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Guidance Officer's Column

Hi everyone...

My name is Kate Alcorn and this is the fourth year I've been the Guidance Officer (G.O.) at Caningeraba State School. I feel blessed to work with such a wonderful team of committed staff, and with such adorable children. I love my job - it has its challenges for sure, but it also, most definitely, has many, many rewards.

When I started here in 2013, the school had a guidance service of 7 days per fortnight. This service has increased every year to reflect the school's increasing focus on the well-being of children and connection with the school community. In 2016 we have the equivalent of a full-time G.O. service at Caningeraba with the addition of Michelle Davies, who will be working at the school 1 day per fortnight.

Guidance and counselling services are provided in all Queensland state schools but what does a G.O. do exactly? In a nutshell, the job's focus is on assisting students to achieve to their potential. How that looks in each school can be quite different, but at Caningeraba the role has a whole school focus (KidsMatter, Mindfulness in Education, community engagement) as well as an individual student/family focus.

G.O.s identify factors that can be barriers to learning and development, and plan or assist in planning interventions/programs. The sorts of issues that can constitute a learning barrier may include personal and social development, diverse learning styles, family and developmental concerns, and disability. Guidance Officers may work directly with a student or with the student's teachers and other school staff, family, and specialists or professionals from other agencies outside the school. The nature of the collaboration between stakeholders

depends on the issues to be supported and the age of the student.

Contact between the Guidance Officer and your child, apart from an initial "getting to know you" session, will only occur with your written permission.

How can I access the school Guidance Officers at Caningeraba State School?

The G.O. caseload is largely managed through the school's **Student Support Committee**. Generally, if you have concerns regarding your child's progress, talk first with their teacher. Together you'll be able to identify whether your concerns are academic/learning, developmental, behavioural, and/or social/emotional and whether a referral to the Student Support Committee would be appropriate.

For concerns that are mainly to do with home, there are a number of support agencies and contacts in the local area, including your family doctor, the Queensland Health Department and community centres. A list of local child counselling options can be found under KidsMatter (Child Support) on our school website:

<https://caningerss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Newsletters/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

For concerns that are impacting on your child at school, your teacher may make a referral to the **Student Support Committee**, which will consider which school staff member would be best suited to helping you and your child. That person may be one of the Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy, the Chaplain, the Gifted Education Coordinator, the Head of Special Education Services, an Associate Principal or the Guidance Officer.

Great state. Great opportunity.



If your child is referred to the Guidance Officer, Michelle or I will make contact with you as soon as possible, and arrange a time to meet and start to develop a collaborative plan of support.

Kate Alcorn
Guidance Officer

Spare Uniform Giveaway (Gold coin donation)

Due to the large number of uniform items that have been kindly donated to the office and uniform shop to use as spares, we now have much more than actually needed.

Therefore we would like to give you the opportunity to have a look at the items left over and give a gold coin donation for anything that may be useful to your child.

A table will be set up outside the uniform shop for the next few weeks (during opening hours). So please come along and have a look as there are jumpers, long pants, shirts, dresses and shorts all available for a gold coin donation.

Please also remember to clearly label **ALL** items belonging to your child including clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes, hats and to check the lost property box outside the office on a regular basis.

BPOINT Payments

The School's preferred on-line payment is by BPOINT. To use this facility you must have invoices for excursions emailed to you, then follow the steps below:

1. Visit www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete
2. Enter CRN: 1967000000058
3. Enter Invoice number
4. Enter Student name, amount and payment option.

You must enter the correct invoice number and no additional information can be entered.

Only one invoice can be paid per transaction.
All of this information is printed on each invoice.

If you wish to receive invoices by email, or check we have the correct email address, please contact the office on 5568 6333.

Library Thank You

Thank you to the Senol family for their kind donation of books to the Library.

Music Advocacy

Class Talent Shows

The last music lesson this term will be a Class Talent Show. If children would like to perform an act they must rehearse and come prepared with all resources ie. costume, music, props.

Performances are to be no longer than 3 minutes. They can be a solo, with a friend or in a group. A group is to be no more than

4. If a group has students from another class, permission from each teacher is to be given, as performances will be in each class's music time.

This performance is the audition for the School's Annual Talent Quest next term. If a performance is entertaining enough, an invitation to the Talent Quest may be given out. This invitation does not have to be accepted.

Go for it and break a leg.

Music Class Of The Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
1G	enthusiastic singing
2M	wizzing through the music lesson
3O	making teaching easy
4S	being independent and reliable
5B	having a "CAN DO" attitude towards their test
6M (week 6)	interesting responses during SQUILT
6G	for confidence doing term 1 test

School Banking News

Congratulations to 5B for being this week's school banking Champions.

Student of the Week

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

6B	Calum	6G	Sharli/Fritz/Elijah
6O	Clayton	5B	Chloe/Jake
5P	Imogen	5S	Holly
4M	Lachlan & Teresa	4P	Trhanna
3O	Blake	1M	Annalise
PM	Ella	PR	Lulu
PW	Taylor	PG	Jacobo

Tuckshop News

The Tuckshop will only be open for first break on Wednesday 23 March due to the Colour Run.

Katrina & Michelle
Tuckshop Convenors

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 21 March	Milly
Tuesday 22 March	Susana
Wednesday 23 March	Carolyn, Donna
Thursday 24 March	Carolyn
Friday 25 March	Good Friday Holiday

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Diary Dates

Reminders:

- Student Resource Scheme payable now
- Music levy & instrumental hire payments due now
- Year 6 March Canberra payment \$200 due by 10.30am Friday 18 March
- Year 6 March Day Camp payment \$50 due by 10.30am Friday 18 March
- Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool sport payment \$60 due 10.30am Friday 18 March

Date	Year Level	Activity
Thursday 17 March	Yr 2	Raw Art
Friday 18 March	Yrs 5 & 6	Winter 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	Term 2 commences
Friday 22 April	Yr 5	Camp balance due \$120
Friday 22 April	Yr 6	Canberra payment due \$200
Monday 25 April	All	Anzac Day Holiday
Wednesday 27 April	All	Cross Country
Monday 2 May	All	Labour Day Holiday

Community Notices

Botanic Quest for Kids – Dare to Discover

Come to the Botanic Gardens to enjoy nature based activities these holidays. All activities are \$5 per child and bookings are essential. Please phone 0449 561 674

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