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Associate Principal's Column

Hello and welcome back to all of our Caningeraba families. It has been exciting to meet so many new families of our Prep Stars and also parents of our new students throughout our school.

The beginning of a new school year is always busy, however it always gives us a feeling of pride when prospective parents make appointments several years early to come and 'walk through' our school because they have heard it is a great school!

It always makes me so proud of our staff and students when visitors to our school can be taken on a 'tour' during any time of the day and be assured that quality learning is happening and that there will always be such great evidence of respectful and happy staff and students. Visitors are always really impressed with the learning opportunities for students at Caningeraba and the enthusiasm shown by both teachers and students.

Stories from the Land of Prep!

Early in the term it was raining heavily just before second break so one of our lovely Prep teachers said to her class, "It's raining today, so we will be having a wet lunch." (Lunch time is spent inside the classroom). At this, a little boy started sobbing as he stated, "But I don't want soggy sandwiches!"

Last week I had the wonderful opportunity of teaching one of our Prep classes for the morning session. I was just amazed at how quickly these young people have settled into our school routine and work so well as a team – packing up equipment and transitioning smoothly from one learning experience to the next and onto fruit break. I had told the class earlier that their teacher had left me a list of jobs for us to complete while she

was at a meeting. As we went out for fruit break I reminded the students that this was just fruit break, not morning tea and we only ate fruit at this break. One little girl said in an extremely polite manner, "Excuse me Mrs Heiser, our teacher lets us eat our yoghurt now too." I thought to myself, now here is a scam if ever I heard one! So I said to this precious little person, "Oh no it's just fruit break, we don't eat anything else now." As she walked away, I heard this very small person engaging in some very quiet self-talk. It went something like this "Well, my teacher should have written this on the list of jobs too!" This gorgeous Prepstar was not being cheeky or disrespectful in any way and I thought I better check with our lovely class teacher aide – yes, you guessed it, because of the extremely hot weather, their class teacher had let the children eat their fruit with their yoghurt at fruit break! Needless to say, I let the class know that they could have their yoghurt with their fruit today!

As promised, I have spent every morning tea and lunch break in our Prep playground getting to know these very special new members of our school community. I would like to acknowledge the contribution our 2016 Prepstar parents have made to ensure a smooth transition for our students. The playground has been excitingly busy, but also a place where our Prepstars already understand how to wait safely for their turn on the playground equipment. It is also great that they know who I am! Just recently one of my playground friends was swinging happily when another child called out to him, "I want a swing." The child on the swing yelled back, "I don't get off till the boss lady says so and then I do it really fast so she lets me have another turn later." You've got to love working with kids. Every day is a new adventure in the land of the little people!

Before School Supervision – Keeping our Caningeraba Kids Safe

To help create a place for all of our students to wait safely and comfortably before school, we would like to remind everyone

of the before school supervision arrangements. Upon arrival at school, students from Prep – 2 are to wait in the tuck-shop undercover area. Students in Years 3 – 6 are supervised in the Year 5 eating area. For safety reasons, all students are to remain seated in these areas and remain clear of covered walkways. Supervision is provided for students from 8:15am. Students are reminded of our school rules at our daily assemblies. A huge thank you to all of our parents who are helping to teach our students that rules are for everyone. It sometimes makes things difficult for students to respect our school rules if the adults they are with do not show this respect. We also ask that all children are kept off playground equipment before and after school as there is no supervision available in these areas. Please take care with young children in and around our school. Parents are asked to use pathways to access our school as walking small children through the carpark is extremely dangerous. Taxis use this park in the morning and afternoon to drop off and pick up some of our students.

Caningeraba Kookaburras

Thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered to be a 'Caningeraba Kookaburra'. The successful nominees will be notified by their child's class teacher by the end of this week. The **induction** for our Kookaburras is this **Friday 26 February at 9am in the library**. Some classes are having difficulty 'catching' a Kookaburra! The role of the Kookaburra can be done from home. It is essentially about emailing class newsletters to parents and helping in the communication of class information to parents. If you are willing to help, please let your child's teacher know ASAP.

We look forward to seeing you!

Have a great week,

Margaret Heiser,
Associate Principal P-2

Tuckshop Update

Menu Changes

As we all know healthy eating and regular physical activity are essential to achieving and maintaining good health.

The Smart Choices Strategy for Queensland Schools, governs how healthy food and drink choices are offered to students. Mandatory in state schools, Smart Choices applies to all situations where food and drink is supplied in the school environment.

Recently, the Department of Education and Training announced three major changes to the classification of foods and drinks under Smart Choices and these will affect our Tuckshop Menu from Term 2, 2016.

- The only drinks to be supplied are plain water, milk (plain and flavoured) and 99%-100% non-carbonated fruit or vegetable juice. All other drinks will be classified as RED.
- All potato chips and similar snacks will be classified as RED.

- All products with added confectionery, icing and sweet fillings will be classified as RED.

RED foods are only able to be offered in a school environment on two occasions per school term. RED items are not included on the school tuckshop menu and for this reason chips, similar packaged snacks and muffins will no longer be available. Alternative, healthier snacks are being explored. We welcome your input and suggestions to ensure that any new items introduced will ensure continued support of this service.

If you would like more information about the Smart Choices Strategy please visit the DET Smart Choices website for more information:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html>

You may also email any questions to president@caningeraba.org.au or feel free to drop into the Tuckshop to talk to Katrina and Michelle.

Marsha Graham, P&C President

P&C Update

Caningeraba State School welcomes participation from all parents and caregivers of the school in the school's Parents and Citizens Association. Together we aim to create a caring and connected school community where students are provided the best opportunity for the future.

The P&C are involved in a range of school undertakings including running the Tuckshop and Uniform & Stationery Shop, fundraising activities, support of school functions as well as policy and financial planning.

Our goal is to support the school in providing an environment for our children to learn and grow, by:

- **Providing** a forum where parents, teachers and community members can give and receive feedback about our school and have a say on issues relating to school events and policies.
- **Identifying** opportunities and projects that will benefit the school community.
- **Coordinating** volunteers to carry out fundraising and other initiatives.
- **Supporting** the will of the school to offer the best education possible to our children
- **Advocating for and representing** the school in our community.
- **Working in cooperation** with the teachers, students, parents and wider local community.
- **Fostering** an honest and open partnership between the school and families.
- **Promoting** the resources available at our school that have been made possible through parent contribution, involvement and commitment (Electronic white-boards, iPads, Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, Musical Instruments, Electronic Sign etc).

How to get involved?

P&C meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month in the library starting at 6:30pm (doors open at 6). Coffee and tea are provided and light refreshments are often bought along by members to share. Why not come along and see what it's all about.

DATE CLAIMER: Annual General Meeting?- Monday 21 March 2016

The Caningeraba State School P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 21 March 2016, at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre. **(Note: the regular monthly meeting on this occasion will be held at the earlier time of 6pm.)**

At the AGM all Executive Committee and working party positions are declared vacant and elected or re-elected.

Nominations are called for the following voluntary Executive Committee positions;

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

Information about the responsibilities and key activities of each Executive Committee position are available in the Quick Guide for P&C Executives produced by P&Cs Qld, the peak parent body which represents the interests of state school parents and citizens associations throughout Queensland. Further information is also available on the P&Cs Qld website.

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

We are also seeking nominations from anyone interested in participating in the **Fundraising Working Party** and wish to elect a Fundraising Working Party Coordinator and Working Party members to support the fundraising activities of the association. A P&Cs Qld representative will also be elected on the evening.

If you would like to nominate for a position but can't make it to the AGM, that's okay! Nominees need to put their nomination in writing stating the position/s they are interested in and sign the nomination. Their nomination must be moved and seconded at the AGM.

Nominees are also to complete and submit a membership form to the meeting (without this they will not be a member and not eligible to stand for election).

How is the election conducted?

If there is only one nomination for the position they are duly appointed if the majority of members present at the AGM support the appointment.

If more than one nomination then a secret ballot is held.

The meeting should appoint persons not standing for positions to act as the returning officer.

The AGM is the only meeting at which individuals can become members without attending a previous meeting or by submitting a membership form without attending the meeting. The call for membership is prior to the election process.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for these elections, please return completed nomination forms to the School Office, preferably in a sealed envelope attention to Marsha Graham, P&C President. Forms can also be scanned and emailed to president@caningeraba.org.au.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday 18 March at 3pm, and at the AGM.

Marsha Graham, P&C President

Colour Run 2016

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

This week information about the event, including Entry Forms, Permission Forms and a Sponsorship Sheet will be going home with students. Please look out for them. The brightly coloured sheet in the pack is the Sponsorship Form. Money raised from this event will help transform our Hall into a multi-purpose community space.

Thanks so far to our amazing sponsors:

- PM9 Events and Activations
- No Limit Automotive - your personal mobile mechanic
- Inflatable World
- LJ Hooker Burleigh Heads
- The Event Crew
- Queen Fine Foods
- Michael Hart MP
- City of Gold Coast
- 102.9 Hot Tomato

Volunteer Rosters will be released next week. It'll be first in best dressed to be a Colour Technician. Please be advised that only those who pre-register to be a Colour Technician will be given a colour sprayer on the day. Don't miss out on all the fun and colourful action - follow our event on Facebook for updates as they come to hand:

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

If you own a small business and would like to donate a prize for the event please email president@caningeraba.org.au

Yours in colour,

Marsha Graham, for the P&C Association

Principals' Music Challenge 2016

The year is off to a great start in our music department, and we very excitedly welcome Mr McConnell who is joining the Grade 4 Band playing the tenor saxophone and Ms Mott who is taking the Beginner Guitar Course. It's all part of the South East Region's Principals' Music Challenge, through which our

school could win a great prize! Stay tuned to hear more about the challenge this term!

Music Advocacy

Music education facilitates student academic achievement:

1. improves recall and retention of verbal information
2. supports skills in other subject areas such as reading and language, maths, and other art forms. **Music education develops the creative capacities for lifelong success**
3. sharpens student attentiveness and creativity
4. strengthens perseverance
5. supports better study habits and self-esteem.

http://moremusic toolkit.org.au/images/stories/PDFs/music_to_our_ears.pdf

Music Class Of The Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep Maroon	keeping a steady beat
1O	super so and mi reading
2B	understanding accents and barlines
3P	having the most students complete their music homework
4G	an overall perfect lesson
5P	speedy note naming
6M	Great responses when listening to our 'Composer of the Month'

Sports News

Term 1 is an extremely busy time for trials for various district and regional sporting teams. Netball, Rugby League, Soccer, Hockey, Australian Rules and Basketball all trial this term. Caningeraba kids as usual will be heavily involved. Already we have had Sienna selected for the U/11 Oceanic netball team. Congratulations Sienna. Our school swim team performed really well at the district carnival last week. Congratulations to Clayton, Charlyse and Ciara who have progressed to the regional carnival at Southport on February 29.

Interschool sport for the winter season is looming on the horizon. Students will be offered Netball, Soccer (boys & girls) AFL, Rugby League, Hockey and Tennis. Muster day is Friday March 4 with trials to commence the following Friday. The season does not commence till the first Friday of term 2, April 15.

Tony Carlton, PE Teacher

Uniform / Bookshop News

Headphones are now in stock. We are still waiting on size 10 shirts which are due approximately 26 February.

Dione Skelton, Uniform/Bookshop Convenor

School Banking News

Congratulations to 1P for being this week's school banking class champions!

A reminder that we will be having a school banking account opening day on Thursday 10 March from 8am to 9:30am in the tuckshop undercover area.

Student of the Week

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

6G	Daniel, Andrew & Sienna	6O	Zxy Simmons & Tiahna
4G	Paula	4M	Baiden
2O	Harrison	1M	Torin
PM	Asha	PR	Taleah
PS	Gabriella		

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

1. Student Resource Scheme payments are due now.
2. Instrumental Music fees are due now.
3. Yr 3 Jacobs Well payment of \$27.00 due by 10:30am Monday 29 February.
4. Yr 5 Raw Art payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Monday 29 February.
5. Yr 5 Camp deposit of \$100.00 due by 10:30am Wednesday 9 March.
6. Yr 2 Raw Art payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Wednesday 16 March.
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
Friday 26 February	Various	Kookaburra meeting 9am Library
Tuesday 1 March	3B/O	Jacobs Well
Tuesday 1 March	Yr 5	Raw Art

Date	Year Level	Activity
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 William Duncan SS
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

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.

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

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 29 February	Milly
Tuesday 1 March	Susana
Wednesday 2 March	Carolyn & Donna
Thursday 3 March	Tabitha & Carolyn
Friday 4 March	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