Column

Helping Children Succeed at School

As parents we all want our children to be happy and successful at school. We want them to get on well with other children and we want them to achieve to their potential academically. But it can often be difficult to know exactly what we can do as parents to help our children in these areas. Through interacting with large numbers of students and parents over the years and reading various bodies of educational research, I believe I can suggest several helpful strategies for parents who are looking for ways in which they can help their children succeed at school.

- Build a positive attitude toward school in your child. Regularly talk with them about the importance of school and how working hard at school can help them achieve their goals in life. Remind them that the teachers and other school staff are there to help them learn. Your child needs to understand that the school curriculum, procedures and rules are designed to help them get a good education to help them succeed in the future, so they need to try their best to cooperate with their teachers. If your child is clear about the purpose of school, then they will be more likely to focus on putting the necessary effort into their schoolwork.
- Maintain positive contact with your child's teacher. If your child sees that you and the teacher are working together and that you both have the same purpose, then your child will be more likely to cooperate with their teacher and work to the best of their ability.
- Model tolerant, polite and calm behaviour in all of your own social interactions – even in those where you are experiencing conflict. Children generally learn from their parents how to behave in various social interactions. They copy what they see and hear. If you want to increase their chances of making friends with other children, then they need to be shown how to interact positively with others, even when things are not going their way. Children who realise that they have to consider the needs of others, and who know how to cooperate and compromise when necessary, usually have little trouble making friends.

- Read with your children as much as possible, and engage them in meaningful conversation whenever you can. Good literacy and verbal communication skills are central to success at school.
- Praise your children when they try their best. Accept that not every student can always be an 'A' student in every subject. But if children are consistently encouraged and praised for putting in a genuinely good effort, they are more likely to work towards achieving their true potential.

Always be mindful of the fact that the biggest influence in your young child's life is you, as parent/carer. The average child spends around 20% of their waking hours at school over a whole year. That means around 80% of their time is spent away from school, so the things they are exposed to and the values they learn outside of school, especially at home, are central to their development as individuals, and can have a major impact on their achievement at school.

Murray Leak, Associate Principal Years 3 & 4

Caningeraba State School Council Draft Constitution

As part of becoming an Independent Public School in 2015, it is a requirement that we form a school council which will be named the Caningeraba State School Council.

The first stage in this process is to consult with the parents of students attending our school and school staff on the draft constitution. This consultation period will be for a period of 30 days with the draft constitution presented at the October P&C meeting this week. The President of the P&C will call a special meeting at the regular November 23 P&C meeting to provide the opportunity for parents to cast their vote on the draft constitution via a secret ballot. I as principal will also call a special meeting on December 3 for all staff to conduct a secret ballot to accept the draft constitution.

The draft constitution has been placed on the school website under Quick Links. It has not been changed in any way from the draft model provided by the Director General of Department of Education and Training. Changes to the model constitution are rare and have to be approved by the Director General. Nearly all Independent Public Schools operate their school councils under the exact same model provided.

If you have any questions regarding the draft constitution, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Marsha Graham as President of the P&C. If the constitution is accepted as a result of the parent and staff ballot, it will then be forwarded to the Director General for sign off and gazetting. At that time the President of the P&C and I will be the first two members of the school council as per the constitution. This will facilitate the process in term one of 2016 for the election of members of the new school council as outlined in the constitution.

Regards

Ray McConnell, Principal

Dental Van – Procedure Change

The school dental van is currently at Caningeraba State School. In previous years a letter of offer was given to students to take home for parents to return. This letter is no longer sent home.

In order for your child to have an oral health check-up you must phone the dental clinic on 1300 300 850 and make an appointment. If a sufficient response for appointments has not been received in the next week, the dental van will move to the next destination school and will not be returning here for a year or two.

Summer Sports Draw – Friday 29 October

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

GIRLS TOUCH: at Robina Common - A teams 12:45pm; B teams 1:30pm

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

GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL: A teams at Hillcrest College 1:30pm; B teams at Caningeraba 12:40pm.

CRICKET: Caningeraba 12:40pm

SOFTBALL: All games at Coplicks Sports Fields, Tallebudgera at 12:50pm

BASEBALL: All games at Coplicks Sports Fields, Tallebudgera at 12:50pm

Chaplain News

Hi Parents

I have attached a flyer for an 'Ice Cream Party' as a safe option/alternative for parents/carers who are uncomfortable with their child walking the streets "trick or treating". If you have any questions regarding the event please feel free to contact me at the school.

Warm regards

Chappy Josh

Uniform/Bookshop News

School Sport Shirts in sizes 2, 3 and 4 are on sale for \$22.00 until sold out of the old style, due to stock clearance.

Bookpack lists and stock will be ready to purchase from the 2nd of November.

Attention Year 5 Students - the uniform shop now has sample sizes for Senior shirts for 2016.

Please come in and try on for sizes and put your order in early before 13 December 2015.

Final orders and payment must be made before 10:00am Friday 5 February 2016. That is week 2 in 2016 and is fast approaching. No orders / payment can be made after this date.

Dione Skelton, Uniform/Bookshop Convenor

ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards Expiry Date Extended

Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to www.zoowhiz.com and they expire on **21/11/2015**. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to \$89.95 instead of the discounted rate of \$29.95.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has full access to ZooWhiz (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours for FREE. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to partner with our school to further support your child's progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

Music Advocacy

Language

Listening to music with lyrics will help with your child's literacy skills. It will enable your child to pick up language patterns through the rhythm.

Memory

When children hear a familiar tune, it boosts their memory by reminding them of another time they sang or heard that song.

Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep Silver	brilliant listening skills and rhythm writing
1O (again)	lovely behaviour and beautiful singing voices
2M	remembering musical notation from last week
3R	quality not quantity (loud) singing
4S	demonstrating great work ethics
6P	impressive percussion work for the song "Gold"

Lost Property

Throughout the year there have been a number "precious items" handed into the office and have remained unclaimed in lost property. These items range from watches and other jewellery to a selection of keys and other trinkets. As all lost property has to be disposed of at the end of each year I kindly

request that you come and check with the office to see if an item may belong to your child.

The same applies to uniform and other items of lost property such as jumpers, hats, shoes and drink bottles. **Anything unclaimed by the end of term 4 will not be kept, instead it will be recycled or resold in the uniform shop or given to a charity shop.**

So this is a kindly reminder to please come and check lost property on a regular basis between now and the end of term as next year it will be too late.

Plastic Bags Needed

To Parents, HELP! We are in need of plastic bags for library borrowing. If you can assist, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Running Club

Just a reminder that 'Running Club' is on Tuesday mornings with Miss J at 8:15am on the oval. Bring a hat and drink bottle. Available to all grades.

School Banking News

Congratulations to 1B for receiving this week's 'Classroom Award' in the school banking program.

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

Mikayla 6G	Harley 2P
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a silver certificate:

Hinata 3P	Darcy 2G	Evie 1P	Phoenix PO
Christian PW	Felix PO	Fletcher 1P	Hannah PS
Summer PR	Havana PB		

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

Aaron 1/3R	Jack 2M	Jada 3S	Sean 1B
Shanae 1S	Brodie PG	Jayden PO	

Student of the Week

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

6B	Joshua & Mia	6G	Amber
5B	Tiahna	5P	Max
4G	Cobi	4M	Seth & Alicia
3O	Piper	2O	Kaiza

1M	Alex	PM	Yukina & Adela
PO	Charli & Hannah	PR	Annalise

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

1. Yr 6 Sex Ed payment of \$15.00 due by 10:30am Monday 2 November.
2. Yr 3 Poetry Writing payment of \$5.50 due by 10:30am Monday 2 November.
3. Yr 4 Bike Ed payment of \$4.50 due by 10:30am Friday 6 November.
4. Prep to Yr 3 Ditto Safety Awareness payment of \$4.50 due by 10:30am Wednesday 11 November.
5. Yr 6 Drug Awareness payment of \$4.00 due by 10:30am Monday 16 November.
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
Friday 30 October	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Friday 30 October	All	Bandanna Day & Day for Daniel
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
Monday 9 November	Yrs 1-3	Swimming
Monday 9 November	4G	Bike Education
Tuesday 10 November	4S	Bike Education
10 – 20 November	All	Book Fair
Wednesday 11 November	4B	Bike Education
Wednesday 11 November	Prep 2016	Prep Orientation 9am or 6pm
Thursday 12 November	4M	Bike Education

Free Discover Sailing Day at Southport Yacht Club

Sunday 15 November, 9am – 12noon, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell. We welcome all ages. For further information please contact the sailing office on 5537 7030 or sailing.reception@southportyachtclub.com.au

Date	Year Level	Activity
Friday 13 November	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Friday 13 November	Prep – Yr 3	Ditto Safety Awareness
Monday 16 November	Yrs 1-3	Swimming
Wednesday 18 November	Yr 6	Drug Awareness
Thursday 19 November	Prep 2016	Prep Experience Day
Friday 20 November	Yrs 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 2 November	Carolyn
Tuesday 3 November	Help needed!
Wednesday 4 November	Carolyn
Thursday 5 November	Marnee
Friday 6 November	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

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

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

Community Notices

Successful Co-Parenting Workshop

Wednesday 11 November at Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre 9:15am – 1:30pm. The focus of this workshop is to: build resilience in your children; promoting flexibility in difficult co-parenting communication; strategies to assist parents. For more information please contact Melita on 5598 1505.

The Nurturing Balance Workshop

This four hour free workshop is ideal for anyone who finds it difficult to juggle the many tasks and roles they have in life; for people with work colleagues, friends, family members, or, partners that seem to add to their daily workload; and/or people who are generally finding it difficult to maintain the balance between work, life and family. Wednesday 18 November 9:30am – 1:30pm, 16 Third Avenue Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre. Bookings essential, phone 5598 1505.