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Principal's Column

Term one is drawing to a close after certainly one of the hottest summers in living memory. However, as I write this newsletter, our thoughts are with those communities in northern Queensland who are now planning for the worst and hoping for the best with Cyclone Debbie about to come across the coast. With some more wet weather forecast over the weekend, it is also a timely reminder for us to educate our children about the dangers of playing in flooded waterways and drains. Just recently, as you may be aware, a young boy lost his life playing on his body board near a storm water drain.

New Capital Works Senior Learning Centre

Tenders for construction of the Senior Learning Centre incorporating 10 additional classroom spaces have closed recently with the successful construction company to be appointed shortly. Finally, our intrepid Year 5 and 6 staff and students moved from the old demountable buildings to the new temporary relocatable classrooms on the side of the school oval. As luck would have it, the Caningeraba weather curse came to the fore once again, and the heavens opened up on moving day. I think for the students it was a great adventure and I wish to thank staff, parents and students for their patience during this transition.

Once the construction company has been appointed, I would anticipate that the project will progress quite rapidly. It is possible that the three old demountables will be demolished over the Easter vacation although this is not known at this stage. Certainly the southeast corner of the school will be set up as a construction site quite soon with appropriate fencing, signage and allowances for trade vehicles, deliveries etc. As I stated in my January newsletter, I place considerable trust in

our school community in exercising patience, common sense and respect for the safety of others during this busy construction period. Pedestrian access in and out of the school will be significantly impacted to keep our families and children safe and well away from hard hat construction areas. Once again, I ask that our parents make whatever arrangements are necessary regarding drop offs, picking up and informing their children about changes as they arise.

Full School Review

In week 7, 6-9 March, our school held the full School Review (formerly Teaching and Learning Audit) which was conducted by the School Improvement Unit based in Central Office. The full School Review outlines key findings and improvement strategies which form the basis for our new Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Three reviewers were hosted in our school over four days to observe our practice against the National School Improvement Tool which covers nine explicit domains. The review was most comprehensive with reviewers over four days speaking to a broad cross-section of our school community including all administration staff, 39 class teachers, all specialist teachers, teacher aides, 64 students, P&C, School Council, Caningeraba Kookaburras, directors from local kindergartens, the Junior Secondary HOD from Miami SHS, Caningeraba Community Connects representatives and our local councillor Pauline Young.

Given the scope of the school review, it is not surprising that over time, the reviewers came to know and understand the reason why we are all just so proud of our Caningeraba community, and in particular, our children. The executive summary with key findings and improvement strategies will be posted on the website for your perusal. In short, whilst the final report is written in report style language, it is perhaps the statements of the reviewers at the final staff briefing and in private briefings with me that resonate the most.

The review panel chair stated that there was reason for considerable celebration given that the panel believed that our school was already operating at a very high level, and that indeed it had been a difficult challenge for the review team to identify improvement strategies in moving forward. The review team were incredibly praiseworthy of the positive, respectful, caring, welcoming and strong learning culture most evident throughout our school community. The review chair stated that it was the best he had seen and that there were strong levels of trust within and across our community. The reviewers categorically supported that there was very strong alignment and consistency of language across staff regarding school wide improvement agendas including STARS reading, SMARTmaths, Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum processes, and pedagogical, coaching and professional development frameworks. The panel recognised the strategic focus and success of our school in providing personalised pathways for students whether it be in the Special Education Program, Learning Support, Gifted and Talented/Enrichment Program and specialist programs.

The review team were deeply impressed by the exceptional engagement and behaviour of our “thumbs up” Caningeraba kids. I believe after many conversations that they were also quite moved by our passion for KidsMatter and our strong emphasis on social emotional learning stating that it would be wonderful to see our current preps in year six after seven years of learning in neuroscience and mindfulness. The panel were also highly impressed with the schools considered efforts to support families and partner with external agencies through our Caningeraba Community Connects initiative.

It would be fair to say that our staff, including me as principal, were somewhat anxious in the lead up to the school review. Quite simply, we have worked very hard and are so very proud of the work that we do, and understandably, no one wanted to let the team down. We hoped that the review team would take the time to understand the context of Caningeraba State School for what it truly is and also to recognise the focussed, strategic and authentic work of staff over the longer term to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Indeed, the review team were supportive, thorough and insightful and are to be congratulated for the respectful way in which they engaged with our community. It was heart-warming to hear the panel chair say in his closing remarks that he would be more than happy for any of his eleven grandchildren to attend our wonderful school.

Our community can justifiably be most proud of our achievements and should take time to pause for reflection and celebrate our successes. I wholeheartedly thank all members of our community for an outstanding team effort. In particular, I want to make special mention of our school staff who give so much of themselves each and every day to provide such rich learning opportunities for our children and always give that little bit more to ensure that every child can achieve success. I can assure you that this is not always a given, and hence the reason I am so proud of our staff members’ efforts. Well done team Caningeraba! I wish all families and staff a safe, relaxing and very well-deserved break over the Easter vacation.

Regards
Ray McConnell, Principal

Student Absence Notification

Just a reminder to parents/carers, if you know your child is going to be away from school, as well as letting the teacher know could you please let the office know too, as the teacher can't enter a child's absence in the system. This will alleviate text messages to parents who have already notified the teacher. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Music Class of the Week



CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PS	Working hard on their behaviour choices
Year 1	Talent shows
Year 2	Talent shows
Year 3	Talent shows
Year 4	Talent shows
5P	Great African ostinato performances
6B	Focus during assessment and independent guitar practice

Library News

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

Uniform Shop News

Entertainment books are ready to be collected this week from the Uniform Shop.

Student of the Week

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

6G	Sophie	6O	Sam
5B	Blake	5M	Armani
5S	Jack	4B	Savannah

4P	Tyson	3G	Fynn
3O	Alex & Jaeda	3S	Eve
2M	Storm	1M	Zach
1O	Max	1S	Banjo
PS	Abigail	PG	Josie
PW	Sophie	PM	Jedd
PR	Sonny		

- Year 5 & 6 payment of \$40/\$60 for Winter Sport is due by 10:30am Friday 31 March.

Caningeraba State School NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session: Monday 8th May

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Venue: Caningeraba State School oval

Address: Whistler Drive, Burleigh Waters

Cost: \$75

For more information contact: Connor on 5594 5722 or at Connor.West@afl.com.au Tim on Tim.Searl@afl.com.au



Auskick is for Boys and Girls!

Participants receive benefits which include: football, lunch bag, and more!

School Banking News

Congratulations to Prep S, 1S and 4B on being our bankers of the week.

School banking will commence on the first day back for Term 2 - Tuesday 18 April. Banking will then take place on Wednesday of week 2 only, due to Anzac Day on the Tuesday.

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 deposits and received a Bronze Certificate.

Taylor	5S	Summer	5B	Jesse	4M
Anthony	4S	Lockie	3M	Alivia	3O
Ash	1O	Frazer	2P	Lucas	2O
Talia	2B	Havana	2O	Jacob	1M
Asha	1W	Haley	1M	Mitchell	2B
Thuy	4G				

Friday 31 March	All	Last day of Term 1
Monday 17 April	All	Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday 18 April	All	Term 2 commences
Friday 21 April	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport Commences
Tuesday 25 April	All	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27 April	Various	Debut Music Concert in the hall 6pm
Friday 28 April	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Monday 1 May	All	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 2 May	Yr 6	GC Energy Trailer visit
Wednesday 3 May	All	School Cross Country
Tuesday 9 May	Yr 3&5	NAPLAN – Language Conventions /Writing
Wednesday 10 May	Yr 3&5	NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 11 May	Yr 3&5	NAPLAN – Numeracy
Friday 12 May	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Mon 15-Thurs 25 May	All	Book Fair in the Library
Tuesday 16 May	Yr 4	Raw Art
Friday 19 May	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Mon 22-Wed 24 May	Yr 5	Camp Goodenough
Thursday 25 May	Selected	District Cross Country
Friday 26 May	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport

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.

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 17 April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18 April	Susana
Wednesday 19 April	Carolyn
Thursday 20 April	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 21 April	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Burleigh Libraries Holiday Activities

Join us for some free school holiday fun at the Burleigh Libraries. The below activities are for children aged 6 to 12 years. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 5581 1700.

Van Gogh inspired starry night button mosaic

Make a swirling starry night sky out of bright coloured buttons at the Burleigh Waters Library on Tuesday 4 April 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Margaret Olley Inspired Still Life Stones

Create little still life artworks on stones at the Burleigh Heads Library on Thursday 6 April 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Join our Easter Family Night - Free at Bunnings

Thursday 6 April, 6pm – 8pm. Bookings essential, call: 07 5507 0700.

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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