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Associate Principal's Column

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

Often we hear parents say that it is difficult to find a park outside the school when dropping off or picking up students. We even see some people inconveniencing others and endangering students by parking in the bus zone because they want to park as close as possible to the school gate.

However, there are some other parents who take the opportunity to park a good distance away from the school each day to encourage their children to walk a lot more, and to get some exercise themselves. Some of them choose to park up to a 10 minute walk away. This is an excellent idea, and we would encourage more parents to do this on a regular basis, especially those parents who are dropping off or picking up older students.

Also, there are quite a few students who are dropped off and picked up each day who actually live within a 10-15 minute walk or bike ride from the school. Once again, it would be great to see as many people as possible taking the opportunity to encourage older children to walk or ride to school if they live close by. Parents of younger students may like to think about walking with their children at least a couple of times a week if they are unable to walk on a daily basis.

If as many parents as possible who drive their children to school every day adopted the healthy practices described above, then there would be far less congestion outside the school each day, and a large number of children and adults would be able to increase their daily physical activity. Healthy habits that are learned by children often stay with them for their whole lives.

NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 in Term 2

In Term 2, on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May, year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (commonly known as NAPLAN). Our year 3 and 5 students will sit these tests under the supervision of their own teachers in their own classrooms, and they will be appropriately prepared for the tests by their teachers, so they need not have any undue concerns about the tests. While we want students to perform at their best on these tests, we do not want to cause them unnecessary stress about how they might do, so please reassure your child if he or she starts to worry in the lead-up to the testing next term.

Murray Leak, Associate Principal Years 3 & 4

Felicitations French Leaders!

It was an impressive Student Leader Induction ceremony and the first time that French Leaders have been included in the ceremony in the history of Caningeraba State School.

French Leaders were first established in 2014, developed and inspired by a very enthusiastic ex-Caningeraba student Hayley Guarnaccia, who is now enrolled at Miami High School.

The idea has flourished over the 2 years, formalizing the concept and giving recognition to students with leadership qualities and passion for Languages Other Than English.

It was a proud moment that I shared with all our French leaders, parents, fellow students, staff and honorary guests.

Great state. Great opportunity.





French Leaders 2016

Sam Freeman
Sereine Reynier
Demi Baxter
Anisha Caust

Eddie Wada, LOTE Teacher

Swimming Carnival 2016

Perfect weather greeted us for our annual inter-house swimming carnival last Wednesday at Miami Olympic Pool. An extremely large crowd of parents were also on hand to add to a really positive atmosphere.

Students from Years 4 to 6 performed with enthusiasm and great determination. However when the final points were tallied up by our superstar scorers, Kym "I could do this job in my sleep" Knight and Claire "The Captain" Morgan, Banksia came away with a most convincing victory by almost 200 points! Congratulations.

Age champions for the day were:

9yrs - Amy and Noah
10yrs - Sophie and Zac
11yrs - Ciara and Clayton
12yrs - Lydia and Ben

A team of 17 will now compete in the Oceanic championships this Thursday. Results will appear in upcoming newsletters.

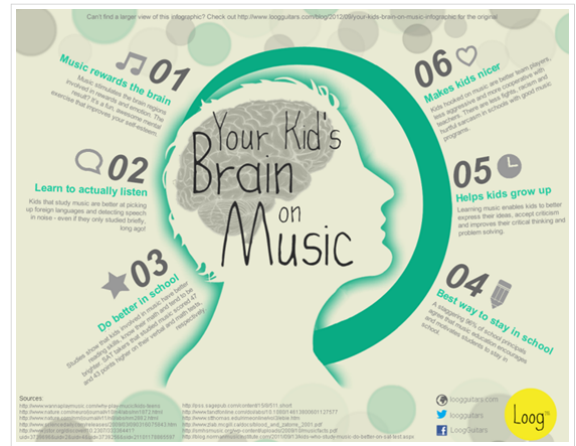
It certainly was a great day that again showcased how well Caningeraba does things! Thank you parents for your support, including the large number that assisted with the erection of tents. Once again the total professionalism of the teaching staff ensured the program ran very smoothly. And finally of course congratulations to our kids who again did the school proud when asked to perform and behave in a public setting.

Tony Carlton, PE Teacher

Library Thank You

Thank you to the Lowndes and Phillips families for their kind donation of books to the school library.

Music Advocacy



Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep Gold	remembering actions to "Louise"
1/2R	super listening skills
2M	Pronunciation of words when singing
3M	Having terrific singing voices
3/4R	producing a lovely sound on the recorder
5W	brilliant recorder playing
6P	fantastic note playing

School Traffic Congestion Safety Tips

Drivers:

- Children can be unpredictable so always slow down around schools. Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- When stopped at a pedestrian crossing PLEASE don't stop on pedestrian (zebra) crossings – ensure that you are behind the white lines and not blocking the crossing so that we have a clear path for the children to cross safely. It also makes it difficult for other motorists to see children.
- Please keep traffic flowing through the school parking lot and be courteous to other drivers. When traffic backs up into Whistler Drive, it can impede buses from safely parking in the bus zone as well as blocking clear vision on Whistler Drive.
- Please indicate which direction you are turning when exiting the parking lot onto Razorbill Street and make sure you come to a **full stop at the Stop sign – not on the footpath.**
- Please do not make U Turns near the pedestrian crossing. This is dangerous not only to the children but also to other drivers.

- Drivers stopped at the crossing are not to move their car forward towards the crossing until the crossing supervisor is on the footpath. Failure to adhere to this traffic rule is subject to a traffic fine.
- Please watch the speed you are going, our children's lives are precious to us.

3G	Kaelan	3O	Dane
2M	Lockie		

Pedestrians:

- When crossing, please cross in a straight line **between** both red and white poles rather than crossing diagonally.
- Students should be instructed to use authorised crossings where they are installed.
- Pedestrians should wait on the footpath behind the yellow line on the footpath and wait for the supervisor to blow his/her whistle before leaving the curb and cross the road at a brisk walking pace – never run.
- When using the pedestrian crossing, cyclists and scooter riders must dismount and walk.
- Discourage children from playing with balls or other toys when walking to school as they may run onto the road to retrieve them.
- Children learn road safety habits by watching and copying others, so set a good example.

A reminder that Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland police regularly visit the school and will issue fines for vehicles parked too long in the set down areas and for illegal parking.

Finally, we've all had problems finding a parking spot. Dropping your child off at school a few minutes before or later can make a huge difference to your stress level and how your day starts or finishes. The undercover areas are supervised from 8:15am by teaching staff and a crossing supervisor is at both crossings until 3:15pm.

School Banking News

Just a little banking housekeeping:

- We are unable to provide change so please ensure correct money is in the bank book.
- Please ensure student number and other details are written in pen on both slip and stub.
- There will be an **account opening day** in the tuckshop undercover area on Thursday 10 March before school.
- Congratulations to 2M, banking class of the week.

Thank you
School Banking Volunteers

Student of the Week

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

4G	Max	4P	Brayden
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Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

1. Student Resource Scheme payments are due now.
2. Instrumental Music fees are due now.
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. Yr 3 Jacobs Well payment of \$27.00 due by 10:30am Monday 29 February.
6. Yr 5 Raw Art payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Monday 29 February.
7. 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 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
Friday 11 March	Selected	Somerset Literature Festival
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
25 March – 8 April	All	Easter Vacation
Monday 11 April	All	School resumes Term 2

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 22 February	Milly
Tuesday 23 February	Susana
Wednesday 24 February	Carolyn & Donna
Thursday 25 February	Tabitha
Friday 26 February	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Gold Coast Bulletin Fun Run

Miss J, Year 1 Caningeraba teacher, has registered Caningeraba as a school group to enter the Gold Coast Bulletin Fun Run. Prizes will be given to groups who have the most participants, no matter the distance. The fun run is on Sunday 17 April and we will meet at the Caningeraba tent at 6:30am at C-BUS Stadium, Robina. Parents will need to transport students and be at the start and finish lines. Please see attached leaflet for further information.

Gold Coast Goju Karate

First class free! Wednesdays, Caningeraba SS Hall, Kids class 5pm-6pm, Adults/mixed class 6:30pm-8:00pm. Phone Nick on 0407 959 402; email nick@goldcoastgojukarate.com or visit:

<http://www.goldcoastgojukarate.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