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## Head of Curriculum's Column

*'We want our children to understand and play an active role in the digital world that surrounds them, not to be passive consumers of an opaque and mysterious technology.'*

Throughout this term, teaching teams have been engaging in the familiarisation of the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies in preparation for teaching and learning in Semester 2. This is a new curriculum area for all classes from Prep to Year 6.

### Digital Technologies is...

Two main areas of knowledge and understanding

- The components of digital systems: hardware, software and networks. Students learn about a range of hardware and software and progress to an understanding of how data are transmitted between components within a system, and how the hardware and software interact to form networks.
- How data is represented and structured symbolically for use by digital systems.

Students create digital solutions that use data, require interactions with users and within systems, and will have impacts on people, the economy and environments. Some examples of solutions are instructions for a robot, an adventure game, products featuring interactive multimedia including digital stories, animations and websites.

Systems, design and computational thinking are all critical as students collaborate and problem solve to create solutions for a better future.

### Digital technologies is not ... all about computers

- Much of the work in Digital Technologies is 'unplugged' (not using a device) and involves developing understanding about how systems work and how they help us in our everyday lives.
- The Digital Technologies curriculum helps students become confident **developers** of digital solutions. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is about students becoming effective **users** of digital technologies. In other words, when your child touches a button on a device to change a screen they are a **user** of technology, when they understand why the screen changes when they touch the button and could design the program to make it happen then they are a **developer** of technology.

### So how can you help?

**You don't have to have all the answers to the questions – it's about starting the conversation and helping your child to see the role that digital technologies already plays in their lives.**

- Talk to your child at home about the digital systems you use. What happens when you touch the button on the remote control for the television? Why do you use a PIN on your phone/iPad?
- Talk to your child when you are at the shops, the bank, the library about the digital technologies you are using. What information is the barcode scanner at the checkout collecting? What does it do with that information? What is happening when I use a touch screen to find a store at the shopping centre? Why do I need to keep my PIN for my account secret when I put it into the ATM or at the EFTPOS machine?

Above all, it's about helping our children understand that technology isn't magical and mysterious – somebody just worked out a digital solution to a problem in order to make our lives better!

Much of this information has been taken from The Australian Curriculum website. If you would like to understand more about this learning area please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher or visit the website.

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/technologies/digital-technologies/rationale>

## Prep Home Reading date claimer

Parents of our Prepstars are strongly encouraged to attend one of our Home Reading sessions which will be held on Wednesday 19 July at 2.00pm and 5.30pm. Home Reading will begin shortly after these sessions.

**Helen Davidson, Head of Curriculum**

## Book Fair

Many thanks for the tremendous support given to the Library by all families who purchased items at the Carnival Book Fair.



As a result of your support, we are able to purchase books and resources to the value of \$2000.

## District Cross Country

Last Thursday, 29 of our senior school students represented Caningeraba at the Oceanic District Cross Country Championships. As is the norm, all our kids performed admirably, running to the absolute best of their ability.

Four of our students placed in the Top 14 of their respective events (each race had between 120 & 140 runners) to gain selection in the Oceanic team for next week's South Coast Regional Championships at Runaway Bay. Congratulations to Charlotte, Luca, Jake and Jack on this fine achievement.

A huge thank you to the many parents, who transported, assisted with tents etc. and generally offered great support to all our competitors.

**Tony Carlton, PE Teacher**

## Winters Sports Draw Friday 2 June

### OZTAG (all games @ Marymount College)

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	FIELD NO.
5A	Hillcrest	12:45	3
6A	Hillcrest	1:35	11
6B	St Augustine's	12:45	10

## BOYS SOCCER

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
6A	St Vincent's	12:40	St Vincent's School
6B	" "	1:35	" " "
5A	Broadbeach	12:40	" " "
5B	St Vincent's	1:35	" " "

## GIRLS SOCCER

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
6A	St Vincent's	12:40	Robina Common
5A	Robina	1:35	" "

## RUGBY LEAGUE

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
6A	St Augustine's	1:30	Galleon Way < Currumbin Waters
5A	" "	12:40	" " "

## NETBALL (all games @ Firth Park, Mudgeeraba)

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	COURT NO.
6A	Marymount	12:50	6
6B	St Vincent's	1:20	3
5A	Merrimac	12:50	11
5B	Marymount	1:20	16
5C	Broadbeach	1:50	14

## AFL

TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
6A	William Duncan	1:30	Salk Oval, Palm Beach
5A	St Vincent's	12:40	" " "

## Chaplain News

Who wants a Brand New Penny Skateboard? Ks4Kids are giving away tons of these awesome skateboards to every person who completes the fundraising "Lucky Footprint". The first step is to sign up for Ks4Kids, which is the fun run/walkathon on 17 June at Coolangatta, where all Gold Coast schools walk for (and with) their Chappy. Join the Caningeraba Team through the website and pick up your "lucky footprint" from Chappy Leisa. Fill in one square for every \$10 you

fundraise. When you have raised enough funds to fill the footprint in, return to Chappy Leisa and you can pick up your Penny Skateboard after Ks4Kids on the 17 June. Time is running out, so sign up soon!

<http://www.ks4kids.com.au/>

It was fantastic to see so many of our grade 5 students stepping out of their comfort zone at Camp Goodenough last week. Well done all of you!

Don't forget, I'm here Tuesdays and Thursdays to support not only the students and staff, but parents and carers too. Have a great week!

### Chappy Leisa

## School Banking News

Congratulations to classes 1W, 4M and 5S on being our awesome School Banking classes of the week. Don't forget, school banking not only instils great saving habits for your child but also provides a commission for our school. New bankers can open a Youth Saver Account online

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

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

1O	Philippa	3M	Jett
3B	Jesse	2S	Phoenix
2P	Tiana	5O	Alani
4P	Levi	PB	Jake
5S	Sienna	1O	Jett
PS	Willow	3M	Alexia
PS	Bronte	PM	Anna
PR	Stella	PB	Morgan
PW	Ashlen	1W	Lorelei
1S	Samuel	1S	Willow

## 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.

- Year 6 Canberra payment of \$85.00 or Day Camp payment of \$60.00 due by 10:30am Friday 16 June.

Friday 2 June	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Monday 5 June	Yr 2&3	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 6 June	Prep	Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 6 June	Selected	Regional Cross Country
Wednesday 7 June	Yr 1	Athletics Carnival
Friday 9 June	Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport
Mon 12 & Tues 13 June	Yrs 4-6	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 14 June	Yr 6	Canberra Information Night 6pm in the Library
Thursday 15 June	Various	Winter Concert 5pm in the hall
Friday 16 June	Yr 5&6	Final Round Interschool Sport
Mon 19 – Thurs 22 June	Various	Band Camp
Mon 19 - Fri 23 June	Various	Talent Quest
Thursday 22 June	All	P&C Disco

## Student of the Week

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

6B	Layla	6G	Mariam
6O	Noah	5S	Alyssa
4B	Flynn & Jessica	4M	Sienna
4P	Ruby	3G	Jaiden
3O	Josh	3P	Abbigail
2G	Jack	1O	Alyssa
PG	Lucas	PW	Bella
PR	Jaxon		

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 5 June	Bola
Tuesday 6 June	Susana
Wednesday 7 June	Carolyn
Thursday 8 June	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 9 June	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

**Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors**

## Community Notices

### 2017 Dance Excellence Primary Links Program

This program is open to primary students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Please see attached flyer for details.

### \$10 Tickets to the Suns - Saturday 3 June

#### Curtain Call

Calling all aspiring artists, want to perform for your family and friends in an intimate, professional venue? Please see attached flyer for details.

### What does Varsity Lakes Community Need?

Tell us by following the link below and filling in our community survey Then go into the free draw to win a night for 2 with breakfast at The Star Gold Coast or a 1 hour massage at Massage One.

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/j0B019>

### Natural Solutions for Emotional Kids

Learn how to help your child manage their anxious feelings using natural solutions. Presented by Karen Larsson, Naturopath, who specialises in children's health and wellbeing at the Burleigh Waters Library on Thursday 8 June at 10:30am -11:30am. Phone 5581 1700 to secure your place for this free session.

### Resume Help for Teens

Improve your job opportunities with tips on how to create a professional resume. For teens aged 13-17 years. Presented by Marissa Williams, Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Psychology, Master's Degree in Human Resource Management at the Burleigh Waters Library on Wednesday 14 June 4pm - 5pm. This session is free, but bookings are required. Please phone 5581 1700 to secure your place.

## 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**