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## Principal's Column

A very warm welcome back to all our families and also to those families new to Caningeraba State School in 2017. I trust that everyone has enjoyed a restful break with their children and was well prepared for the seemingly hectic pace of back to school activities. Although we appear to have been spared over the holiday season from any natural disasters locally, the oppressive heat has certainly impacted on day to day activities. It is probably timely to remind parents that although Caningeraba has air-conditioned classrooms installed a decade ago by our P&C, this is the exception rather than the rule for State schools in our region. I would impress upon parents to pay the voluntary air-conditioning levy if they haven't already done so. The P&C is spending considerable funds over and above the levies received each year to maintain this program which cannot continue without the kind support of all families. Education Queensland does not financially support classroom air-conditioning in South East Queensland.

The first week of school provided a very settled and smooth start to our school year, which in large part was due to the quality of the enrolment information provided by parents at the end of last year. Our 156 Prep Stars have transitioned well into full-time formal schooling and are settling nicely into school life. Day 8 this week, which determines our staffing resources across the school for 2017, will see approximately 1035 students in total enrolments from Prep to Year 6. Caningeraba will be operating 41 classes at this stage, placing us at maximum building capacity. I am hopeful therefore that by Thursday this week, our Day 8 numbers will be such that there will be no need for additional classroom accommodation or any significant changes to class formations.

As you would be aware, I have been discussing the intent of Education Queensland to provide additional classroom accommodation to cater for enrolment growth ready for the 2018 school year. The new capital works project comprising 10 classroom spaces to be located on the south eastern corner of the school has also been incorporated to include major civil works around our school to improve drainage and infrastructure. I am very pleased to inform our school community that an indicative budget of \$6.71 million has "in principle" agreement from Education Queensland to complete the full scope of works. The new two storey building, the Senior Learning Centre, will also incorporate three Practical Learning Areas, a Professional Learning Centre for staff and a community centre for our Caningeraba Community Connects community partnership initiative.

This is exciting news, and as I have said previously, there will be some short term pain for long term gain. Architectural plans are nearing completion in readiness for the tendering process after which construction works will get underway. As planned, three existing demountables will be demolished to make way for the new building and the area will become a construction site. This will impact on parking, pedestrian access to the school from the southern carpark and traffic congestion with construction vehicles, tradespeople and deliveries.

I am confident that in the true spirit of Caningeraba, our community will exercise common sense and tolerance while construction activities take place throughout the year. Once working drawings are finalised, I will put these on display for the community to view and follow progress. Three relocatable buildings containing six classrooms are already located at the back of the oval area to replace the demountable classrooms yet to be demolished. It is hoped that these temporary relocatable buildings will be ready for occupancy by week three.

It is with much pleasure that I announce that we now have our six members for the Caningeraba State School Council under the constitution. By way of introduction I will just outline the make-up of our council below:

**Marsha Graham** - P&C President

**Ray McConnell** - Principal

**Emma Porter** - Elected Parent Representative

**Lyndall Willgoose** - Elected Staff Representative

**Pauline Young** - Appointed Member (GCCC Councillor Division 12)

**Bonnie Barber** - Appointed Member (Deputy Head of School (Research), School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University)

Caningeraba State School Council will meet officially in term one to appoint a Chairperson and to start our new journey together. The School Council will operate under the constitution and will assist me greatly in providing strategic advice on our “good to great” agenda. I wholeheartedly thank these people who have made such a strong commitment to our school community and who can undoubtedly bring a different skillset and lense to our strategic direction.

An important theme throughout our student free day program recently was continuing to align our school vision and four year Strategic Plan 2014-2017. Once again, we reflected on the core beliefs of our school which lie at the very heart of our culture and should be at the forefront of our daily work in aligning with our vision. We need to ensure that our daily practice reflects our core beliefs and is therefore visible across our school. Our vision and beliefs are listed below to reaffirm our core purpose at Caningeraba State School.

### Our Vision

*Caningeraba is a community committed to educating happy, healthy, confident 21st century learners.*

We Believe:

- *The health and well-being of our school community is key*
- *Literacy is the foundation for success in the 21st century*
- *Students come first in all that we do*
- *Every child deserves the opportunity to improve and succeed*
- *Every member of our community is a learner and can improve and succeed*
- *Parents and community play a vital role*
- *21st century learning requires a renewed focus on pedagogy and a movement from teaching to learning where we teach the way children learn*

Now three quarters of the way through our four year strategic plan, I am very proud of our progress in implementing our key strategies over the past three years. In 2016, we further implemented Marzano’s Art and Science of Teaching as a

key strategy to embed our pedagogical framework consistently across our school. We will continue to embed how we establish and communicate Learning Goals and how students reflect on their own learning. In 2017, a major focus will be on tracking student progress and embedding individual student SMARTgoals. Our coaching framework will continue to provide opportunities for all teachers to undertake coaching cycles throughout the year to support their professional practice in aligning a consistent, schoolwide approach to Reading, SMARTmaths and the Art and Science of Teaching.

On 6-9 March in week 7, our school will undertake a full School Review (formerly Teaching and Learning Audit) which will be conducted by the School Improvement Unit based in Central Office. The Teaching and Learning Audit was last conducted in 2012 and the review in March will help inform our new Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Three reviewers will be in our school over four days to observe our practice against the National School Improvement Tool which covers nine explicit domains. School reviews occur across all schools in Queensland on a four year cycle and are designed to support schools by affirming the work that they do, celebrate successes and suggest areas for improvement to consider when devising the new four year strategic plan. Reviewers will speak to a broad cross-section of our school community according to their needs and we look forward to this opportunity to reflect on our strategic work and day to day practice.

As a proud KidsMatter school, we are also formalising our social emotional learning program as an integral part of our curriculum this year from Prep to Year 6. 100 teaching and non-teaching staff along with Caningeraba Community Connects partners trained in social emotional learning and mindfulness over two recent student free days in readiness for implementing this curriculum. There were some very engaged and creative parents and staff as we came up with our analogies, poems and songs about the hippocampus, amygdala and prefrontal cortex, all parts of the brain. Although we have been trialling Hawn Foundation *MindUp* resources for over two years as the platform for our social emotional learning, it is most gratifying that the mindfulness training has now come to fruition and that we are now embedding it consistently across our school. Information sessions for parents will be held later this year as a follow up to the initial training. In the meantime, you may be hearing more from your child about brain breaks, practising being mindful and core practice.

Caningeraba State School will be continuing the Investing for Success (formerly Great Results Guarantee) once again in 2017, a copy of which will be placed on the school website in March. This funding is utilised to develop evidence-based programs that respond to the needs of their students and return a high yield in terms of improved student outcomes. Caningeraba will receive approximately \$343,000 towards this initiative and will aim to either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for every student for their year level or
- have in place an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, to address their specific learning difficulties.

*Investing for Success* places a strong focus on the early school years. This will ensure students' development in areas like literacy and numeracy is addressed early, which can produce long-term benefits through the rest of their education. Caningeraba State School is a high performing school and has an extremely low percentage of students below the Nation Minimum Standards in literacy and numeracy as compared with other State schools and the Nation.

A reminder that our *Student Resource Scheme* fee is due this Friday. I would ask kindly that families have either returned a Participation Agreement Form with the Term 1 payment or paid in full. If this is not the case, the school will need to assume that parents will be providing all student reference materials, software, class worksheet/workbook costs, and art and craft items that would have been supplied under the scheme at much reduced costs.

Caningeraba State School is such a proud school and we will always strive to improve on our continuous journey of "good to great". As a high performing school, we always keep our vision, beliefs and core values at the very heart of our daily work. I look forward once again to working in partnership with our school community in 2017. Your children are our passion and your genuine involvement in your child's education can never be understated. With this in mind please ensure that you can come along to our *Meet the Teacher* afternoon on Tuesday of week three. A timetable is included in this newsletter.

**Regards**

**Ray McConnell, Principal**

## Meet the Teacher

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We will be holding our "Meet the Teacher" Afternoon on Tuesday 7 February 2017.

These meetings are an important part of the communication between school and home. We would encourage you all to come and make the most of this opportunity to understand how your child's classroom will be operating in 2017.

**3:00 – 3:30pm:** Prep, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 5/6

**3:35 – 4:05pm:** Year 1, Year 4 and Year 3/4

**4:10 – 4:40pm:** Year 3 and Year 6

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**Administration and Staff at Caningeraba**

## Same Day Student Absence Text Messaging

From Monday 23 January 2017, our school has been alerting parents/carers of same day student unexplained absences by text message. From 2017 all Queensland State Schools are required to send out these notifications.

Please remember to phone the school on our **absence phone line 5568 6377** as soon as you are aware your child will be away or arriving late, so your child's absence can be recorded correctly. The school will contact parents/carers as soon as

practicable via text message in the morning, if a student is not at school and we don't know why.

If you advise your child's class teacher of an absence you must also notify the office staff as teachers are unable to record this information electronically.

If you are advised by our school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by reply text or phone call on 5568 6377 to let us know the reason your child is absent.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## PE News

### Representative School Sport Information

Students between the ages of 10 and 12 years old this year are eligible to trial for Oceanic District Sport Teams in 2017.

The pathway process is as follows:

The School Sport Coordinator makes public the upcoming trial dates for District and some Regional Sporting teams (Some sports have a small participation base whereby students can trial directly at the South Coast Regional Trial).

Students are to seek the approval to nominate by talking to the school's PE teacher/sport coordinator by justifying their experience in the chosen sport.

The PE teacher, generally can nominate between 3 and 4 students from their school to a district sport trial. Students nominated will receive a South Coast Sport Booklet which needs to be filled in by parents and passed on to the District Trial Manager at the beginning of the Trial. There is a section in this booklet that requires the school's Principal to sign their permission for the student to trial.

In the event of a large number of applicants wanting to trial for their chosen sport, then a school trial should be held, to determine the most suitable people to go. Students are judged on performance. In the event of equal performance, then a student who is of age without another year available to trial, would have priority of selection. Schools are clustered into sporting districts. Caningeraba was part of Gold Coast South District Sport. Since the time that Year 7 moved to High School the Primary and High School Districts were amalgamated to become Oceanic District Sport 10-19 years.

While people hold a great deal of value in making the Oceanic District team, it is the starting process to then go to the Regional Trial to be selected in the South Coast Regional team. The South Coast Team competes against all other nine regions in the state of Queensland. The State Carnival will conclude with the awards to the winning team and the announcement of students selected in the Queensland team which then will go on to compete at the National Titles.

Caningeraba has Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals to determine who is invited to represent our school as part of a team at the Oceanic District Carnivals. The biggest change this year will be with Athletics. Our school team will travel to Griffith University to compete in the 10-19 years Oceanic District Athletics Carnival. Our 'A' schools and

Champions Days have been absorbed into a new format that aligns with the other 3 District Sports Athletics Formats. It is disappointing in the fact that it will reduce the number of competitors from each school and the venue will no longer be at Pizzey Park but decisions have been made and we will compete accordingly.

The Caningeraba State School years 4-6 Swimming Carnival will be held Wednesday, Week 3 at Pizzey Park Swimming Complex. The School Swimming Team will be announced at the end of this day, with nominations due the next day to compete in the Oceanic District 10-19 years Swimming Carnival held Thursday, Week 4 at Pizzey Park Swimming complex again.

Be mindful that there are current dates set for Trial but dates and venues can change due to a number of circumstances. Parents who are eager for more information can contact their child's PE teacher/Sport Coordinator outside of teaching time. Generally, a student who is selected to Trial will come home with an information sheet describing venue, date, time, what to wear/bring and to complete a South Coast Sport Booklet.

## Current Oceanic District (10 - 12 years) Dates are as follows:

### Term 1

- Week 4**, Tuesday, Netball (Trial 1)
- Week 4**, Wednesday, AFL (Trial 1)
- Week 4**, Wednesday, Hockey
- Week 4**, Thursday, Swimming
- Week 4**, Thursday, 11 and 12 Rugby League (Trial 1)
- Week 5**, Tuesday, Netball (Trial 2)
- Week 5**, Wednesday, AFL (Trial 2)
- Week 5**, Wednesday, Hockey (Trial 2)
- Week 5**, Thursday, 11 and 12 Rugby League (Trial 2)
- Week 6**, Monday, Basketball, G & B, (Trial 1)
- Week 6**, Thursday, Soccer, G & B, (Trial 1)
- Week 7**, Monday, Basketball, G & B, (Trial 2)
- Week 7**, Thursday, Soccer, G & B, (Trial 2)
- Week 10**, Tuesday, Softball, Girls
- Week 10**, Wednesday, South Coast Swimming Trial

### Term 2

- Week 1**, Tuesday, South Coast Boys u12 AFL Trial
- Week 2**, Thursday, Touch (1)
- Week 3**, Wednesday, Tennis
- Week 3**, Thursday, Touch (2)
- Week 4**, Wednesday, Rugby Union (1)
- Week 5**, Wednesday, Rugby Union (2)
- Week 6**, Thursday, Cross Country
- Week 8**, Tuesday, South Coast Cross Country

### Term 3

- Week 2**, Thursday, Cricket
- Week 3**, Thursday, Cricket
- Week 5**, Thursday and Friday, Athletics
- Week 9**, Tuesday and Wednesday, South Coast Athletics

Parents are welcome to contact me for any information regarding Interschool, District, Regional or State Sport.

A wealth of information can be sourced through the South Coast School Sport website with links to Oceanic District Sport also.

**Hugh O'Toole, PE Teacher**

## Interhouse Swimming Carnival

None of this "easing into the year" at the mighty Caningeraba! The sporting year hits the ground running with the staging of our annual swimming carnival next Wednesday, February 8 at the Miami Olympic Pool. Pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in a program that caters for all levels of swimming competence. A muster will take place this Friday afternoon at school where our kids will be assigned events, have all questions and queries answered plus given an explanation of guidelines for attire, personal safety and expectations for the day. Please see the order of events below. From our carnival, selected swimmers (based on times) will be invited to compete in the district carnival on February 16.

As usual we invite all parents and family members along to support our kids in what is always a great day. Hoping to see you at the pool next week!

## Running Club

Undoubtedly one of the great successes of Physical Education and Sport in 2016 was Miss Josephson's "Running Club." After actually having taught Larissa during her pupil days at Caningeraba (yes I am really showing my age now!!), I have decided to carry on her great work this year. Due to the age and physical condition of this PE teacher, we might wait a few weeks for this heat to pass before we get up and going again. Therefore, Running Club for 2017 will recommence on Tuesday 21 February. I will speak to the children on assemblies in the upcoming weeks plus there will be updates in future newsletters.

**Tony Carlton, PE Teacher**

## Music Department News

As usual it will be a busy Music Block with all our ensembles and activities.

### Timetable for Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45am Music Block	Snr Recorder Ensemble (8am) Ms Wright Beginning week 3	Snr. String Ensemble Ms Bolton Beginning wk 3	Grade 5 Band Ms Winter Beginning week 3	Grade 6 Band Ms Winter Beginning week 2	Grade 4 Band Ms Winter Beginning week 4
8:00am Science Block		Jnr Recorder Ensemble Ms Wright Beginning week 3			Beginner Recorder Ms James Beginning week 3
12:50pm				Jazz Band Beginning Term 2	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:40pm 2nd Break	Snr Choir Grades 4-6 Ms Duncombe Beginning week 2		Beginner Guitar 10 week course Beginning week 1		Jnr Choir Grades 1-3 Ms James Beginning week 2
		2:45- 3:30pm Intermediate String Ensemble Ms Bolton Beginning wk 3			

For further information please see one of the music staff after school.

## Library News

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

## Chaplain News



Welcome to 2017! My name is Chappy Leisa, Caningeraba's school chaplain. What do Chappies do? We are in the support and prevention business; helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to depression and anxiety. We provide a listening ear and a caring presence for

children and young people in crisis as well as providing spiritual and emotional support to school communities (students, parents, guardians, teachers etc).

A bit about me: I'm married with 5 children and am passionate about helping our youth. I have been involved in boxing most of my life and have set up a youth outreach program, for youth and their families, through my boxing club, Fight 4 Youth Incorporated. I am also a prison chaplain, personal trainer and group fitness instructor – skills that may seem unrelated but actually all work well together in many circumstances.

As a Drumbeat facilitator, I will again be running Drumbeat sessions and a Drumming club at 1st break on Thursdays. These are held in the science room (near the library) and all are welcome at Drumming Club.

If I can help provide support to you or your child, please feel free to contact me at the school on Tuesday or Thursdays or anytime via email on leisajl@chappy.org.au.

## School Banking News

A warm welcome back to our existing student bankers and we look forward to welcoming lots of new ones this year. We have some great rewards on offer, including two handballs, one this term and one in Term 3. These are always popular and you need just 10 deposits to claim a reward. This year's major prize is a trip to **Tokyo Disneyland** for two adults and three children – you just have to make 15 deposits before the end of Term 3.

A few housekeeping points – if you have lost your book we can issue you a new one. Just send your deposit in an envelope with your name on and a note and we will issue the book and return it in your class bank bag. Or you can bring it to the science room next to the library on Tuesday morning from 8.15am. If your account has not been activated for 12 months, it will be suspended on the banking system and tokens earned will be lost. Just send your book in with your deposit to reactivate. If you have a student who finished Year 6 in 2016 but still have a younger sibling attending our school, you can continue to bank for the older student. Just send their book in with the younger child's (preferably with an elastic band) and we will process and return via your child's class.

It's important to note that if you do internet banking, this does not form part of the School Banking Program and does not accrue for rewards. Banking must be done via the school to count.

As with many other schools, we no longer issue tokens. These are however generated on the computer after each deposit. We will send out a Reward Voucher as soon as 10 tokens are accrued. If you want to know how many tokens you have, just send a note with your deposit book and we will let you know or call in on Tuesday morning.

For our new Prep students, opening an account is very simple. Your parent/guardian can either go into a CBA branch (with their ID and your birth certificate) or it can be done online through the link below and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Congratulations to 1M, 2P & 4S for being our awesome bankers of the week.

**From your School Banking Team 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.

<b>Monday 6 Feb</b>	Yrs 5 & 6	Welcome Assembly for Chinese Visitors 10:30am in the hall
<b>Tuesday 7 Feb</b>	All	Meet the Teacher Afternoon
<b>Wednesday 8 Feb</b>	Yrs 4 - 6	Swimming Carnival
<b>Friday 10 Feb</b>	Yrs 5 & 6	Farewell to Chinese Visitors 1:10pm in the hall

<b>Thursday 16 Feb</b>	Various	District Swimming Carnival
<b>Tuesday 28 Feb</b>	Yr 5	Raw Art
<b>Wednesday 1 Mar</b>	3P/S	Jacobs Well
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	3M/G	Jacobs Well
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	3B/O	Jacobs Well

AFL please contact: Paula on 0435056 835 or at paula@pgaa.com.au.

To register for Auskick please go to the link below

<http://www.aflauskick.com.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**

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
<b>Monday 6 February</b>	Volunteers Needed
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	Volunteers Needed
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	Carolyn, Marisa
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	Carolyn, Chaille
<b>Friday 10 February</b>	Maureen, Michelle, Helen, Shelley

**Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors**

## Community Notices

### Pizzey Park Netball

Registration for the 2017 Netball season closes this Sunday 5th Feb so REGISTER NOW. Contact pizzeyparknetball@hotmail.com to enquire or follow the links on our website to register.

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

### Burleigh Heads Soccer Club

Junior Open Day Saturday 4 February, U6's – U18's, 10:30am – 12:30pm.

### Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre

Happy Parents Happy kids Parenting Course. Wednesday 15 and 22 March 9:30am – 1:30pm. Bookings are essential 5598 1505, entry by gold coin donation.

### Gold Coast SUNS Family Day

Come down and join the Gold Coast SUNS players to celebrate everything AFL Where: Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Rd Carrara When: Saturday 11th February from 8am to 12:30pm Cost: FREE Your local Junior AFL club is Burleigh Bombers JAFC – sign up on the day or at Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters on Sunday 12th February from 11am to 1pm. For more information on Burleigh JAFC AFL Auskick or Junior