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Associate Principal's Column

Drills in Schools

Your children may come home from school once a term and let you know that they have been involved in a "drill". Every term we practice either a fire evacuation drill or a lock down drill. The primary reason for conducting drills is to educate our staff and students about what to do in the situation that requires the evacuation procedures to be followed or a situation where we would need to "lock down" the school. This familiarity increases the probability of a successful evacuation or lock down during an actual emergency. These drills are required by code. They are conducted to educate us, assist in the evaluation of emergency plans, and identify potential issues.

Teachers talk to the students prior to these drills to enable them to know what will occur and also what they are required to do. They also talk to the children after these drills have occurred and let them know how their class has gone during the drill. The fire evacuation drill where we move to the oval often provides a respite for the children from their school work and they enjoy that particular drill. Sometimes students may become a little confused after the lock down drill, even after the teacher has explained to them about the purpose of the drill.

This is where parents can assist their children in reassuring them that it is just a "drill" and the purpose for the drill. Often the way parents react when their children come home from school and let them know that something unusual has happened at school that required them to sit under a table or move to a section of the room, can determine whether the worry about the drill increases or decreases. We do not identify the exact time to our community when drills are occurring as this does not allow us to conduct a drill that is most similar to a situation that

we may find ourselves in. If parents are on the school grounds when a drill is occurring we respectfully ask them to leave the grounds as soon as is possible. This is what we would require if an actual event was occurring.

Cybersafety

Knowing how to use online technologies safely is essential to having positive experiences online. It's important for children and young people to learn about cybersafety and know how to deal with issues. For example, it is important that children never use their real and full name, disclose the school they attend or home address online. Children should never befriend someone online that they do not know in person.

So, parents, how much do you know about being cybersmart?

Test your knowledge about what children are doing in their digital world. Learn about what children do online and some strategies to help them be cybersmart as they grow up at the below cybersmart website:

<http://cybersmart.gov.au/Kids.aspx>

Simple strategies parents can use to assist Cyber Safety:

- Locate your computers in spaces which are visible and open, like a family room.
- Monitor or supervise your child on the internet and conduct some "shoulder surfing" or "spontaneous" observing when your child is online. Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet and display an interest in their cyberspace knowledge and experience.
- Discuss a plan with your child to address cybersafety and cyberbullying. Ensure they know you will be supportive if they report something to you.

- Highlight to your child that if they respond or post something inappropriate on line that it will be there for others to report.
- Reassure your child they will not lose access to their technology if they report anything to you. Many children see this as punishment.
- Review the age suitability of any social networking sites your child joins.
- Review your child's 'friends list' on social networking sites to help you manage their safety and reduce the risk of them associating with inappropriate contacts.
- Educate yourself on the latest threats facing children online.
- Try to keep communication with your child open and positive so they trust you viewing their profile.
- Become a member of the social networking site and become an online friend of your child.
- Reinforce the need to keep passwords private and updated regularly, but consider having access to your child's password yourself.
- Ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and other content on the internet.

Maria Mott, Associate Principal Yrs 5 & 6

Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps

At Caningeraba State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student;
- An education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and/or provision of a consent form completed by the parent/carer.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account at the school, and used for any cost in the future.

Department of Education and Training policy references:

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
SCM-PR-002: School Excursions
FNM-PR-019: State Education Fees

New Building Works

Works will commence on Wednesday 8 June until approximately mid August for the SEP area. There will be fenced barricades around the area between the SEP building, teaching block 2 and the library. Please take care around this area.

Chaplain News

What a wonderful caring community Caningeraba is a part of! There are many caring families who have been donating items to help others in need. Thank you also to the Varsity Lakes Community Centre for the wonderful donation of many beautifully knitted scarves, beanies and wrist-warmers. If you, or someone you know of, would appreciate one of these lovely warm items now the weather is cooler, please drop in and see me during school hours on Monday, Wednesday or Friday's.

It's not too late to join the Caningeraba Team for Ks4Kids! Anyone can join and be eligible for awesome prizes for fundraising. Whether you're up for a leisurely 3.5km walk along the beach or a 21km timed half marathon, everyone gets a free t-shirt, free food and drinks on the walk. Some of us will be going to Pizza Hut after (we walk straight past it). There is a carnival-like atmosphere with entertainment and activities for the whole family!

You can join up online at <https://suqld.goregister.com.au/ks4kids2016/fundraise/pages/> and add to the Caningeraba team. A student is only \$15 or there are discounts for family or group bookings.

Have a great week, Chappy Leisa

Winter Interschool Sports Draw – Friday 10 June

Please check your Qschool app or school website for the latest on sports information regarding changes or cancellations or 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 & 5A at 12:45pm

GIRLS SOCCER: Games at Italo Soccer Club, 6B at 1:35pm, 5B at 12:40pm

BOYS SOCCER: Games at Robina Common, 6A, 6B & 5A at 12:40pm, 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 at 1:35pm

OZTAG: Games at Marymount, 6A & 5A at 1:35pm, 6B & 5B at 12:45pm

Helping Hands Vacation Care Is Coming Up!

Hi everyone, it's almost vacation care and we have some very exciting events happening. We are off to the Brisbane Science Centre and carnival day at Coomera primary school to experience bumper balls, jumping castle and mad minute games. This month we have seen an abundance of Educator-led learning experiences being extended upon, via our weekly Clubs; Cooking Club, Leaders Club, Drama Club and Around the World Club. In Cooking Club this month the children have been making yummy dessert recipes such as banana splits, chocolate crackles, jelly and more. In Drama Club the club members have been focusing on practicing different accents, engaging in games of charades and acting in mini plays together. In Leaders Club, the leaders have been focusing on sharing the Acknowledgement of Country every week with the juniors, developing their friendships with their junior leader buddies and engaging in team bonding games. In The Around the World Club each week, the children have been learning about a different Country and Culture; such as Japan, Italy, Hawaii and France. The children's interest in different cultures has been extended upon by learning the German National Anthem during Before and After School Care each day.

Thank you, Kirsty Gascoyne Coordinator

School Banking News

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

Nicholas 4S	Sam 5B	Beau 4G
Keira 4G	Kai 1P	Noah 1G
Ella 1W	Lola 2M	Talen 1G

Addison 3P	Fletcher 2O	Campbell 3P
Hayley 4B	Mitchell 1S	Nathan PS
Alex PM		

Congratulations to classes 3M, 2W and PB for being this week's School Banking Champions! **Important:** Please note, the Bank has informed us they have run out of the snake tail rewards. Please ensure you choose another reward.

Thank you, School Banking Volunteers

Student of the Week

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

6O	Anna	6G	Katana & Zac
4M	Ty	1S	Mitchell
PB	Isabelle	PM	Zachary
PR	Cece		

Diary Dates

Reminders:

- Yr 6 Canberra final payment of \$135.00 Due Friday 17 June 10:30am
- Yr 6 Day Camp final payment of \$45.00 Due Friday 17 June 10:30am

Friday 10 June	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 13 June	Yrs 4 - 6	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 14 June	Yrs 4 - 6	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 15 June	Selected	ICAS Spelling
Thursday 16 June	Selected	ICAS Writing
Friday 17 June	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Mon 20 – Fri 23 June	Selected	Regional Music Camp
Friday 24 June	All	Last day of Term 2
Monday 11 July	All	Term 3 commences

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 13 June	Milly
Tuesday 14 June	Chaille
Wednesday 15 June	Carolyn, Esther

Date	Names
Thursday 16 June	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 17 June	Maureen, Rikki-Lee, Michelle

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Early Flyers Years 5 & 6 Workshops

Merrimac SHS extension workshops offer exciting learning opportunities and challenges for talented Year 5 & 6 students on Friday 16 June from 9am to 2.30pm. Visit our school website for program details, call or email today to reserve your place, no costs involved. Email office@merrimacshs.eq.edu.au RSVP by Friday 10 June.

Cartooning Workshops

We are very excited to be coming to the Gold Coast to run one of our special cartooning workshops for the local children from Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July at Ashmore Scout Hall, 1 Community Drive, Ashmore. Please book online at:

<http://www.illustrating-man.com.au/>

Scenic Rim Robotic Dairy & 4Real Milk Open Day

Live music food and drinks, Sunday 26 June 10am – 3pm at 9023 Mt Lindesay Hwy, Tamrookum 4285 (behind Tamrookum School).

School Holiday Fun Activities

Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre, Jim Harris Park, Mattocks Road, Varsity Lakes. Thursday 30 June, 10am – 12pm rainbow tie dye spiral workshop, sure to inspire creativity for all ages. Thursday 7 July 10am – 11.30am free funky fitness dance workshop for children 5-12years. Please book on 5593 7006.

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