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Associate Principal's Column

Being a KidsMatter School

KidsMatter encapsulates so many elements it can be difficult to explain what KidsMatter actually is in our great school Caningeraba. I always do a recap in my first newsletter of the year for all our new parents.

KidsMatter is a framework for improving mental health and wellbeing in the school community. It is a federally funded Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative. Not all schools implement KidsMatter but it is available to all schools at no cost to the school, except for the workshops that our staff attend. It has a fantastic website and wonderful resources which are available for everyone to access.

We started KidsMatter in 2013 and have a very active committee that meets regularly at school. In the past years we have had parent involvement in these committee meetings and are hoping to encourage this inclusion again this year. We really, really value the input by parents into what we plan to do in the school to help promote our vision of happy, healthy, confident children.

The major initiatives that KidsMatter has been pivotal in developing in the school, through consultation with children, staff and community members are the: Caningeraba Kookaburras; parent information sessions on how to help your child with anxiety and the angries; Triple P and 1-2-3 Magic courses with over 30 parents and 30 staff; championing a child; the buddy bench; continuing the drumbeat program; Caningeraba Community Connects and implementing a social and emotional wellbeing program based on mindfulness with MindUp resources.

This is our major focus and our main purpose as a KidsMatter school. Ensuring that we have social and emotional learning embedded in our school curriculum as 2017 is the year when all our staff has been trained and we are implementing social and emotional learning explicitly from Prep – Year 6.

We held an information session about MindUp for parents earlier this week. Just a snippet into mindfulness in education and into some of the learnings your children will be engaging in during their time at Caningeraba. We will be holding more sessions to share this information, so keep your eye out for these sessions in the newsletter, electronic noticeboard, fliers that come home, P&C Facebook page and Qschool App.

Caningeraba Kookaburras – Our Parent Communication Program

At the beginning of the year I had the privilege of meeting with our Caningeraba Kookaburras for 2017. These parents will be representatives for each class in our school. They will assist us in improving and personalising our communication with parents and forging strong working relationships with families. I am very excited to be working with this committed and energetic group of people.

The aim is always for each class to have its own Kookaburra. Your class Kookaburra has sent home a letter asking for your email address or Facebook details or they may have included you in a Dojo app. Your class Kookaburra, who has been trained in privacy and confidentiality procedures, will create a data base of contacts for your class and email you out pertinent information for your class or help your teacher post relevant information on their closed Facebook page or Dojo App. The aim is to provide you with specific class information from the classroom teacher, along with school wide information. In this way, we hope to help parents gain a more comprehensive picture of what his/her child is learning and doing each day at

Caningeraba, as we know parental support of school learning is so important.

Seniors are Leaders

At Caningeraba State School we pride ourselves on the fact that all of our senior students, Year 5 and 6, are leaders and role models to our younger students. In fact, at our 2017 Leadership Investiture Ceremony, all of our senior students stood and took an Oath of Leadership for their final year of primary school. At our daily assemblies we consistently speak to our senior students about the importance of leading by example and showing friendship, compassion and respect and the importance of their role in making Caningeraba the best school on the Gold Coast.

Through a range of initiatives, we are aiming to educate happy, healthy and confident senior Caningeraba students who have the initiative to find success once they leave our school gates. I look forward to a wonderful year with all of our senior leaders.

Please note that many of the local high schools are running information sessions in the next few weeks. Please also be aware that many of our local high schools have Enrolment Management Plans or are “zoned” and can only accept students from the local area unless they are selected into an excellence program. Parents need to contact the high schools they are considering enrolling in next year and book into information sessions now and check their enrolment management plans. Please note that many scholarships and excellence program applications are usually due early Term 2. The high schools will be able to inform you of due dates and where to access application and enrolment forms.

Maria Mott, Associate Principal Yr 5 & 6

Student Council News

On Thursday of week 9, 23 March 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

P&C News

- Our first disco will be held on Wednesday 29 March. Volunteers are more than welcome.
- The Colour Run has been postponed until September.
- A reminder that the P&C AGM meeting will be held on Monday 27 March in the library – regular meeting 6pm, AGM meeting 6:30pm.

Crossing Reminder

Please encourage children to cross between the poles, lately there have been a lot of children crossing diagonally. With wet weather – please use caution on wet roads.

School Harmony Day Morning Tea

Please join us on Tuesday 21 March from 8:45am at the school library. We are celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the Caningeraba School Community. Morning tea will be provided but if you'd like to bring a favourite dish to share or help us organise the morning tea then let us know by contacting Chris on 0466 524 040. Small children are welcome.

Student of the Week

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

6B	Gabby	6G	Florinne
6M	Lincoln	6O	Tyson
5B	Noah	5M	Natasha
5P	Taeyah	5S	Ashton
4B	Oliver	4M	Lacey & Aditya
4P	Oscar	3G	Travin
3O	Charlize & Alivia	3P	Afeni

School Banking News

Congratulations to classes 2P, 3M & 6M for bankers of the week. To be in the running to win a trip to Tokyo you need to have made 15 deposits by the end of Term 3.

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 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

Friday 17 March	Parents	Last day Book Club orders
Monday 27 March	Parents	P&C Meeting
Weds 29 March	All	P&C Disco P-3 5-6:30pm Yrs 4-6 6:45 – 8:15pm
Friday 31 March	All	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 18 April	All	Term 2 commences

Friday 21 April	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport Commences
Tuesday 25 April	All	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Friday 21 April	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Monday 1 May	All	Labour Day Public Holiday

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 20 March	Natasa, Bola
Tuesday 21 March	Susana
Wednesday 22 March	Carolyn, Natalie
Thursday 23 March	Carolyn, Chaillie
Friday 24 March	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

How to Save on Household Expenses

The Smith Family Saver Plus Coordinator organised in collaboration with the Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre and Centrelink offer a free educational info night for parents at Caningeraba on Wednesday 22 March from 5:30pm – 8pm at the Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre, Jim Harris Park, Mattocks Road, Varsity Lakes

Saverplus Program

If a participant starts in March 2017 they will receive up to \$500 for back to school costs from January 2018!

- Student Resource Scheme
- Uniforms, shoes, bag
- Camp Goodenough or Canberra
- Music instrument hire

For more information contact Jasmin Dorrington, your local Saver Plus Co-ordinator or view the SaverPlus website.

<http://www.saverplus.org.au/>

School Rewards Shop & Scan to earn great prizes

From Friday 3 March – Friday 31 March, every dollar spent at a Stockland Burleigh retailer = points. Shoppers choose to allocate their points to their favourite school. Simply snap a photo of your receipt and upload it at the link below.

<http://burleighheadsschoolrewards.com.au/>

Gold Coast Health Oral Health Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are now offering free dental check-ups and treatment to children prep up to year 6. This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Clinic 4 at Caningeraba SS. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 4.30pm. To arrange an appointment for your child telephone The Oral Health Client Service Centre on **1300 300 850** Monday – Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Excluding Public Holidays.

Gold Coast Oral Health Service provides a free dental program for all Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school. A qualified team of dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists, and dental assistants will work together to meet your child's specific dental health care needs.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp>

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,
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