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Principal's Column

Athletics Carnivals

Well it would seem that if we ever want to induce some rainy weather, we need only schedule an outdoor event at Caningeraba State School. By some miracle, we successfully conducted the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2/3 carnivals over three days last week just after the recent storm events. With a rather unseasonably cool start last Monday and graduating to an almost hot sunny day on Wednesday, our students displayed enormous house pride and team spirit with every child doing their very best on the day whilst proud family members cheered them on. The bucket hats in their house colours were an absolute triumph. My most memorable moment was the 6 x 80 metre relay with 150 Prep Stars and 180 Year Ones. A few had to be wrangled at the end to prevent additional legs of the relay, not to mention a few unauthorised lane changes. An enormous thank you to Mr Carlton, the Convenor of the carnival, Mr O'Toole, staff, House Captains and our families for giving our carnivals that "old school" feel where participation is key and smiles are abundant. At the time of writing, it is still unclear whether we will be able to go ahead with the Years 4 to 6 carnivals this week after two postponements already due to weather.

School Hall

The refurbishment work in our school hall is almost complete with the final coat of polyurethane being applied to the Spotted Gum timber floor this evening. It is anticipated that the hall will be back in use for hirers and school activities at the commencement of the school holidays once the coatings have had sufficient time to harden and cure. The floor looks absolutely amazing and is first class, so much so, that we as a

community will need to take very special care in looking after it. The chairs currently located on the stage during the renovations will now be permanently moved to the back of the hall rather than the sides as in the past. In time, it is envisioned that special storage will be built at the rear of the hall to house the chairs and other equipment for the school, P&C and hirers. Until this time, some shipping containers on site will be continued to be utilised for storage. Once again I must emphasise that it will be very important for staff, students and parents to ensure that we all take special care of our new floor. The good news for the children is that discos are back in term three.

It is now most appropriate to capitalise on recent works and reengage architects in the concept planning and full documentation for a hall upgrade as previously discussed. Presently, the P&C and school are privately commissioning project services work to affect full design, architectural, engineering, hydraulics and associated drawings in a staged scope of works. It is envisaged that the final master plan design might incorporate perhaps three stages of works which can be tendered separately and therefore fundraised, budgeted for and achieved over the longer term. Essentially, there is scope to build storage within the hall including a sound and lighting area, a front stage revamp, an extended multipurpose foyer area at the front of the hall and an extended multipurpose space along the western side of the hall adjacent to the admin building.

This project will belong to our community and will not be funded through project funding by Education Queensland per se. It will however be the combined efforts of our hardworking P&C, the school and our community to bring this vision about over the next few years. A complicating factor in the scope of works for the hall, is that currently, the original louvered facades are not completely weather proof in extreme weather like we have seen recently. It is anticipated that full documentation ready for tender could be shared with the school community hopefully by the end of the school year ready for the first stage of tender.

Special Education Program Upgrade

You may have noticed some frantic activity between the SEP block and Teaching Block 2 very recently with another new project now underway. This project, funded by the State Government, has been brought about as a direct response to concerns raised by the school over recent years with regard to accommodating the needs of children living with disability. The final scope of works has been tendered at a total cost of \$380,000 with the school contributing an additional \$40,000 for specialised playground equipment not originally covered under the project's funding criteria. The project incorporates a freestanding cantilevered roof structure between the SEP and Block 2 to include a specialised SEP skills development area and a separate new eating area for adjacent classrooms. Existing pergolas on Block 2 will be relocated to the end of Block 2 and Block 3 to provide additional shaded seating areas for students. The existing courtyard area on the northern end of the SEP will be redeveloped to include much needed storage and more specialised learning stations. It is a requirement that the project is completed in a very timely manner due to funding parameters, so I thank families for their patience during construction. This will be an exciting new facility in our school.

New Capital Works 2017/18

Some very exciting news that approximately \$3.92 million has been announced in the recent State Government budget for post 2016 to accommodate the building of new classroom spaces to support our growth in student enrolments. As you may be aware, Caningeraba State School, for many years, has operated under an Enrolment Management Plan to effectively manage our built enrolment capacity within existing facilities. It has been identified that our school has reached maximum enrolment capacity and will need additional classrooms in the near future. \$490,000 has been budgeted as an initial portion of the overall budget to commence planning processes with a view that the construction of new classrooms would hopefully occur across the 2017/18 period. Needless to say, this will involve careful collaboration and planning with Education Queensland to facilitate issues regarding limited land space, removal of existing temporary buildings, and ensuring future proofing of buildings for future growth. This of course all takes place during the day to day running of a large school but nonetheless will be a very exciting capital works project for our 30 year old school.

Amongst all of this building activity, considerable attention is being given by Regional Facilities Branch to ongoing drainage issues across our school. Planning for this scope of works is well underway with a regional commitment to getting the job done and solving our drainage issues. It is not inconceivable that the scope of this project would rest within the \$500,000 to \$1 million range so we will remain hopeful that it will dovetail into the new capital works project and will occur over time.

I cannot speak highly enough of our Regional Facilities Manager, Cassie Shepherd, who has been very supportive to our school community, whether it be fixing the hall floor, championing the SEP upgrade to find extra funding and getting the drainage agenda underway. None of these issues are an easy fix in times when regions and governments are understandably budget conscious in a tight fiscal environment.

Kind regards

Ray McConnell, Principal

Caningeraba State School goes to Noumea

2016 exchange trip taking off!

Congratulations to the following students for taking the step towards an adventurous week of French immersion. Get your passports ready!

In keeping with the aims of our language program to develop inter-cultural understanding and language acquisition through total immersion with the native language country, the following students will be travelling to New Caledonia on Saturday 19th November until Sunday 27th November 2016.

Team leaders: Principal Ray McConnell, Matt Goonan & Eddie Wada.

Year 6: Flynn, Sereine, Shaylee & Natalia.

Year 5: Owen, Owen, Lucy, Jessica, Evie, Ruby, Ava & Charlotte.

Music Class of the Week

Some people feel the music, others just listen to it.

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep	athletics carnival
1P	super pitch recognition
2M	reading rhythmic flashcards and singing solfeige
3M	the best overall music results for semester 1
4B	J.D's reaction to his great recorder playing.
6M	working productively to decode "Bucket Jamz"

Parent Parking

Just a reminder to all parents that the **staff car** park is for staff only, especially with the ongoing work & barricades, we are limited with car spaces. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Winter Interschool Sports Draw Final – Friday 17 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 Marymount, 6A at 1:30pm, 6B & 5A at 12:45pm

GIRLS SOCCER: Games at St Vincents, 6B at 12:40pm, 5B at 1:45pm

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

NETBALL: Games at Mallowa Dr Palm Beach, 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

G & T News



Last Tuesday, Sam, Ella, Harvey and Caitlin from year 6 and Gabby from year 5 represented Caningeraba in the annual Gold Coast Readers Cup tournament. Teams from 29 schools across the Gold Coast met at Hillcrest Christian College to compete for the Readers Cup Gold Coast title. They sat through 5 gruelling rounds of questions and were required to converse and then record their answers all within 30 seconds. At the end of the night, the scores were very close. With Caningeraba only 2 points off the lead.

Our wonderful team of students worked very hard over the course of the term, reading and studying five books in depth. They deserve much praise for their diligence and focus. This was an extra demand over and above their normal school work.

Well down team Caningeraba!

Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 2nd June Caningeraba entered 9 students in the Public Speaking Competition at Broadbeach Independent Public School. Students showcased their public speaking skills and their improved confidence by presenting a speech (2 minutes for year 3 and 4, 3 minutes for years 5 and 6) about pre-determined topics. Public Speaking Adjudicators from

Toastmasters judged the students on their public speaking abilities. Mr McConnell and Mr Leak attended the event to support our students. All 9 students did an outstanding job and overcome nerves on the day to deliver a stellar speech. Tia in 6P took out second place in the Year 6 division. Well done to all! Caningeraba is very proud of you! ?

Public Speaking Students

Year 3 Annie and Brandon

Year 4 Eli and Max

Year 5 Mariam and Liam

Year 6 Ella, Troy and Tia

Round 2 – Interschool Chess Tournament

The second round of the Gold Coast South Primary Interschool Chess Tournament was held on Wednesday 8th June at Kings College. Over 400 competitors from various private and public schools in our region slogged it out over 7 rounds. The following 12 Caningeraba students entered the tournament: Oliver, Shay, Judd, Noah, Jack, Liam, Tresna, Ty, Luke, Layla, Ethan, Jackson. Team Caningeraba played really well and did our school proud, as always, with their fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour. We were very proud of all of our competitors. For the past 3 years, Mr and Mrs Thomas have been donating their time and energy to coach our chess students. Thank you Mr and Mrs Thomas, you have both done a wonderful job.

Tournament of Minds (TOM)

Tournament of Minds is an international problem solving competition that Caningeraba is proud to be involved with. Teams of seven are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges over a six week period. Tournament of Minds (TOM) aims to help students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve problems. Students are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking “outside the box”.

Caningeraba will be entering 3 teams this year. Congratulations to the 21 students who have been selected to make up the 3 Caningeraba teams for 2016. This term, students have been involved in training to develop collaboration, creative thinking and communication skills. We are very fortunate this year to have Mr Jith Sen facilitating Drama sessions for our T.O.M students each Monday morning. Thank you Mr Sen for volunteering your time to work with the students. Your enthusiasm, time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Canberra Excursion Information

Year 6 students from our school will soon undertake an educational tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students will participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government will contribute funding of \$60.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards

those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was considered in the preparation of the excursion costing.

Library News

Thank you to the Pryce Fernandez family for their kind donation of books to the library.

School Banking News

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

Lucy 5W	Macie 3M	Jaive 3O
Charlee 3O	Sean 2P	Javian 2P
Sage 5B	Amelie 2O	Ruby 1P
Miller 1O	Will 3P	Lochlan PB
Sage PG	Hayley PG	Harry PR
Samuel PB		

Congratulations to classes PS and 1O on being the school bankers of the week.

Multiple rewards can now be ordered for those students with 20 or more tokens.

Student of the Week

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

6B	Mitchell & Mitch	6G	Katana & Max
6M	Lilly	5P	Keelan
5S	Ciara	4M	Teresa
3S	Jamieson	1O	George & Chase
1S	Zyla		

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 17 June	Yrs 5 & 6	Final Interschool Winter 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
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July	Year 6	Canberra and Day Camp
Wednesday 27 July	Year 4	Raw Art

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 20 June	Milly
Tuesday 21 June	Chaille
Wednesday 22 June	Carolyn
Thursday 23 June	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 24 June	Maureen, Rikki-Lee, Michelle

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a 10 month financial education and matched savings program that assists families to gain financial skills, establish a savings goal and develop long term savings habits. As an incentive to save, participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings when they complete the program which can be used for educational costs such as computers and tablets, text books and uniforms.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

Set up in 2003 to encourage saving for educational expenses, Saver Plus is now offered by a range of community agencies in 60 communities across all states and territories in Australia.

Paradise Diving Club

The new dive school term will commence on Monday 18 July. Come and try, sessions available if you wish to check out this sport of springboard and platform diving. A trampoline class will also be offered on Saturday mornings. All lessons will be conducted at the brand new, world class Commonwealth games facility at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Southport. For further information please contact Kevin at kevvyhall1@gmail.com

Gold Coast Goju Karate

Gold Coast Goju Karate offers you a trial first class free! Did you know karate can be beneficial to your child's learning and

grades? Contact Nick to book on 0407959402 or email
nick@goldcoastgojugarate.com

Visit Our Website

We encourage our parents, carers and family members to visit our website, to see ongoing class activities.

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