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Principal's Column

Welcome back to all our continuing families and a very warm welcome to our new families for 2016. I trust that all families enjoyed a restful break with their children across the festive holiday season. I'm pretty sure our first week of school this year may have been the shortest week in school history. The first three days provided a very settled and smooth start to our school year, which in large part was due to the quality of the enrolment information provided by parents at the end of last year.

Day 8 this week, which determines our staffing resources across the school for 2016, will see approximately 1031 students in total enrolments from Prep to Year 6 compared with 988 last year. Caningeraba will be operating 41 classes at this stage, placing us at almost maximum building capacity. I am hopeful that by Friday this week our Day 8 numbers will be such that there will not need to be any significant changes to class formations. This all depends on numbers on that day. Our 150 Prep Stars have transitioned well into full-time, formal schooling and for the most part are extremely settled and adapting well to school life.

In 2015 I announced our intention to implement MindUp, a social emotional learning curriculum across our school from Prep to Year 6. To this end, many preparations were put in place to have approximately 100 teaching and non-teaching staff trained in MindUp over two student free days in readiness for our 2016 school year. Unfortunately, only a day prior to the end of the 2015 school year, and for reasons beyond our control, we were advised that the training could not proceed on the student free days.

The Hawn Foundation which designed the MindUp curriculum requires very strict protocols for accredited trainers with only one training facilitator in Australia at this time. Several staff have been trialling this program over the past 18 months, receiving much praise from parents, teachers and students. Whilst we are very disappointed and our best laid plans could not go ahead, we are determined to progress this agenda. Given that the health and well-being of our community is our first and most important core belief, we will continue to explore avenues in this area. It is still the intent of many staff in the meantime to trial the curriculum under the guidance of our Guidance Counsellor, Kate Alcorn.

An important theme throughout our three day student free day program was continuing to align our school vision and four year Strategic Plan 2014-2017. Once again, we reflected on the core beliefs of our school which lie at the very heart of our culture and should be at the forefront of our daily work in aligning with our vision. We need to ensure that our daily practice reflects our core beliefs and is therefore visible across our school. Our vision and beliefs are listed below to reaffirm our core purpose at Caningeraba State School.

Our Vision

Caningeraba is a community committed to educating happy, healthy, confident 21st century learners.

We Believe:

- *The health and well-being of our school community is key*
- *Literacy is the foundation for success in the 21st century*
- *Students come first in all that we do*
- *Every child deserves the opportunity to improve and succeed*

- *Every member of our community is a learner and can improve and succeed*
- *Parents and community play a vital role*
- *21st century learning requires a renewed focus on pedagogy and a movement from teaching to learning where we teach the way children learn.*

We are now half way through our four year strategic plan and I am very proud of our progress in meeting the goals and targets we have set and in implementing our key strategies over the past two years. In 2015, we implemented Marzano's Art and Science of Teaching as a key strategy towards embedding our pedagogical framework consistently across our school. Our next important step has been to introduce a coaching framework to support our teaching staff. In 2016, Mrs Mary-Jane Leak will work full time as a Pedagogy Coach alongside our Master Teacher, Belinda Josey. All teachers will undertake two coaching cycles throughout the year to support their professional practice in aligning a consistent, schoolwide approach to the Art and Science of Teaching.

Caningeraba State School will be continuing the *Investing for Success* (formerly Great Results Guarantee) once again in 2016. This funding is utilised to develop evidence-based programs that respond to the needs of their students and return a high yield in terms of improved student outcomes. Caningeraba will receive approximately \$343,000 towards this initiative and will aim to either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for every student for their year level or
- have in place an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, to address their specific learning difficulties.

Investing for Success places a strong focus on the early school years. This will ensure students' development in areas like literacy and numeracy is addressed early, which can produce long-term benefits through the rest of their education. Caningeraba State School as a high performing school, and has an extremely low percentage of students below the Nation Minimum Standards in literacy and numeracy as compared with other State schools and the Nation. As part of our ongoing *Investing for Success* strategy, Mrs Sandra Green will be working fulltime as a Reading Revolutionary Coach across Prep to Year 6 this year.

We have received good news recently from Region that our school hall floor will be replaced by Education Queensland in due course. It is expected that this work will definitely be finalised before the end of the financial year, however we will need to be patient to allow tendering processes, further engineering reports etc before the project can commence. We are certainly working closely with regional staff to expedite this project. Unfortunately it is unlikely the P&C will be able to hold a disco in Term One.

A reminder that our *Student Resource Scheme* fee is due this Friday. I would ask kindly that families have either returned a Participation Agreement Form with the Term 1 payment or paid in full. If this is not the case, the school will need to assume that parents will be providing all student reference materials, software, class worksheet/workbook costs, and art and craft

items that would have been supplied under the scheme at much reduced costs.

Unfortunately, our smooth start to the year was marred by the events that took place this past Tuesday. The spate of threatening phone calls has impacted schools in other states of Australia, internationally and now across Queensland. Caningeraba State School was the first along with some eight other schools throughout Queensland to receive such a call. I am very proud of our staff and students who calmly evacuated to the oval on the day at approximately 9:30am and with the all clear signal, staff and students returned to class at approximately 10:45am. It is important to note that all staff and students were safely supervised and accounted for on the school oval within minutes of the phone call being received. The Queensland Police Service was notified immediately through 000 and police attended the school. At this point, police have the authority through police command and provide direction to me as school principal.

All staff and students, once accounted for at the marshalling area, moved to the outskirts of the oval under the shady trees to avoid the hot conditions. Arrangements were made with the police to facilitate access to the toilets and bubblers adjacent to the oval as a first priority. The younger students were then escorted in small groups across the oval to drink at the bubblers and use the toilets if necessary. Prep students, under the direction of police, were able to be escorted by their teachers to nearby air conditioned classrooms quite some time ahead of the rest of the school. Once the police had provided the all clear, staff and students headed back to class over the morning tea break.

In events such as this, it is always my custom to personally debrief the students and staff to ensure a calm and consistent message throughout our very large school community and to ensure that all our children feel safe and secure. For obvious reasons, my message must avoid alarmist language and remains appropriate to the age of the children. I am well aware that once news media breaks that it would be for parents to decide how they wish to communicate the events of the day to their child.

As this incident was happening simultaneously across Queensland and in fact globally, there is considerable coordination that occurs at the highest level among Education Queensland, Queensland Police Service (QPS), Emergency Services and all levels of government. In most instances of this nature, strict communication protocols are in place under the direction of the QPS, which was indeed the case on Tuesday. Suffice to say that principals are under strict direction in this regard and are often conflicted with wanting to communicate with their school communities but unable to until given any authority to do so.

In an age of social media, communication is a very challenging issue in that media outlets provide incorrect information and word of mouth through social media is often very inaccurate and misdirected. The worst case scenario in an emergency evacuation event is to have parents and community members physically attend at schools. This in past events has caused pandemonium, impedes the capacity of the police to provide a safe environment and places the safety of staff, parents and

students presently on the school campus at risk. This merely compounds the situation, not to mention the safety of outsiders coming on to the school site who are usually unaware of the actual situation on the ground.

As a parent myself, I am most empathetic to the human condition that in the absence of information or very limited information, mums and dads will worry for the safety and well-being of their children. As principal, my main priority is to ensure the safety of all students, staff and parents on campus at the time and then for the police to take control and get on with the job at hand. Once the incident has passed, my focus, apart from debriefing staff and students, is to communicate to the community as directed by Education Queensland and the Queensland Police Service. I am well aware through social media channels that this causes considerable angst but I thank the large majority of families who respect the larger context of these events as they unfold and place their trust in our school and the police in keeping our children safe. I have only praise for our wonderful children, and in particular our new prep stars, and all staff for such a calm, orderly and common sense approach to the situation at hand on the day.

Caningeraba State School is such a proud school and we will always strive to improve on our continuous journey of "good to great". As a high performing school, we always keep our vision, beliefs and core values at the very heart of our daily work. I look forward once again to working in partnership with our school community in 2016. Your children are our passion and your genuine involvement in your child's education can never be understated. With this in mind please ensure that you can come along to our *Meet the Teacher* afternoon on Tuesday of week three. A timetable is included in this newsletter.

Regards

Ray McConnell, Principal

Years 4–6 Swimming Carnival

Welcome back everybody to another year of sweat and toil in the pursuit of sporting glory! As usual we have a very full year of various activities that no doubt the Caningeraba kids will thrive on.

Our first event for 2016 is the annual inter-house swimming carnival. Details are as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 10 February

VENUE: Miami Olympic Pool

TIMES: 9:00am to 1:45pm

REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate swimming costume, hat, water bottle, sunscreen.

COST: \$6 per child

TRANSPORT: Bus

The focus for the day is maximum student participation in a fun environment where every level of swimmer is catered for. Students have the opportunity to compete in 50m events in all strokes and 25m events in freestyle and breaststroke. Selected swimmers have the opportunity to compete in the Individual Medley along with a "free swim" for all. With time permitting, relays will also be staged. From this carnival, selected pupils

will be invited to compete at the Oceanic trials on Thursday February 18. Selections will be based on times.

We encourage all parents to come along and support our wonderful children.

Tony Carlton, PE Teacher

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our "Meet the Teacher" Afternoon on Tuesday 9 February 2016.

These meetings are an important part of the communication between school and home. We would encourage you all to come and make the most of this opportunity to understand how your child's classroom will be operating in 2016.

Time	Classes
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Prep, Year 1, 1/2R and Year 4 and 3/4R
3:35pm – 4:05pm	Year 3 and Year 6
4:10pm – 4:40pm	Year 2 and Year 5

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Admin and Staff at Caningeraba

DATE CLAIMER - Colour Run 2016

The hugely popular Colour Run will be run again on Wednesday 23 March as the **Major School Fundraiser for 2016**. There will be great individual and class group prizes up for grabs and much fun to be had.

We'll need lots of help on the day and will do a call out for event helpers in the coming weeks! It will be first in best dressed for Colour Technicians so keep an eye out if you want to be a part of the action. Don't forget too, that although being a colour squirter is the most fun, the day runs smoothly because many people help in the lead up and behind the scenes on the day.

If you'd like to join the Organising Committee (many hands make light work) please email president@caningeraba.org.au (Marsha) or message us on Facebook - here's the Event Listing:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/471355506399777/>

**Yours in colour,
Marsha for the P&C**

LOTE News

Bonne Annee 2016!

Bienvenue to year 2 children starting French for the first time. Our program is based on a play called "La Poule Maboule" which children will perform towards the end of the year. The lessons are all in French to encourage natural development of the language. The story and songs will allow your child to connect emotionally with the content of the program.

This program, used with all year levels, called AIM, is designed so that teachers may ensure that children experience language. It is an active, interactive, in-process approach in which children truly live the language and experience the language until it becomes part of their being.

Have a great year!

Madame Wada, LOTE Teacher

Instrumental Music News

Welcome back to another year of music making at Caningeraba State School. My name is Miss Kathleen Winter and I am the new Multi-Instrumental Music Teacher. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you and your families over the coming months.

Please note:

Grade 6 Band will start on Thursday in Week 2 (4th Feb). Please be in the Music room by 7:50am for an 8am rehearsal start.

2016 Band Timetable					
Group	Day	Time	Starting Date	Teacher	Venue
Grade 5 Band	Wednesday	7:50am	Wk 4: 17th Feb	Miss Winter	Music Room
Grade 6 Band	Thursday	7:50am	Wk 2: 4th Feb	Miss Winter	Music Room
Grade 4 Band	Friday	7:50am	Wk 3: 12th Feb	Miss Winter	Music Room
Grade 5 Jazz Band	Wednesday	8:50am - 9:20am	Wk 4: 17th Feb	Miss Winter	Music Room
Grade 6 Jazz Band	Thursday	12:50pm - 1:30pm	Wk 4: 18th Feb	Miss Winter	Music Room

Band: Lessons and Band will commence in week 2 (4th Feb) for our Grade 6 students. Grade 4 students will commence in week 3 and Grade 5 students will commence in week 4. Method books will be available in the office by the beginning of week 3.

Beginning band students: The *Sound Innovations* books are available for you to purchase from the office. They are \$14. (Percussion books are \$20). Please remember to purchase 4 reeds if you are playing the clarinet or saxophone. They range from \$3 to \$4.50 each.

Fanfare: This year is a Fanfare year! Fanfare is run by Education Queensland and involves bands and orchestras from throughout Queensland. It gives us the opportunity to perform for adjudication and a bronze, silver or gold award. The regional

heats will be in either Week 6 or Week 7 of Term 2. More information will follow shortly.

Attendance: All morning rehearsals will begin at 8am. Please encourage your child to arrive by 7:50am to set up and warm up. This time is integral to their participation in the ensemble and music making will begin at 8am. This is the time that new concepts and repertoire are presented to students. We understand that there are days that you might arrive a few minutes late. Please encourage your child to enter quickly and quietly and remember - better late than never!

Levies: Please pay any outstanding levies as soon as possible. Instruments will only be allocated upon receipt of levies.

Concerts: A calendar of events will be sent home soon and will be available on the website.

Many Thanks

Kathleen Winter, Multi Instrumental Music Teacher

Uniform & Bookshop News

All back orders have now been received, including Music books and if you could please collect them from the prepaid pick-up area Thursday 4 February between 2-4 pm or Fridays 8-10am.

Dione Skelton, Uniform & Bookshop Convenor

School Banking News

Parents please take a moment to read our new procedures on the redeeming of School Banking rewards.

We no longer give out tokens. The School Banking database records all deposits and allocates one token per deposit. When a student has made 10 deposits, a voucher will be sent home showing which rewards are available. Complete and return the voucher with the next deposit and the reward will be received in 1-2 weeks and sent to the student's classroom.

If your child's bank book is missing, we can replace it on banking day. Just send a note requesting this via the class banking pouch with the student's full name and a book will be returned in the class pouch.

Also if you have a child who has moved on to high school this year, but still has a sibling at our school, we'd be happy to continue banking for them. Just send their bank book in with the younger child. The book will be returned with the sibling's book each week.

Volunteer School Banking Coordinators

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

Student Resource Scheme payments are due this week.

1. Instrumental Music fees are due now.
2. Yrs 4-6 Swimming Carnival payment of \$6.00 due by 10:30am Monday 8 February.

3. Yr 6 Canberra payment of \$200.00 due by 10:30am Friday 19 February.
4. Yr 6 Day Camp payment of \$65.00 due by 10:30am Friday 19 February.
5. Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

Community Notices

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 - 9 February – 22 March 2016, 10:30am – 1:00pm

More workshops to come in 2016; please contact Kim Atkinson on 5656 5800 or kim.atkinson@communities.qld.gov.au or Sarah Garrett on 5656 5800 or sarah.garrett@communities.qld.gov.au or for further information or to register go to:

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

Teen Trials and Tribulations Survey

How close are you to your teen? How much do you know about them?

Help us understand how parenting and family relationships affect teen behaviour and emotions. If you have a teenager between the ages of **11 and 18 years old**, complete a brief and anonymous 30-minute survey about your parenting, your relationship with your teen and their wellbeing. Your teenager can take part in a similar anonymous survey about their behaviour and emotional wellbeing. Your participation in our research is greatly appreciated! This research is voluntary and confidential.

For further information and to take part in the survey, please visit:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/tribulations>

Or contact: parentingteens@uq.edu.au .

Palm Beach Currumbin State High

Prepare your child for success at high school. Enrol in Palm Beach Currumbin State High's excellence programs for 2017! If you have a child currently in Year 6 and are interested in maximising their opportunities for success in high school, please come along to our information session.

When: Wednesday 24 February 2016 School tours from 5:30pm; Info Session 6:30pm

Where: Palm Beach Currumbin State High - School Hall

Bookings are essential for the information night, so please RSVP to Tara Gonzales-Judd on 5525 9418 or email exenrolments@pbc-shs.eq.edu.au

For more information regarding PBC's Excellence programs please click on the below link:

Date	Year Level	Activity
Tuesday 9 February	Yr 6	Student Leader Induction 9:30am
Tuesday 9 February	All	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 10 February	Yrs 4-6	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 18 February	Selected	District Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 1 March	3B/O	Jacobs Well
Tuesday 1 March	Yr 5	Raw Art
Friday 4 March	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sports Muster
Monday 7 March	3P/M	Jacobs Well
Tuesday 8 March	3G/S	Jacobs Well
Wednesday 9 March	Various	Regional Chess Tournament
Friday 11 March	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sports Trials
Thursday 17 March	Yr 2	Raw Art
Friday 18 March	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sports Trials
Wednesday 23 March	All	Colour Run
Thursday 24 March	Prep	Easter Concert 12:00pm
Thursday 24 March	Yr 1	Easter Concert 9:30am

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 8 February	Milly
Tuesday 9 February	Susana
Wednesday 10 February	Carolyn
Thursday 11 February	Tabitha
Friday 12 February	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

<https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms/Pages/Excellenceprograms.aspx>

Sand Safari – Surfers Paradise

Beginning this weekend in Surfers Paradise is our fifth annual Sand Safari event, on Feb 5-28. This year we have evolved the event to now encompass a whole range of art elements inspired by sand & sea. There'll be giant inflatable art installations, mural art, and pop-up art galleries. Plus, returning from February 12 is everyone's favourite sand event, the **2016 Australian Sand Sculpting Championships** where this year we bring *DreamWorks Heroes* to Surfers Paradise, with your favourite friends carved in 10 tonnes of sand. For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari>

Kingscliff Hockey Club Sign-on

For all grades, beginners 5-9 years and juniors up to 16 years on Saturday 6 February, Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, Kingscliff, Saturday 11am – 2pm. Season begins late March 2016. For enquiries phone Tim 0418 490 586.

Burleigh Heads Gospel Hall's Sunday School

Children aged between 5-15 years (parents are welcome and encouraged to accompany young children) are invited to hear about bible stories and good morals to live by on Sunday afternoons from 4:45pm-6pm (dinner included) at 5 Anzac Parade, Burleigh Heads. Contact Crystal on 0405 970 715 if you have any questions.

Nerang BMX Club – Come and Try Day

Free day for all ages Saturday 6 February 10am – 2pm, corner Mortensen Road and Cayuga Street, Nerang. Bring your bike, helmet, gloves and long pants. Contact Rheanon 0401 810 780 for further information.

AFL Auskick

Sign-on and first session Friday 12 February, 4:30pm – 5:30pm at TW Godfrey Oval, Christine Ave, Burleigh. For more information contact Theresa 0498 230 097 or visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register.

The Long Road – Fundraising Walk

Pyjama and onesie walk to support kids in care. Sunday 20 March at 6:30am for a 7am start. 8km walk – start and finish at Hollindale Park, Main Beach.

<http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com/>

Poppy Playgroup

Parenting young children can be a challenge for anyone, but having fun with your children can also be wonderful. Poppy is a supported playgroup for parents who have mental health concerns or are experiencing mental illness. Friday 25 July 9:30 – 11:30am, gold coin donation. To book phone Michelle or Jo on 5562 4300 - numbers are limited.

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