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Principal's Column

Tournament of Minds

The Australasian Pacific Finals for Tournament of Minds was hosted this past weekend on the Gold Coast at Griffith University and SeaWorld. In September, two of our TOM teams won at Regional Finals and went through to the State Finals. Our Social Science team won their category at States against a considerable field of State and private Independent Schools and were successful in going through to the coveted Australasian Finals. Our team of seven creative and collaborative problem solvers had the dubious honour of representing their State of Queensland as one of four primary school teams. The Australasian Final draws teams from all Australian States and Territories, New Zealand, Thailand and other countries within the region. Our Social Science team arrived after a short bus ride to the Gold Coast for their epic three day event. Under the guidance of Ms Jennifer Snowball, Mrs Renea Christy and Mrs Karen Hurford, our enthusiastic team performed admirably throughout both their unseen spontaneous challenge and then their group challenge on Saturday where they performed in front of all other Social Science competitors and proud parents and teachers looking on.

Whilst our students did themselves proud, the Tasmanian team took home the line honours trophy on the day with a well-deserved performance in the spirit of TOMS. Our staff, students and parents enjoyed the awards presentation centre stage at Dolphin Cove on Saturday evening where the dolphins certainly stole the show and even hung around for the handing out of awards. A special thank you not only to Ms Snowball, Mrs Christy and Mrs Hurford, but also to all our dedicated

Caningeraba teacher mentors and volunteer judges at the Regional, State and Australasian Finals who provide this rich opportunity for our students. Also to our wonderful parents for their unwavering support of their children and most of all to our wonderful children for their capacity to work together to take these challenges head on. Well done Social Science team!

New Capital Works Building 2017

I reported in September that I was about to host the initial start-up meeting with Regional and Central Office staff for the design and construction planning for a new building which would service our growth in enrolment numbers which is about to exceed our built enrolment capacity. The project managers and architects, along with senior facilities personnel, were in attendance at this meeting to consult on servicing the future needs of our school and to resolve design issues within the constraints of limited land space and existing infrastructure. I am pleased to report that this estimated \$4.5 million project incorporating the provision of 10 new general classroom spaces will be completed in readiness for the commencement of the 2018 school year.

The current proposal comprises a two storey building with 8 classrooms on the first floor and 2 classrooms provided on the ground floor with provision for an additional 6 classrooms in the undercroft area for future growth. The building will be sited on the south eastern corner of the school adjacent to the new resource centre and drive through southern car park. Due to space constraints, the building design has been specifically tailored to suit our local needs within available land space providing a somewhat signature building for Caningeraba State School. Three existing double demountables will be demolished in this area of the school to provide the required footprint for the new building. Accordingly, the enormous scale of this project within limited land space requires the complex task of removing

6 old demountable classrooms to build 10 new classrooms with therefore a net gain of 4 classrooms in total.

In order for construction of the new building to occur throughout 2017 and within the context of a fully operational school, preparations are already underway to accommodate the provision of 3 double modular buildings. These buildings will compensate for the demolition of existing demountables and will be located on the south eastern corner of the school oval adjacent to current year 6 classrooms. These temporary buildings will be most adequate and perhaps superior to existing demountables with covered verandas and associated services. The provision of an additional classroom space for growth is also possible pending 2017 Prep enrolments. Whilst it is obviously most preferable that the timing of provisioning these temporary classrooms facilitates minimal disruption to classes towards the end of this year or at the beginning of next year, this cannot be guaranteed. However, every attempt will be made to do as much as possible during the Christmas holidays.

This is indeed a very exciting development for our school community. The scope of this project will also resolve most existing drainage issues and improve our overall infrastructure. The complexity and enormous challenge of integrating a modern 2016 compliant building on a 30 year old school site is quite staggering. Once preliminary designs have been approved by Central Office ready for tender, I will communicate design drawings and keep our community updated on progress.

Shortly, a return slip will be sent to all families requesting information on whether students are returning to or leaving our school in 2017. This data informs class formations for next year and even more so now in the context of our new building works, please respond promptly as this information is vital in planning classes and facilities for next year.

Kind Regards
Ray McConnell, Principal

Term 4 Interschool Chess Tournament

Term 4 sees the Gold Coast Individual Age Championships taking place at Emmanuel College. This event sees players taking on players of their own age with students grouped by their year of birth (or as close as possible).

Whilst this event is open to players of all abilities from beginners to A Grade, children will need to have some experience of the game.

Date	Wednesday 26th October
Venue	Emmanuel College Sports Hall, Carrara (entrance via College Road)
Time	9.00am - 2.30pm (Registration from 8.30am)
Cost	\$18 per student

There will be a teacher from our school at the event to supervise but you will be responsible for transporting your 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 with money to the payments window by 10:30am Monday 24th October. For more information on the tournament you can visit Gardiner Chess website below or email Mrs Christy rpick33@eq.edu.au .

<http://www.gardinerchess.com.au>

LOTE News

We urgently need Host Families for our sister school St Jean Baptiste from New Caledonia arriving Thursday 27th October to Thursday 3rd November. In particular, we need to place 2 lovely boys and 1 girl. All come from great families who will also be hosting some of our children staying in Noumea for a week later this year. Please leave a message for Madame Wada via your child or at the office if you can assist. The children are 10 or 11yrs with some English knowledge, wanting to experience life in an Australian family. Their Principal and 4 classroom teachers will be at our school for the week and in our classes. A special Welcoming Assembly with cultural performances is organised for Wednesday 2 November at 12:10pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend and stay for the sausage sizzle at 1:15pm.

Student Council News

The Student Council are now selling bandanas for Bandana Day in the tuckshop undercover area. The price is \$4.00 a bandana and the money raised goes to the Canteen Cancer Foundation. They will be sold until Friday 28 October and students can start wearing them to school from Monday 24 October. Our aim is to raise \$1200. Please help us achieve our goal.

P & C News

Wow, thank you! We have already raised \$1270.35 in the first week of our coin challenge, which is a great effort. This money will go towards hall renovations. The winner of the ice-block treat for most funds raised last week is Prep Maroon who raised \$124.25, well done! Our last and final school disco of the year will be a Christmas theme held on Thursday 1 December.

Summer Sports Draw Friday 21 October

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 Elanora
Senior B at 1:30pm, Junior B at 12:40pm, both games at Caningeraba

BASKETBALL GIRLS: Senior A at 1:30pm Junior A at 12:40pm, both games at Elanora
Senior B at 1:30pm, Junior B at 12:40pm, both games at Caningeraba

T-BALL: Senior & Junior at Pizzezy 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 5A & 6B at 12:40pm, 5B & 6A at 1:25pm

CRICKET: Senior & Junior at Mudgeeraba SS at 12:45pm

Student of the Week

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

6B	Shaylee	6G	All of 6G
5S	Ellie	4G	Max
4M	Joseph	4P	Trhanna
4S	Christianna	3G	Ocean
2G	Sapphire	1M	Max & Mikaela
1S	Toby	PG	Jack
PM	Harvey	PR	Ethan
PW	April		

School Banking News

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

Georgia PG	Lucas PW	Eva 3O
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a silver certificate:

Max 4G	Koopa 4B	Sean 2P
Elkie 1M	Amelie 2O	Lola 1W
Reid 1P		

Congratulations to the following students who have made 30 deposits and received a gold certificate:

Jimi 5S	Thomas 5B	Tazmin 5B
Jesse 3M	Lockie 2M	Claudia PS
Frazer 1/2R	Anni 3P	

Congratulations to classes 1P and 3O for being awesome bankers. Rewards have been late arriving from the bank so please except our apology for any delays.

Music Class of the Week



Class	Achievement
Prep Gold	Great progressive barn dancing.
1W	Singing enthusiastically.
1O	Identifying known and unknown rhythms.
2O	Synchronised clapping the very first time.
3G	100% attendance with recorders.
3M	100% attendance with recorders AND returning completed homework.
4G	100% attendance with completed homework.
5B	Creative suggestions in our "Composer Of The Month" activities.

Library News

Thank you to the Traill and Kelly families for their kind donation of books to the Library.

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.
- Swimming Program for year 1 – 3 payment of \$20.00 due by 10:30am Friday 21 October.
- Year 6 Graduation Momento payment of \$18.00 or \$13.20 due by 10:30am Friday 21 October.
- Year 5 Planetarium payment of \$19.50 due by 10:30am Monday 24 October.
- Term 4 Chess payment of \$18.00 due by Monday 24 October.

Friday 21 October	Years 5 & 6	Summer Interschool Sport
Monday 24 October	Years 1-3	Swimming
Wednesday 26 Oct	Year 5	Planetarium
Wednesday 26 Oct	Various	Interschool Chess Championships - Emmanuel College
Thursday 27 Oct	All	St Jean Baptiste arrive
Friday 28 October	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 31 Oct	Year 6	First Aid Course
Monday 31 Oct	Years 1-3	Swimming
Wednesday 2 Nov	Various	2017 Prep Orientation
Wednesday 2 Nov	All	Cultural Assembly for St Jean Baptiste 12:10 – 1:15pm
Thursday 3 Nov	All	St Jean Baptiste return to Noumea
Thursday 3 Nov	All	Music: Count Us In – 11:30am in the hall
Thursday 3 Nov	Selected	Mr McConnell and student leaders to Parliament House
Friday 4 November	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 7 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Mon 7- Thu 10 Nov	Year 6	Sex Education
Mon 7- Thu 17 Nov	All	Book Fair
Thursday 10 Nov	Various	Prep Experience Day
Friday 11 Nov	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 14 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Friday 18 Nov	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport – Last Round
Friday 18 Nov	Various Yr 5 & 6	Noumea trip

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 24 October	Milly
Tuesday 25 October	Susana
Wednesday 26 October	Carolyn, Esther
Thursday 27 October	Carolyn
Friday 28 October	Maureen, Michelle

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Varsity College Orientation Day for Year 7 2017

On Wednesday 30 November 2016, Varsity College will hold an orientation day for students enrolled in year 7 for 2017. The school day will commence at 8:15am with students arriving at the Varsity College Secondary Sports Centre located on Assembly Drive. At the entrance to the sports centre, students will find their names on class lists and will be guided to move to their indicated class. Staff will be present to assist in this process. While parents are certainly welcome at the drop off, their attendance is not compulsory. On the day, students will meet their respective foundation teachers, meet their future class mates and take part in a series of activities aimed at fostering a smooth transition into high school. The day will conclude at 2:25pm once again with students gathering at the sports centre for dismissal. If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact Varsity College Admissions on 5562 3575 or email dmarr18@eq.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