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Principal's Column

This year marks our 30th graduating class since the school's opening in 1987. Historically in Queensland, 2015 has brought in the very first year of primary school education with Year 6 at the helm, a course our graduating year six students have navigated with much aplomb. Our senior leaders have stepped up in every way, academically, culturally, social emotionally and in the sports arena.

On Tuesday night this week, we recognised, celebrated and fondly farewelled our graduating Year 6 class of 2015. I just could not be more proud of this beautiful group of exceptionally talented students and it is heart-warming to see how far they have all come and to see who they have become as such confident, caring, supportive individuals. From the stirring rhythm of the Drumbeat students, the musical talent of the Senior Band and the culminating class and year six dances, it was certainly a fitting night to remember our graduates.

Our Year 6 teachers, school staff, Mums and Dads and family members can be deservedly proud of how we always pull together as a community to nurture such fine young people. Our students all looked so grown up, spoke beautifully and performed with so much pride. Congratulations to those students who were the proud recipients of scholarships and awards on the evening.

We are all immensely proud of our senior students. On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish each and every one of them every success for a happy and fulfilling life beyond Caningeraba State School as they move on to high school. We will miss them dearly and want them to come back and visit often. An enormous thank you to Ms Maria Mott, and all our Year 6 staff for their tireless support of our graduating students throughout this year.

The end of year brings with it several staff changes at Caningeraba State School. Sadly, we farewell Mrs Rose Baker, Mrs Sara Jameson, and Ms Nicole Elkins.

Mrs Rose Baker is now retiring after a long and distinguished career with Education Queensland, the past 18 years of which she has been an integral part of our Caningeraba family. Rose is just a beautiful lady with a kind and caring soul. With enormous grace and poise, she has made such a difference in the lives of so many staff, students and their families over her career as

a teacher. Rose has always seen the best in her students and worked with them to bring out their talents and individuality. She has challenged them to think deeply about the world around them and has imparted her wealth of knowledge in all things, especially English, grammar, spelling and vocabulary. Rose has been an active leader in our Tournament of Minds and School Council, having mentored many young creative leaders of tomorrow. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a very happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement with her husband and family.

Mrs Sara Jameson has been our instrumental music teacher extraordinaire for some 15 years at Caningeraba State School. Sara has become somewhat of an institution at Caningeraba, always being a champion to the cause. Undoubtedly her passion, encouragement and strong relationships with students and their families have brought the enormous success and strength of the Instrumental Music Program that we see today. We held our Christmas music concert recently and the parents and students gave a standing ovation for this dedicated lady who has brought so much richness to developing the talents of our students. Sara is moving to Saudi Arabia to be with her husband and family and we wish her every success in her new adventure in a foreign land. You will be sorely missed Sara.

Ms Nicole Elkins has also been working alongside Sara over the past three years in our Instrumental Music program. We have been very fortunate to have Nicole share her expertise with our students. Nicole is an exceptional teacher and has complemented our program beautifully, always being there to support Sara and the students at Eisteddfods, concerts, Fanfare and the like. We really do appreciate your efforts Nicole and will miss your cheery and positive disposition.

Well, who would have thought we would be holding our Christmas disco at Varsity College junior campus? But we did. The final disco was a huge success with our students turning up in droves in all their Christmas finery. I have so much admiration for our wonderful P&C who pulled out all stops, rallied the troops and made sure that our children would not miss out on their final disco. It really was a Caningeraba effort where the community spirit was alive and well. I can't say thank you enough to our P&C and all the mums and dads who helped out carting everything between the two schools on the day. It really was a massive task and thank you to Varsity College for kindly lending their hall.

Semester Two reports will be sent home with students this week. Please take the time to sit down with your child and discuss the report with them. Be sure to praise them for areas where they have achieved well through hard work and areas in which they have improved. Also it is important to help them reflect on where they can seek to improve for next year and maybe set some goals for 2016.

School will resume next year on Wednesday 27 January, with Tuesday 26 January being the Australia Day Holiday. Monday the 25th of January has now been designated as a flexible Student Free Day. I wish our parents, staff and students a safe, relaxing break, and a joyous Christmas and happy new year over the festive season. See you in 2016!

Ray McConnell, Principal

Library Thank You

Thank you to the Evans and the Pryce Fernandez families for their kind donation of books to the school Library.

Student of the Week

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

5P	Max & Brody	4M	Jack
4S	Evie	2M	Brianna
2W	Annie	1M	Chloe
PG	Mia	PM	Brooklyn
PR	Gabbie	PS	Elkie
PW	Ben		

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
Tuesday 9 February	Yr 6	Student Leader Induction
Wednesday 10 February	Yrs 4-6	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 18 February	Various	District Swimming Carnival

Community Notices

Paradise Diving Club – Holiday Program

Try Springboard Diving this summer at the new Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Southport. Come and flip and have some fun! Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 January and Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 January 2016. 8:45am – 12:15pm on all days. Contact Kevin on 0415 787 207 or email kevyhall1@gmail.com

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

Date	Year Level	Activity
Friday 11 December	All	Tuckshop Closed
Friday 11 December	All	Last day 2015 school year
2016		
Monday 25 January	All	Student Free Day
Tuesday 26 January	All	Australia Day Holiday
Wednesday 27 January	All	School commences 2016