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Associate Principal's Column

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are all gearing up here at Caningeraba for a great finish to 2015 and a bright start to 2016. Many events are occurring over the next few weeks and it is always wonderful to see how many parents and caregivers come to enjoy the performances and productions.

Our Year 6s are preparing themselves for high school and have many interesting events happening in the next few weeks. I would like to say a very big thank you to all our teachers who ensure that the end of Year 6 is a very special time for the students. Mrs Willgoose puts all the finishing touches to the very special graduation night and works tirelessly behind the scenes with the debating, the finalising of the events, the dance coordination, the visit to the aged facility and the list goes on! Ms Coetzee and Mrs Eades have worked so hard at compiling a year book of a very professional standard. Mr Goonan and Mr Collingridge have organised a fun survivor day and Mrs Baker and Mrs McKeon have coordinated the bears and ball signature mementos. Mr Carlton runs a touch football competition during the lunch hours and Mr O'Toole does a basketball competition. Our students are given so many opportunities and it is pleasing to see all of our students really appreciating all the extra effort that their teachers go to ensure they have a very memorable end to their primary school years.

We have completed our leadership selection process for 2016 and I am very pleased to announce the following students have been elected to these positions.

School Captains	Max Wright Tia Whimpey
School Vice Captains	Matthew Robinson Ella Brinsdon
Student Council President	Channel Ada
Caningeraba Leaders	Jay G Caitlin Cameron Jayden Guarnaccia Taj Wood Charlyse Thompson Sienna Fog Jordan Gerardy Olivia Falconi Pinto

Acacia Captains	Clayton McIntyre Daniel Ross Talas Abell
Banksia Captains	Blaize Fatooros Lydia Teague Ben Eriksen Tia Shore
Bluegum Captains	Mitchell Hurford Cameron McGreevy Amity Bamberry
Eucalypt Captains	Jay Skinner Ella Cooper Akala Keeble
Music Captains	Alex Harding-Smith Amber Coppen
French Captains	Sam Freeman Anisha Caust Sereine Reynier Demi Baxter

Congratulations to all the students who nominated for leadership positions. The public speaking was outstanding and we are looking forward to having a great group of senior students in 2016.

Maria Mott, Associate Principal Years 5 & 6

Principal's Update

A Fond Farewell to Ann Kingston

It is with much sadness that our school community mourns the loss of Ann Kingston who passed away recently. Ann has been a volunteer at Caningeraba State School for over 16 years working in the Support a Reader and Learning Support programmes. Ann has touched the lives of many children and families across the years and the impact of her kind support is immeasurable. Last Friday, Peggy Hall kindly organised a special time for our community to celebrate Ann's contribution to Caningeraba over many years. The heartfelt words and emotion in the room spoke volumes about how the selfless volunteer work of just one person could impact so much on our community and the hearts and minds of those lives Ann touched. Our deepest sympathies to Ann's husband Jim and her extended family.

School Hall and Floor

Over the last couple of months, there has been some considerable concern over the integrity of the wooden floor in our school hall which was built in 2007/2008. Some months ago, two holes in the timber flooring occurred causing concern to the point now where the problem is worsening on a daily basis. Our latest expert opinion is that there is a "phenomenon" which is causing this problem but no accurate understanding as to the reasons why. We are now unfortunately at the point where it would seem that the entire floor will need to be removed and replaced with another alternative. This news does not rest well with me but very much is becoming a reality. Currently we are keeping the floor safe enough for hirers and low impact school functions until we can find a resolution. Education Queensland is now aware of our predicament and we are working together to resolve what will be a time consuming and costly exercise.

For this reason, the disco scheduled for next week has been relocated to the junior campus hall at Varsity College as it is not appropriate for hundreds of children to be dancing at the disco and placing considerable further stress on the floor and risking any mishaps in a darkened setting. It is important to note that we will do everything humanly possible to minimise disruption to hirers and our school community whilst we are dealing with this unforeseen and very complex issue.

Uniform Dress Code – Reminder - Bucket Hats and Caningeraba Skorts

As you are probably aware, the Parents and Citizens association advertised their intention to discuss the introduction of bucket hats and the removal of caps as a permanent change to the uniform dress code item as of the commencement of 2016. Caningeraba State School wishes to protect our children as a Sun Smart school in our Queensland climate and the wearing of caps does not meet the criteria for keeping our children sun safe.

The P&C also raised the issue of including Caningeraba skorts as part of the official uniform dress code. The decisions to introduce the reversible bucket hats with house colours (removing caps from the dress code from the beginning of 2016) and to introduce Caningeraba skorts with the official school logo have been ratified by the P&C for the commencement of 2016.

Therefore, I need to remind parents that caps will no longer be permitted as of 2016, and Caningeraba skorts with the official school logo will be permitted. Skorts from third party agencies without the official school logo are not permitted. Existing broad brimmed uniform hats are still able to be worn until stocks run out. The P&C work very hard to support our school with all funds raised going directly back to our school to support our children. We thank all parents for their ongoing support in keeping Caningeraba a sun safe and proud uniform school.

Regards

Ray McConnell, Principal

Disco – Thursday 3 December

Due to the issues we are having with the flooring in our hall, we will be hosting our Christmas disco at the **Varsity College Junior Campus School Hall** (off Christine Avenue) next Thursday 3 December.

There is some off-street parking on Christine Avenue near the gate closest to the Hall at Varsity College. Parking is also available on Christine Avenue (near Aldi and the Varsity Sports House) and on Bridgewater Drive and surrounding streets.

Times are the same as usual:

Prep - Year 3: 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Year 4 - Year 6: 6:45pm to 8:15pm

Come dressed as elves, Rudolph, snowmen, whatever you like! Anything goes at Christmas (and in this heat!)

A special guest in a red suit will be at the Junior Disco for photos with your friends or on your own.

Door Charge is \$5.00. Music is by the PCYC DJs.

We will be selling lollies, potato chips, chocolates, drinks and (hopefully) icy poles and there'll be a sausage sizzle. Glow and LED party favours will also be on sale at \$4 each.

The Coffee Van will also be there as well for parents wanting a coffee or tea.

Let's all get into the Christmas spirit - come along and enjoy the time with your children.

Helpers for the Disco

As we have to hold the event off school grounds we will be doing as much preparation as we can at school during the day to make set up at Varsity run as smoothly as possible. If you can help during the day, or offer a trailer or assistance to transport our eskies and equipment to Varsity between 3:30pm and 4pm we'd greatly appreciate it.

Please give us a tingle on 0430 359 245 (Marsha), 0452 212 240 (Sandra), 0431 861 708 (Lisa) or 0416 200 840 (Gary) or email pandc@caningerass.eq.edu.au if you are able to help.

***Thank you,
Marsha Graham, President & Sandra Shepherd,
Fundraising Coordinator***

Music Advocacy

Self-Expression

The Family Magazine Group touts music as a great way to allow children to express themselves. Singing, playing musical instruments and dancing are opportunities for children to do what feels fun and enjoyable to them. Allowing children to make their own music and make up their own dances to go along with music will give them the opportunity to develop their own style and interests.

Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PO	fabulous rhythm writing
1B	displaying respect to others during testing activities
2P	performing correct and fluent rhythmic patterns
3P	endless tries to improve personal best scores on recorder
4M	extremely still and quiet during our Lockdown Procedure
5/6M	great effort in writing music compositions

Final Payment Date – Friday 27 November

The finance department and payment office will be closed from Monday 30 December.

No payments – including BPOINT, BPay and internet bank transfer, can be made after **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**.

Book Fair

Many thanks for the tremendous support given to the school Library by all families who purchased items at the Scholastic Book Fair. As a result of your support, we are able to purchase books and resources to the value of \$2,700.00.

Lost Property

Throughout the year there have been a number of “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, it will be recycled, 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 will be too late.

Exchange Trip to New Caledonia 2016

Caningeraba is taking the first steps in preparation for the 2016 exchange trip to New Caledonia. This is an opportunity to involve next year's 5 and 6 students in a real life experience of the French and South Pacific culture through visiting cultural sites and experiencing daily life with homestay families.

It is a natural extension of our French language program and part of the reciprocal agreement established formally with our sister school St Jean Baptiste in 1997.

Children will be engaged in a range of activities and experiences not available within their regular classroom. The cost will be in the vicinity of \$1400. An expression of interest brochure will be distributed to interested children in the next week.

Christmas Food Drive finishes this coming Tuesday

Only 1 week to go for the food drive and many classes are still in the running to win the coveted 'Pizza Party Jamboree'. The 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.

School Banking News

A reminder that next week is your last week to order your rewards. Any orders received after then will be held over until next year.

Congratulations to class 1/2R for receiving this week's classroom award in the school banking program.

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

Rebecca 4S	Leah 4S	Thomas 4S	Charlotte 4G
Beau 3O	Alivia 1M	Jesse 1B	Riley 1G
Claudia 1B	Ash 1G	Lucas PS	

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

Ben 5B	Charlyse 5P	Slater 1O
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Student of the Week

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

6B	Brooke	6G	Bayden
5B	Olivia & Nadine	4G	Mia
4M	Kira & Tresna	3G	Paige
3O	Ashley	3S	Finn
2B	Brandon	2M	Riley
1O	Boh	1S	Aoba
PG	Calais	PM	Charlie

PO	Ivy	PR	Thomas
PS	Coco		

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

1. Student Resource Scheme payments are due by Friday 5 February, week 2 of 2016.
2. 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
Monday 30 November	Yrs 1-3	Swimming
Monday 30 November	Music Dept	Christmas Concert in hall 6pm
Thursday 3 December	Yr 6	Merrimac SHS transition Day
Thursday 3 December	All	P&C Disco Varsity Junior College Hall
Tuesday 8 December	Yr 6	Graduation 6pm
Thursday 10 December	Yr 1	Christmas Concert 9:30am
Thursday 10 December	Prep	Christmas Concert 12noon
Friday 11 December	All	Tuckshop Closed
Wednesday 27 January	All	School commences 2016

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 30 November	Ana & Melissa
Tuesday 1 December	Marnee
Wednesday 2 December	Carolyn
Thursday 3 December	Marnee & Carolyn
Friday 4 December	Rikki-Lee

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours. The program covers nutrition, physical activity, parenting and family focus. Kids love the PEACH program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives. Register now! Free call 1800 263 519 or:

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

Animal Welfare League Qld – Animal Antics School Holiday Activities

Fun, educational activities for ages 6-10 years. Learn about our shelter animals, animal-themed arts and craft, responsible animal care, cuddles with pocket pets, cats and kittens. Places strictly limited, phone 5509 9034 for bookings, education@awlqld.com.au

Australian Wildlife Fundraising Shop

Crystals, homewares, clothing, manchester, furniture. Enjoy a browse in our store, great for Christmas gifts. Buy here and save Australian wildlife and the environment! Crystal exhibition open 7 days 9am to 5pm. 118 Narrow Leaf Road, Advancetown, near Cedar Lake Country Resort. Phone Petra 0488 447 447 for enquiries.

The Arts Centre Gold Coast – Kids Holiday Activities

Creative things to do these school holidays for 3-12 year olds. The Arts Centre has put together a program of artistic workshops and activities to extend children's creative and artistic development over the school break. Activities include – Superhero Training Academy; Circus Smorgasbord; It's Your Voice. Phone 5588 4000

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

Visit Our Website

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

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Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator