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Principal's Column

It seems to be a recurring theme but I can't believe that another term has almost passed. Already as a school, considerable preparations are in place for the 2017 school year, particularly in relation to capital building works. Thankfully the hall floor saga seems to be finally resolved with our shiny new floorboards getting a real workout at last week's disco for the very first time. I believe we had the largest number of students ever at our school disco particularly in the Prep to Year 3's session selling out of glow products in record time.

Our recent Father's Day stall was a huge success with many dedicated volunteer parents helping out across the two days. We as a community owe a debt of considerable gratitude to our P&C executive team and fundraising volunteers for backing up at a busy time for both the disco and Father's Day stall. As always, these parents give freely of their time so that our children and school community can benefit from funds raised.

Throughout term three, Caningeraba State School has provided several opportunities for our students to shine and represent our school community. Caningeraba has always been a strong contender at the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod and this year is no exception. Our students, under the careful guidance of staff, tune and warm their instruments and vocal chords backstage and then move quietly onto the big stage, with nerves tingling (especially mine) as they put all their learning, team work and practice to the test. And yet, the children always do themselves, our staff and their parents proud and perform with such aplomb on what is always a very competitive arena. An enormous thank you to Stephanie James, Ella Duncombe, Janet Wright, Stacey Bolton and Kathleen Winter for their dedication to the eisteddfod and our arts program.

On August 14, our French students also performed admirably at the Modern Language Teachers Association Queensland (MLTAQ) at Griffith University. Our students certainly did themselves proud and we are indebted to Madame Wada for championing our French language program.

Queensland's Tournament of Minds Regional Finals were hosted recently at Varsity College with Caningeraba State School entering three of the four categories this year. At 1 pm on the Sunday, the final scores from the judges came in and the tension rose to a crescendo. Two firsts and one honours were announced as the students cheered and some very proud teachers, parents and principals joined in. Two teams will now compete at the State Finals to be held on the Gold Coast this year at Griffith University. We wish our teams every success this coming weekend and thank you to Renea Christy our G&T Coordinator, Jennifer Snowball, Kerry Sutton, Carrie Pearson and our many teacher helpers for providing this wonderful opportunity for our talented students.

Our NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 for 2016 have now been released and our school will use data on this standardised test to provide diagnostic information to inform our practice at a whole school, cohort, class and individual student level. Suffice to say that we can be very proud of Caningeraba's achievements over time with exceptional results again in the very low percentage of students below National Minimum Standard as compared with the Nation and Queensland. Further, we achieved the highest results in Mean Scale Score (average) for Year 3 in all strands since the introduction of the NAPLAN tests in 2008. Most importantly, we are most proud of our staff, parents, volunteers and our community who work together to "value add" to the learning of our students and therefore maintain a "relative gain" that in the main exceeds the Nation.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Kylie Bruce who has relieved as Associate Principal for Marg Heiser during term three. Kylie has come from Calamvale State College and has transitioned into the role seamlessly and quickly integrated her skillset and experience into daily life at Caningeraba. It has also been a strength to receive feedback on our school operations and strategic initiatives from another perspective and to share ideas from her substantive school also. At this stage, it is envisaged that Mrs Heiser, after a long recuperation from her surgery, will return in term four and therefore we wish Mrs Bruce every success in her future endeavours.

This week, I will host the initial start-up meeting with Regional and Central Office staff for the design and construction planning for the new building which will hopefully be completed in readiness for the start of the 2018 school year. The project managers and architects who successfully tendered for this project will be in attendance at this meeting to consult on servicing the future needs of our school and to resolve design issues with limited land space. This will be an exciting project for our school and I will keep our community updated once we have architectural drawings to share.

Kind regards
Ray McConnell, Principal

G & T News

Tournament of Minds



Tournament of Minds is an international problem solving competition for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Teams of seven are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges. This year Caningeraba entered teams in the disciplines of Engineering Mathematics, Language Literature and Social Sciences. Last Sunday, our three teams did themselves and our school extremely proud at the Regional Tournament. Team Caningeraba worked productively over six weeks to create three very polished and entertaining performances. Our Social Sciences and Language Literature teams received first place and our Engineering Mathematics team received honours. The Social Sciences and Language Literature team will now be competing in the State Championships which will be held at Griffith University (Gold Coast) on Sunday 11th September. The students have been busy training and preparing for the 3 hour long term challenge and spontaneous challenge they will be presented with at the State Finals. A massive thank you to the teachers and parents

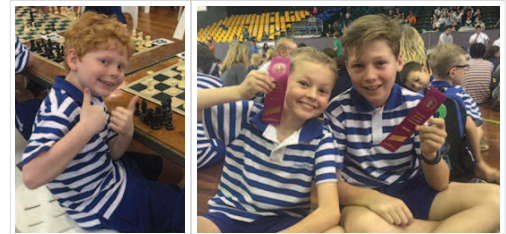
for training and supporting our creative, talented, hardworking and dedicated students. We look forward to seeing what our talented teams produce at State. Good luck!

Team Language Literature – Alana, Ella, Jordan, Tom, Layla, Joshua, Rohan

Team Mathematics Engineering – Matthew, Channel, Demi, Jayden, Jack, Gabby, Kriszti

Team Social Sciences – Evie, Mitchell, Florine, Malea, Kurtis, Erryn, Caitlin

Interschool Chess Tournament



Last week, 13 Caningeraba Chess enthusiasts participated in the 'Gold Coast Interschool Chess Tournament' held at Carrara Sports Stadium. Once again the students did our school proud. All students were successful and won at least 3 rounds each. Noah, Liam, Shay, Joshua and Jackson all received merit awards. As usual, all students demonstrated great sportsmanship and behaviour. We had many teachers and parents from other schools compliment us on our students' behaviour. A huge thank you once again goes to Shannon and Pamela Thomas. Shannon and Pamela, our chess coach extraordinaire, donate their time and skills free of charge week after week. Thanks for accompanying us and mentoring our students, we really appreciate your dedication. Chess club is Thursday second break in the Library. All welcome!

Last but not least. Thank you to all the parents who battled the northern traffic and transported their children to and from the tournament. This is vital in keeping the cost of the day down and also demonstrates to your child that you value and support their endeavours.

Chess tournaments are held each term and will be advertised in the school newsletter. They are open to all players from beginners to A Grade. The final tournament for the year will be held at Emmanuel College on Wednesday 26th October. More details will be published in the school newsletter next term.

Project Unify



Our final rounds of Project Unify began last week and will run for the next twelve school weeks. This term we are enrolled in Numeracy Booster and Code Breaker. These projects are delivered online by the IMPACT Centre. The IMPACT Centre's expert online teachers deliver live web conference lessons directly to a targeted selection of 17 students from years 4 – 6. Each student works at their own computer and wears a headset with microphone to communicate with peers and teachers. The Numeracy Extension Project aims to boost numeracy knowledge, skills and confidence and develop specific problem-solving skills and strategies via the See, Plan, Do, Check approach. The Code Breaker course aims to engage students to think and problem solve while acquiring an understanding of how technologies can work for them. Computer coding is a set of instructions that tells your computer, mobile phone, tablet or other device to solve a problem or carry out a task.

Writing Day of Excellence

Find your gift, share your gift and shine was the message from author John Denalis at the Writing Excellence workshop that five of our Year two students attended on Tuesday. Ghil, Oliver, Pepper, Jaime and Kye explored the concept that there is no right or wrong idea when writing. No perfection..... The broken parts of us are often the most interesting. Our aspiring authors published their own little book by the end of the day.

P & C News

Disco

Thank you to all the students, volunteers, parents and teachers who attended the school disco last Thursday night. A special thank you to the Jackson-Etteridge family for the much appreciated glow products - they were gratefully appreciated!

Toothbrush Recycling

Colgate and Terracycle have introduced an Oral Care Recycling Program in Australia and New Zealand. At Monday night's P&C meeting it was decided to participate in the program. All we have to do is collect used oral care waste. That's right, bring in your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers and their outer packaging and put them into the collection container in the office (from 1 September to October 27).

We'll post them off to TerraCycle to be recycled and for each approved item received, our school will be awarded points which can be redeemed for funds for the school. Colgate is also awarding \$1,000 to the school who recycles the most oral care waste by November 1 2016. Can we be that winner?

A message from the school crossing supervisors

Our priority is to enable you and your children to cross the road safely. We have lately encountered ongoing issues with vehicles parking very close to the crossing on Whistler Drive - we realise that many people find it very convenient to park here and it's not our job to enforce parking laws but when vehicles are parked too close to the crossing, the Supervisors are unable to clearly see oncoming traffic which puts supervisors and pedestrians lives at risk.

There was almost a head on collision 2 weeks ago with a car going into the parking lot off Razorbill which is an **exit only** route.- again please adhere to the traffic signs posted - this is an EXIT only from the parking lot.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some safety procedures for both vehicle traffic and student safety:

Drivers:

- When stopped at a pedestrian crossing PLEASE don't stop on pedestrian (zebra) crossings – ensure that you are behind the white lines and not blocking the crossing so that we have a clear path for the children to cross safely. It also makes it difficult for other motorists to see children. Please wait until the supervisor has crossed the road before moving.
- Please keep traffic flowing through the school parking lot and be courteous to other drivers. When traffic backs up into Whistler Drive, it can impede buses from safely parking in the bus zone as well as blocking clear vision on Whistler Drive.
- Please indicate which direction you are turning when exiting the parking lot onto Razorbill Street and make sure you come to a **full stop at the Stop sign – not on the footpath.**
- Please do not make U Turns near the pedestrian crossing. This is dangerous not only to the children but also to other drivers.
- Please watch the speed you are going, our children's lives are precious to us.

Pedestrians

- When crossing please cross in a straight line **between** both red and white poles rather than crossing diagonally.
- Please don't allow your children to swing from the crossing rails - it is distracting and **very** dangerous - a child fell on the concrete after swinging on the rail last year.

A reminder that GCCC and the Qld Police regularly visit the school and will issue fines for vehicles parked too long in the set down areas and for illegal parking.

Thank you, Lisa, Mel & Nedra

Smoking around the school grounds

A member of our community has witnessed parents smoking in the CSS carpark and within the CSS perimeter during school pickup time. Walking with their child through the CSS car park, they walked straight past a parent who was openly smoking, in an area where it is not legal. Please be aware with current federal and state government laws this is an offence. Please help us to ensure a safe environment for the health and wellbeing of the children.

Summer Sports Draw Friday 9 September

Please phone our Events Line for all up to date sports draws and information on 5568 6388.

Basketball Boys: Senior A at 1:30pm, Junior A at 12:40pm, both games at St Andrews
Senior B and Junior B at 1:05 – 1:40pm at Caningeraba SS

Basketball Girls: Senior A at 1:30pm Junior A at 12:40pm both games at St Andrews
Senior B and Junior B at 1:40 – 2:15pm at Caningeraba SS

T-Ball: Senior & Junior at Pizzey Park Softball fields at 12:45pm

Oztag Boys: Mallawa Dr Palm Beach 5A & 6A at 12:40pm, 5B & 6B at 1:30pm

Touch Girls: Pizzey Park Burleigh Soccer Club, approx 12:30

Cricket: Senior & Junior at Caningeraba SS at 12:45pm

Results from Sport Friday 2 September

Team	Result	Best Player
5A Oztag	Won 7-5	Jimi
5B Oztag	Won 10-6	Noah
5B Basketball	Lost 16-32	Bella
6B Basketball	Draw 16-16	Cleo
5A Basketball	Lost 4-0	Vela
5A Basketball	Lost 6-4	Cameron
6A Basketball	Won 13-9	Joshua
6A Basketball	Won 28-12	Cameron
Jnr T Ball	Lost 21-12	Calum
Snr T Ball	Lost 16-24	Mariam

Team	Result	Best Player
Jnr Cricket	Won 294-60	Owen
Snr Cricket	Won 153-74	Mitchell
6A Touch	Won 3-0	Charli
6B Touch	Lost 1-0	Shae

Student of the Week

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

6B	Troy & Blake	6G	Akala
5S	Declan	5B	Scarlette & Jake
4G	Jada	4M	Charlotte & Milly
4P	Ashton & Sam	4S	Luke
3G	Jaron	3S	Madalynn
2M	Lola	1O	Hannah
PB	Jersey	PG	Olivia & Philippa
PM	Havana	PR	Van
PS	Varsity-Rose	PW	Harmony

School Banking News

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

Harper 3/4R	Jordan 2B	Lacey 1W
Ethan PR	Peter PR	Arvvey 1B

Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a silver certificate:

Jakobi 5S	Liam 5P	Lola 2M
Leah 1S	Ploynapat 1P	Hayley 4B
Max PS	Ella PM	Hayley PG

- Congratulations to 5P, 3P and 1P on being awesome bankers this week.
- Just a reminder that school banking does not accept foreign currency, please check your coins before putting them in your bank book.
- School banking will commence on the first day of Term 4.
- Congratulations to all students who have already made their 3 deposits and entered the commonwealth bank competition – 1 week to go to

get your deposits in. Don't forget to also complete your stargazing online activity – visit the CommBank website This will give you an extra prize draw. Caningeraba is the 2nd highest school in the State for the number of entries

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking/prize-lights.html?intcmp=prizelights>

Music Class of the Week

Preparing Students for Using Their “Inner Hearing”

“Let’s put the ending of the song, “Mary Had a Little Lamb” inside our heads, in our inner hearing, when we get there. What is the end of the song? (Its fleece was white as snow.) You can move your lips to the words (avoid exaggerating), but don’t let the sound come outside your head. Here we go.”

Introducing “Inner Hearing”

“As we sing ‘The Farmer in the Dell’, let’s put the song in our inner hearing when we get to the last ‘The farmer in the dell’. We’ll move our lips to the words, but the song will sound only inside our heads.”

For some adults and children, the “lips only” approach is a necessary step to activate inner hearing.

Bibliography - Bennett P. D. & Bartholomew, D.R. (1997). SongWorks I: singing in the education of children. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, pgs. 87-89.

Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PS	A fantastic lesson from beginning to end and having the best inner hearing skills.
2P	Singing "Let It Play" with impressive do' ti la pitching.
3G	Sight reading "When The Saints" on the recorder.
4G	Scoring 100% accuracy playing "Jump Up" the VERY FIRST TIME.
5P	Showing focus when completing assessment tasks.
6B	Being motivated to complete guitar assessments.

Diary Dates

Please phone our Events Line on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

- Student Resource Scheme payments for 2016 are payable now.
- Noumea September payment due Wednesday 14 September 10:30am.

Friday 9 Sept	Year 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Tuesday 13 Sept	4B/M/P	Swell
Wednesday 14 Sept	4G/S/R	Swell
Friday 16 Sept	Year 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Friday 16 Sept	All	Last Day of Term
Monday 3 October	All	Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 4 October	All	Term 4 Commences
Friday 7 October	Year 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Friday 14 October	Year 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Monday 17 October	All	Student Free Day
Wednesday 19 Oct	Year 5 various	Y Lead
Wednesday 19 Oct	Yr 6 Parents	Parent info night Sex Ed 6pm library

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 12 September	Milly
Tuesday 13 September	Susana
Wednesday 14 September	Carolyn, Alyssia
Thursday 15 September	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 16 September	Maureen, Michelle

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Paradise Diving Club

The new dive school term will commence on Tuesday the 4 October.

Come and try, sessions are 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. Please contact Kevin at kevvyhall1@gmail.com or on 0415787207

Tennis Central – School Holiday Tennis Programs

At Miami SHS 9am – 3pm. Book and pay online at our website
Phone 0479159533 or info@tenniscentralmiami.com .

<http://www.tenniscentralmiami.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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