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## Head of Curriculum's column

We are currently revisiting our home reading process and resources at Caningeraba to ensure that every child has access to quality learning resources. This has been a gargantuan process with many, many days dedicated to restructuring our home reading library. Whilst this process is still taking place our Reading Coach, Sandra Green, will be holding information sessions for parents and carers on March 8th (Year 1 and 2) and March 15th (Year 3). Even if your child is not in years 1 to 3, home reading remains an important part of their learning.

### Reading at Home or Home Reading – what's the difference?

**At school, students see reading in many different contexts and across the curriculum.**

- **Reading to students** to encourage the love of reading.
- **Shared reading** to involve students in the process of reading.
- **Guided reading** to read for a purpose and discuss what is being read.
- **Modelled reading** to demonstrate strategies that effective readers use.
- **Independent reading** when students read independently at their own pace.

**Similarly, at home there will be many different types of reading taking place, each of which are important in your child's development as a reader.**

- **Reading to** your child is a special time when texts are shared for pleasure. It can start when parents read to their unborn baby and continue to become a special time for sharing picture books and, later on, novels.
- **Modelling reading** behaviours to your child shows them the purpose of reading and that you value it. Reading novels, biographies, newspapers, websites, menus and food packaging demonstrates to them that reading for information or pleasure continues beyond the school context.
- **Home reading** is when your child practises their skills at their own developmental level. The book should be a 'good fit' for purpose and interest whether the aim is to develop your child's reading of the words or comprehension skills or both. Your child should practise their fluency by reading aloud to you or another adult even if they are an independent reader. Discussion of what they have read is also an essential component of this time. Never underestimate the power of your interest in your child's reading – even if you do need to show Oscar winning drama skills to feign interest in the sagas of ponies or superheroes!

Finally, remember to treasure each moment, whenever or wherever it is, that you spend reading with your child for, in the words of author Kate DiCamillo...

*'Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.'*

**Helen Davidson**  
**Head of Curriculum**

## Student Council News

On Thursday of Week 9 students can bring a gold coin donation which allows them to dress up as their favourite animal and/or bring their favourite teddy to school for the day. We are holding this fundraiser to donate to the Animal Welfare League, which is a shelter that takes care of abandoned animals on the Gold Coast.

**Mariam,**  
**Student Council President**

## Circus Fun for Parents



Get ready to have some fun just before pickup time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Louise Moriarty from Have A Go Circus will be encouraging parents to try their hand at juggling, plate spinning, hula hooping and other circus skills in and around the school. This activity is supported by the Caningeraba Community Connects (CCC) partnership in an effort to create a vibrant and engaging school environment.

## Music Class of the Week

Awarded to...	For...
PB	Fantastic singing voices.
1M	Great giggle and remembering in "Criss Cross" game.
2O	Fantastic answers to some tricky questions!
3M	Playing and reading rests in their music.
4B	Being the loudest, in tune singers.
5M	Composing creative ostinati.
6O	Continually working hard in music!

## Helping Hands News

This month at Helping Hands Caningeraba has been a busy one jammed packed with lots of exciting new activities programmed to the growing interests of the children including our new clubs. The service welcomed many new staff members to the team who have become an asset and have been enthusiastically welcomed by all children and other educators.

This month the service has started with new weekly Clubs; the Leaders Club, Cooking Club, Science Club and a new addition 'Community Club'. Recently in Community Club, the students have been focusing on the wider Community and what they can do to help those in greater need. They set up a donations box for all families to get involved and give back to their local community where they brought in old clothes to donate. In leaders club the students have been busy selecting new members for the Club, where they have put in place a sheet where candidates can tell the leaders about themselves and what they would bring to the club they will then undergo an interview process where a selected number of candidates will be chosen. This is a vital Club to nurture positive role-modelling behaviour with the older students and to also delegate responsibilities, which the Leaders are responding to. There was a variety of strengths this month such as: ongoing teamwork skills and collaboration with staff and students, which was through educator team building as we implemented a positivity jar and through student learning of the upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games. Educators have also worked on educating the children more about fire drill and lock down procedures. IT has been noticed that they are getting more aware with each drill and reaction time is improving each time. Areas that need improvement are: active supervision by all staff members in all areas within the Service and to revise procedures regarding toileting and other daily routines so children know where they need to be at all times.

## Student of the Week

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

6B	Liam	6G	Maddy
6M	Kriszti	6O	Jessica
5B	Ryder	5P	Imogen
5S	Baiden	4B	Riley
4G	Cambell	4M	Kyan & Jack
4P	Erin	4S	Beau
3O	Kiara & Indianna	3P	Kanoah & Gracie
3S	Dexter & Evie	2M	Dhali
2O	Laylah	1O	Sage
PG	Vogue	PR	Nash
PS	Eve	PW	Duke

## School Banking News

Congratulations to this week's school bankers – PB, 3P and 5B.

If you are interested in opening a new account you are welcome to come in and see us on a Tuesday morning in the science room near the library. You can easily open a Youth Saver account at home via the Commonwealth Bank website below: If you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning, please consider helping out as a volunteer for school banking. Many hands make light work.

<http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking>

## 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 now.
- Year 2 Raw Art payment of \$8.00 due Monday 13 March 10:30am
- Year 6 Canberra March payment of \$250.00 due Friday 17 March 10:30am
- Year 6 Day Camp March payment of \$60.00 due Friday 17 March 10:30am

<b>Tuesday 14 Mar</b>	Yr 2	Raw Art
<b>Wednesday 15 Mar</b>	Various	Somerset Celebration of Literature
<b>Wednesday 15 Mar</b>	Parents	Parent Reading Session 3pm in the library
<b>Friday 17 Mar</b>	Parents	Last day Book Club orders
<b>Wednesday 29 Mar</b>	All	P&C Colour Run
<b>Friday 31 March</b>	All	Last day of Term 1
<b>Tuesday 18 April</b>	All	Term 2 commences
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	All	Anzac Day Public Holiday
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
<b>Monday 1 May</b>	All	Labour Day Public Holiday

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
<b>Monday 13 March</b>	Shelley
<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	Susana
<b>Wednesday 15 March</b>	Carolyn, Natasa
<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	Carolyn, Chaillie
<b>Friday 17 March</b>	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

***Katrina and Michelle,  
Tuckshop Convenors***

## Community Notices

**South Coast Netball Association** is holding another Sign On day this coming Saturday 4 March at Mallowa Sports Complex, Melaleuca Dve, Palm Beach.

**Time: 8am – 12pm.** Registrations are currently open for 5 years to Opens.

## 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***