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Head of Curriculum's Column

In week seven of this term we will again be holding an information session about Caningeraba's SMARTmaths approach. Details of this after school session will shortly be sent home with students. SMARTmaths is an approach which incorporates problem solving, real-life application, hands-on materials, thinking, reasoning and fluency into the teaching of mathematics in all year levels.

Many of us will remember being taught to solve mathematical problems using long, and often complicated formulas which had to be set out perfectly and identically across the class. If you followed the formula, the answer would be correct. However, upon reflection, I wonder how many of us actually understood what we were finding out, what the answer meant and why we were even finding it!

Whilst accurate mental computation and the rapid and accurate recall of number facts are still an essential part of mathematics, we aim to develop students' mathematical thinking so that they understand the problems they are solving and choose the best strategies to approach them. The Australian Curriculum expects that students in year one will be taught a range of strategies to solve simple problems whilst by the end of year six they should be able to 'select and apply efficient mental and written strategies'.

One of the key components of SMARTmaths is the use of a consistent approach to problem solving which is taught from prep to year 6. This process aims to equip students with a process for solving problems and a common language with which to discuss and reflect on the strategies they have used. At Caningeraba we have our SMARTmaths 'puzzle' which is

in every classroom and incorporates Polya's four step problem solving process.

As you encounter maths' opportunities with your children at home or at the shops, we would encourage you to be asking not only 'What is the answer?' but 'How did you work it out?' and 'Is that answer reasonable?' For example, encourage your child to keep a running tally of the items you buy in the supermarket by rounding items up or down to the nearest dollar and then comparing the total at the checkout with what they had estimated. Afterwards, ask them why they think their estimate differed from the actual total, why it was difficult to get an accurate total, how they would make it easier next time and why it would be useful to know how much the shopping was going to cost.

Helen Davidson, Head of Curriculum

TERM TWO INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The second round of the Gold Coast South Primary Interschool Chess Tournament will be held on **Wednesday 8th June** at Kings College. Whilst this event is open to players of all abilities from beginners to A Grade, your child will need to have some experience of the game if they are to enter. There will be a teacher from our school at the event to supervise but parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the tournament.

If you would like your child to participate, **please collect a permission note from the front desk in the administration building** and return it with the money to the payments window by Wednesday 1st June. The cost is \$18 per student.

Mr and Mrs Thomas run 'Chess Club' each Thursday, second break, in our school library. Children are welcome to attend to

Great state. Great opportunity.



develop their skills in the lead up to the tournament. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Thomas for their time and expertise. We all appreciate your time and efforts greatly!

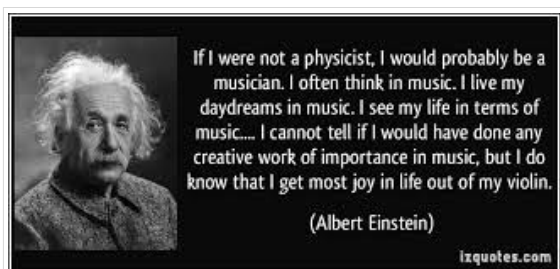
Thank you

Mrs Renea Christy, Enrichment Coordinator

Music Advocacy

Music Class Of The Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PB	Reading percussion score charts
2M	Reading notes on the treble staff
3S	100% having recorders
4M	Always being great - recorders/homework/caring
6O	Enthusiasm in composing and performing ostinato using basketballs



Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

- Year 6 Energy Trailer \$3.00 due Friday 13 May 10.30am
- Year 5 Lightning Carnival \$6.50 due Monday 16 May 10.30am
- Year 2 Rural Discovery \$21.00 due Wednesday 18 May 10.30am
- Year 6 Canberra \$200.00 due Friday 20 May 10.30am
- Year 6 Day Camp \$50.00 due Friday 20 May 10.30am

Date	Year Level	Activity
29 April – 10 May	All	Book Fair in the Library
Friday 6 May	Yr 6	GRIP Leadership
Friday 6 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Tues 10 – Fri 13 May	Yrs 3 & 5	NAPLAN
Friday 13 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 16 May	Yr 6	Energy Trailer
Tuesday 17 May	Yr 5	Lightning Carnival

Date	Year Level	Activity
Tuesday 17 May	Selected	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Wednesday 18 May	Instrumental Students	Fanfare – William Duncan SS
Thursday 19 May	Selected	District Cross Country
Thursday 19 May	Yr 2	Rural Discovery Day
Friday 20 May	Instrumental Students	Fanfare – Currumbin SS
Friday 20 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Mon 23 – Wed 25 May	Yr 5	Camp
Thursday 26 May	Yr 6	Lightning Carnival
Friday 27 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport

School Banking News

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 deposits and received a bronze certificate:

Tazmin 5B	Sandy 4P	Alexander 6G
Malakai 4B	Aaron 3M	Sarese 3/4R
Logan 3B	Lily 3M	Imogen 5P
Amani 2B	Ryley 4P	Ayden 2W
Florinne 5B	Kruz 1M	Charlize 1/2R
Charlee 1O	Levi 1P	Dylan 1S
Celice 1M	Thomas 1/2R	Aithan 1M
Alana 2M	Rose 1O	Anni 3P
Coco 1W	Pippa PR	Justine PW
Max PS	Aleya 1B	Claudia PS

Congratulations to this week's school banking class champions, class 1/2R and 5B!

Student of the Week

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

6O	George	5P	Zyah
5S	Declan	4G	Lewis, Charlie
4M	Presley	4P	Ally
4S	Juliette	3O	Reave, Matilda
3S	Sam, Grace, Dash	PB	Sam
PG	Rhys	PM	Sunny
PR	Kingston	PS	Mia

Winter Interschool Sports Draw – Friday 6 May

Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on interschool sport draws and cancellations due to weather.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Games at Pizzey Park, 6A at 1:30pm, 6B at 12:45 and 5A at 12:45pm

GIRLS SOCCER: Italo Club - 6B at 1:35pm, St Vincents Primary - 5B at 1:35pm.

BOYS SOCCER: Games at Broadbeach SS, 6A & 5A at 12:40pm, 6B & 5B at 1:35pm.

NETBALL: Games at Firth Park Mudgeeraba, 6B & 5B at 1.20pm, 5C at 1.50pm

AUSTRALIAN RULES: Juniors at Salk Oval Palm Beach field 1 at 1:35pm

OZTAG: All games at Marymount, 6A field 10 at 1:35pm, 6B field 9 at 12:45pm, 5A field 5 at 1:35pm and 5B field 5 at 12:45pm.

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 9 May	Milly
Tuesday 10 May	Susana
Wednesday 11 May	Carolyn
Thursday 12 May	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 13 May	Rikki-Lee

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

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.

Parents Views About Parenting Support Programs

Do you have concerns about your child's behaviour or emotional adjustment?

Do you want to learn more about managing your child's behavioural or emotional problems?

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.

If your child is aged between 2 and 10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, we encourage you to follow the link below and complete a short, 20 minute survey. Your support and participation in this project is invaluable and will benefit parents and children across the country.

If you wish to participate, please click on this link, or type the URL into your internet browser:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews>

If you would like more information about the project, either use the link provided above, or contact alina@psy.uq.edu.au

Participants Needed

Parents, does your child have a chronic health condition such as Type 1 diabetes, asthma or eczema? Or does your child have no health concerns?

The University of Queensland is looking for parent volunteers to complete an online survey aiming to investigate how work-family conflict affects both parent and child Quality of Life (QoL) and wellbeing.

If you are a parent working at least 2 days per week and are caring for a child aged between 5-12 years of age; with a chronic health condition (type 1 diabetes, asthma or eczema) or even if your child has no health concerns; your participation would be greatly welcomed. The online survey, can be accessed and completed anytime at

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/qol/>

Take part and you could win 1 of 2 iPad Mini's or a \$50 Coles/Myer Gift Card.

If you have any further questions or concerns, or are not able to access the survey, please contact Antonia Kish (Principal Investigator) at antonia.kish@uqconnect.edu.au

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