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Principal's Column

The summer heat is well and truly upon us as we count down the final days in the 2016 school year. This year marks our 30th graduating class since Caningeraba's opening in 1987. It is with much pride that I acknowledge that our senior cohort has stepped up in every way - academically, culturally, social emotionally and in the sports arena.

On Tuesday night this week, we recognised, celebrated and fondly farewelled our graduating Year 6 class of 2016. This inspiring group of exceptionally talented students has upheld the values we hold dear at Caningeraba and it is heart-warming to see such confident, caring, supportive individuals. From the stirring rhythm of the Drumbeat students, the musical talent of the Senior Band and the culminating class and year six dances, this is certainly a fitting night to remember our graduates.

Our Year 6 teachers, school staff, Mums, Dads and extended family members can be deservedly proud of how we always pull together as a community to nurture such fine young people. Our students all looked so grown up, spoke beautifully and performed with so much pride. Congratulations to those students who were the proud recipients of scholarships and awards on the evening.

We are all immensely proud of our senior students. On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish each and every one of them every success for a happy and fulfilling life beyond Caningeraba State School as they move on to high school. We will miss them dearly and want them to come back and visit often. An enormous thank you to Ms Maria Mott and to all our Year 6 staff for their tireless support of our graduating students throughout this year.

The end of year brings with it several staff changes at Caningeraba State School. Kerrie Lincoln is now resigning after sixteen years as an integral part of our Caningeraba family. Kerrie began her career as a Pre-School Teacher Aide long before the days of 'Prep' when our Pre-school comprised just two classes. Over the years she has nursed many a scraped knee and dried the eyes of countless nervous littlies. Kerrie is a truly kind-hearted lady who has given much to our school and she will be sorely missed. We thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her every blessing for the future.

Mr David Page started at Caningeraba as an intern with Mrs Stables on Year 2 and after five years has decided to take a working holiday next year. David is a much valued and respected member of our community and we wish him all the best on his overseas adventures. Also in 2017, Mr John Collingridge is on loan to the Tallebudgera Beach School where he will engage in their camp program for schools from all across the State. John has a passion in this area and he will be a wonderful asset to that team. Miss Larissa Josephson, after two years at Caningeraba working in the SEP and on Year 1, will be moving to Sydney in the New Year. Larissa is well known for her wonderful work with the Running Club, winning many accolades for our school while improving the health and fitness of many students. David, John and Larissa will all be sorely missed and we wish them every happiness and success in their future endeavours.

Last Thursday evening marked the final disco of the school year. Despite coinciding with the first storm of the season our students turned up in droves in all their finery and danced the night away. I have so much admiration for our wonderful P&C who pulled out all stops to make it a huge success. What a top Caningeraba effort!

End of Semester Two reports will be sent home with students this week. Please take the time to sit down with your child and

discuss the report with them. Be sure to praise them for areas where they have achieved well through hard work and areas in which they have improved. Also it is important to help them reflect on where they can seek to improve for next year and maybe set some goals for 2017.

It is appropriate that at the end of this newsletter, that I share a special message. Just this week, our school has been deeply saddened by the news that one of our past students Joshua McCormick has passed away after a tragic accident. Joshua was our Caningeraba School Captain in 2008. No doubt, he touched the lives of many staff, families and students during his time at our school. Caningeraba State School has always been a close knit community and it is important at this time that his family know that our thoughts are with them at this most difficult time.

Over the coming days, we will pass on our condolences and deepest sympathies to the McCormick family as they come to terms with the tragic loss of their son at such a tender age. Our community will hold the memory of Joshua remembering him for the beautiful boy that he was, a timely reminder for what really is most important in our busy lives.

School will resume next year on Monday 23 January with the Australia Day holiday being celebrated on the Thursday of the first week. The final planning for our new Senior Learning Centre building is nearing completion with an estimated project cost of \$6.91 million. There will certainly be some construction activity on our school site next year, but I can assure you it will be worth it all in the end. I wish our parents, staff and students a safe, relaxing break, a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year over the festive season. See you in 2017!

Ray McConnell, Principal

End of Year PE News

Namaste!

The end of the school year has approached with speed and vigour. Sport at Caningeraba is wrapping up once again.

The Interschool sport season drew to a close with our school teams playing well across all sporting codes.

Last Tuesday we celebrated the efforts of the students with the Sports Awards Assembly in the Hall.

This year the Sports Awards took on a major spectacle. About 100 Trophies and 200 engraved medallions (give or take a few) were handed out for winter and summer sporting team awards. This was only possible with the super effort of Adrian Cairns, a parent, who runs a Trophy business, who donated his time, labour and stock to see many kids walk away with a big smile.

Many thanks go out to all year 5 and 6 teachers who gave up extra time to coach their teams throughout the week all year, to our House Captains who flew the flag showing great leadership among their peers on carnival days, also Troy, for his stellar power point presentation of the Sports Awards, Miss Josephson for running the Tuesday Running Club and Mr Goonan for organising the Gold Coast Interschool Basketball Competition.

A Special mention goes to the Principal Mr Ray McConnell and our BSM, Mary Ann Packer, for finding the money to build a much needed 2nd Sports Shed for bulk storage.

Term 1 is always the busiest term in regards to District Sport. As a result, Sporting Schools Programs will not start until Term 2 next year.

The Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday Week 3 of First Term at Pizzey Park Swimming Complex, Miami. Oceanic District Swim Trial will be the following week. Our School Tennis Team will be competing over the summer holidays at the Brisbane International Schools Challenge. Thanks Geoff McGarry for training up the team.

Happy Holidays

Hugh O'Toole, PE Teacher

LOTE News

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee to all Caningeraba French students, French leaders, Cancan troupe and young Noumean Travellers.

Felicitations to a very successful year of French to our year 6 cohort. I wish you all the best next year with your language learning. Come back to say Bonjour! konnichiwa! or Hola!

Here are a few reports from our Caningeraba Travellers:

The time we had in Noumea was unforgettable. It was an awesome experience and I can't believe it's over. We wish we could do it again and we could see them all again. We would like to thank all the teachers that came and made this possible. Thank you, Charlotte & Evie

Our trip was awesome, when we got there the families gave us a lay made of real flowers. On the weekend, we had lots of fun with the families. They took us to a glow in the dark indoor golf course and I was given a tap tap. Then we went bowling and later had pizza. I was worried about the food in New Caledonia but it was the same. If you get a chance go there! Lucy

Don't miss out on this opportunity! We had the time of our lives. I was worried at first, but my family was cool. They could speak a bit of English. We did some great stuff together like going to the aquarium, visiting the Maitre Island and snorkelling. We visited a lot of other families with billets, so it was almost like a party every night. I'll never forget this trip. Thanks, Ruby

Madame Wada, LOTE Teacher

Library News

Thank you to the Pedlow family for their kind donation of books to the Library.

P&C News

Another school year is almost over!

A SINCERE **thank you** to all the parents who helped at the Mother's Day & Father's Day stalls, who donated gifts, who have helped at discos (especially during inclement weather),

water blasted fellow parents and kids during the Colour Run, found spare change in their homes and cars for the Coin Challenge. We couldn't have achieved what we achieved without you!!

A HUGE thank you to the Teachers and Staff who give up their personal time to stay at school to attend discos, have a boogie and help out. Your time is appreciated.

The Coin Challenge raised \$3,093.75 and the class who raised the most at the end of the challenge was 1W, Miss Josepheson's.

A reminder to all, PLEASE consider the volunteer contribution of \$27.50 per year for tissues and for our lovely air conditioning. I cannot imagine sitting in a room of 20 or more and being expected to learn without air con. Some air conditioners will have to be replaced next year as well as regular routine maintenance.

The P&C is always looking for new members. Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month in the library. We realise that many people are unable to attend meetings at this time and appreciate all the help that people contribute in their own way. It would be great to see some new faces though, there are only 5 people on the P&C and three of those don't have children attending the school.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and Merry Christmas. We hope you enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017 and thank you again for your support in the Caningeraba Community.

Lisa Kelly

Student of the Week

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

5S	Owen	4G	Oceana
4M	Lachlan	4S	Jackson
3S	Levi	1O	Luis
1S	Leah & Hugo	PW	Justine
PR	Lulu	PS	Sienna

School Banking News

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

Ben 6P	Dhali 1W	James 1P
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 30 deposits and received a gold certificate:

Hailey 3M	Kuma 3/4R	Lachlan 2B
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Thank you to all who have supported school banking during 2016. Banking will commence week 1 of 2017. Congratulations to PR, PS & 3/4R for being our banking classes of the week. A special mention to Summer, Alivia, Jay, Taylor, Joel, Kacey & Keira for being our most consistent bankers for the year. Merry Christmas and a happy 2017.

School Banking Volunteers

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 2017 are payable by Friday 3 February.

Friday 9 Dec	All	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 9 Dec	All	Tuckshop Closed
Monday 23 Jan	All	First Day Term 1 2017
Thursday 26 Jan	All	Australia Day Holiday

Community Notices

Early Christmas Angel Haircuts

Monday 19 December from 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesday 20 December from 9 am - 2 pm

Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre, Jim Harris Park, Mattocks Road, Varsity Lakes. Complimentary haircuts & blow dries for students from Caningeraba State School and their families. We are so happy to have Kate coming to our centre - a professional hairdresser. NB: Please wash your hair before you come in, no booking is necessary.

Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre Dancing on 20 December 2016

10 am: Move and Groove 2-5 years (with parents). A fun and social movement class for kids aged 2-5 years an introduction to dance and musicality. 10.45 am: Club Funk Dance 5-12 years: dance and choreography workshop. Learn step by step moves to the latest release songs in a fun, non-competitive environment. Each class will be \$3 per child, please book by calling 5593 7006. Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre, Jim Harris Park, Mattocks Road, Varsity Lakes.

Open for Bookings - School Holiday Workshops

Circus Stars is the only circus school dedicated to children with autism and are all about reaching as many kids with ASD as possible to enrich and support their growth.

Dates: Thursday 5 January and Thursday 12 January 2017

Time: 2-3pm

Venue: Labrador Community Hub - 57 Billington Street Labrador Gold Coast

COST: \$30 per workshop per student

Term 1 2017

Dates: Saturday 28 Jan – Saturday 1 April 2017

Times: 9am-10am and 10am-11am

Venue: Labrador Community Hub - 57 Billington Street
Labrador

Cost: \$275 for the 10 week term (payment plans
available upon request)

Circus Stars Founder/Head Trainer

<http://www.circusstarsasd.com>

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>

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