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## Principal's Column

### Athletics Carnivals

Athletics Carnival season gave me a sense of déjà vu from 2016, once again trying to complete five days of carnivals with the inclement weather causing us some considerable grief. The Prep to Year 3 carnivals experienced beautiful weather conditions but the Years 4-6 carnival days were another matter. On Tuesday, the second day of our 4 to 6 carnival this week, it was touch and go. In the end the weather gods were kind to us and held off with another rain front looming as we cheered on the last of the 100 metre finals.

Our athletics carnivals at Caningeraba always bring such a wonderful sense of community, and for me, evoke memories of my old school day carnivals in a country school. Our students really do enjoy themselves and understand the importance of just getting out there, having a go and doing their very best. The Caningeraba Community Connects initiative of hosting students from some local childcare centres was a big highlight. I commend our students for their house pride, great sportsmanship and willingness to participate on the day. There is nothing quite like a preppie 80 metre race with a few illegal lane changes along the way. Thank you to Mr Tony (the rainmaker) Carlton, Mr Hugh (give that man a microphone) O'Toole, our House Captains and all our staff who pulled together to conduct such successful carnivals, despite the on again, off again issues with rainy weather. We have just one last bout of relays today and then we will know the champion house in what is currently a very close competition.

### Keeping our children safe at drop off and pick up

It is with considerable disappointment that I must address the issue of inappropriate driver behaviour within our community when parents are dropping off and picking up our precious children. It is important to note that Whistler Drive, the bus stop and the drive through road adjacent to the school hall, are in fact, on council and State Government land and are not the property of the Department of Education and Training. Consequently, enforcement of these pick up and drop off zones sits under the jurisdiction of local council and the Queensland Police Service.

Two main concerns are parents who park in the bus zone at the front of the school on Whistler Drive and parents who block the path of other vehicles on the drive through road adjacent to the hall. Some drivers are leaving their vehicles unattended on the drive through road having no consideration for other parents. Worryingly, there are numerous reports of well-meaning parents asking other parents to follow the rules to protect the safety of our children only to receive a barrage of insults or abuse. Only this week, Gold Coast City Council officials reported to me that council officers were forced to lock themselves within their vehicle and move off from the school after a parent had allegedly attempted to abuse them and attack their vehicle. Officers reported that they are trained to avoid conflict in a circumstance where the adult behaviour is occurring in front of our children.

As principal of this school, I need to emphasise that the safety and well-being of our students is my paramount concern and remains second to none. It is also necessary that I impress upon our community my resolve that unlawful behaviour regarding driver conduct which risks the safety of our children cannot and will not be tolerated. Further, whilst my jurisdiction in these matters is limited on council and State Government

land, I do have jurisdiction over matters where inappropriate parent and other adult behaviour occurs in the presence of our school students. I will exercise every avenue within the extent of my legislated jurisdiction to ensure that our children are not exposed to poor adult behaviour. I know that the vast majority of our Caningeraba families would agree with me in saying that it can't be that difficult for each of us grown-ups to exercise our thinking brains, show some patience and common courtesy and live within the rules we are bound by. Our community is better than this and our children deserve better!

## Semester One Report Cards

In line with many other schools across Queensland, our Semester One Reports will be emailed out to families this week. I encourage you to spend time discussing the report with your child with particular emphasis on praising their efforts where praise is due. The old adage of 'past behaviour is the best predictor of future behaviour' often rings quite true. In our school context, behaviour might look like your child having a good attitude towards study and homework habits, whether your child puts in their best effort even if they find the concepts or work challenging and whether they have a growth mindset and believe that they can improve with the required effort. In this way, it is very important to help your child to reflect on their progress and to perhaps set goals as to what they might improve upon or do differently in semester two. This reflective process is vital if we would expect our students to adjust attitudes and behaviours in relation to their learning and hence their overall level of success.

To finish off the term, our talented students and staff are busily rehearsing for our annual Talent Quest over the next three days, a highlight of our school calendar. Semester one has been somewhat of a whirlwind and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a break. I wish all our families a safe and relaxing time over the June/ July holidays ready for an action filled term three.

Regards

**Ray McConnell, Principal**

## Kids Create BRAINY Masterpieces

Every year, to celebrate Brain Awareness Week run by the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Integrative Brain Function (Brain Function CoE), holds an art competition to encourage school children to think about how marvellous the human brain is. School children from around Australia are invited to create an artwork inspired by completing the thought: 'I use my brain to...'

This year Caningeraba State School submitted 19 entries in the competition, with students showing amazing creativity in their 'brainy' artworks. Evie 1M, Jaimie 3M, Claire 3P and Levi 2G were all shortlisted as finalists and Ghil 3M took out FIRST PLACE in his age group. There were over 400 entries!

On Monday, Brain Function CoE researchers, Dr Matthew Tang and Kirstie Petrie presented the students with their certificates and Ghil with a brainy prize pack, along with a \$1000 voucher and brainy prize pack for our school.

The art competition was part of Brain Awareness Week, which runs world-wide each March to increase public awareness of brain research.



## A Message from our Crossing Supervisors

Ok, you're rushed, it's raining and you just want to pick up your kids and go!

**PLEASE** - Don't block the Staff Car Park gates - Taxis that come to pick up physically disabled students NEED to access this car park!

Staff have children to pick up and appointments too and Crossing Supervisors NEED to park here so we can start work, School staff have to leave to attend meetings - if you insist on double parking in the parking lot - please be considerate and don't block this entrance.

If you are waiting to pick up your child from the school parking lot, please move forward - this helps with the flow of traffic on Whistler Drive and allows buses to safely enter the bus zone

Please cross BETWEEN the red poles on the crossing. As Supervisors we can see that your child has successfully crossed the road and we can allow traffic to flow again

**PLEASE** - we need to have a clear view of oncoming traffic! We can't see oncoming traffic over your SUV that you've parked by the crossing. It is imperative for the safety of children and adults crossing that we have a clear view of traffic.

I know and understand that parking is difficult. Crossing Supervisors will stay with your children until 3:15 and if you're not there, we are happy to escort them to the office if they are not picked up by that time.

Please be so kind as to help us do our jobs, don't double park, slow your speed (especially during this rainy weather) and don't block entrances/exits.

**Thank you, Lisa, Mel and Donna, Crossing Supervisors**

## Lost Property

The lost property box can be found at the front office in the Administration block. Recently, due to the various sports carnivals and poor weather, a large number of UNNAMED drink bottles and jumpers have been handed in to lost property.

Please ask your child to check the box for any items which may belong to them.

**Please be advised that any items that are not collected by the end of this term will not be kept any longer.**

Thank you for your assistance and enjoy the holidays.

**The Administration Team.**

## Uniform Shop News

Just a reminder that you can grab your entertainment book from the uniform shop, only \$60 with all proceeds going to the P & C to help the school.

## Gold Coast Health Oral Health Services

### DENTAL VAN MOVING SOON !!!!!

**Please arrange your child's check-up before relocation from your school.**

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 Wednesday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone: **1300 300 850**

The Oral Health Client Service Centre

**1300 300 850**

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm 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.

Dental health care is provided at dental clinics located across the Gold Coast or at mobile dental clinics **located onsite at your child's school.** Parents/Guardians may be required to transport children to and from dental appointments.

Parents are encouraged not to wait to treat a problem; instead they are invited to arrange a check-up for their child/children at least once a year.

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

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

## School Banking News

Congratulations to classes 2G, 3G and 6O for being awesome bankers of the week. School banking will commence as of week 1 of Term 3, 11 July. Thank you to all who support the

school banking program as it provides very helpful funds that are utilized within the school to benefit our students.

Happy holidays from our School Banking Volunteers.

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

<b>2G</b>	Levi	<b>3B</b>	Edward
<b>2B</b>	Yasmin	<b>PM</b>	Chloe
<b>PM</b>	Teahl	<b>1M</b>	Ellah

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

<b>5S</b>	Taylor	<b>5B</b>	Summer
<b>4M</b>	Jesse	<b>3O</b>	Alivia

## 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.**

- Years 3-6 Artslink payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Monday 10 July.
- Prep – Year 2 Artslink payment of \$8.00 due by 10:30am Wednesday 12 July.

<b>Mon 19 - Fri 23 June</b>	Various	Talent Quest
<b>Friday 23 June</b>	All	Last day of Term 2
<b>Monday 10 July</b>	All	Term 3 Commences
<b>Wednesday 12 July</b>	3-6	Artslink
<b>Thursday 13 July</b>	P-2	Artslink
<b>Mon 24 – Fri 28 July</b>	Yr 6	Canberra & Day Camp
<b>Wednesday 26 July</b>	All	Uniform Shop Closed
<b>Thursday 3 August</b>	2G/2O/2P/2W	Currumbin Wildlife
<b>Friday 4 August</b>	2B/2M/2S	Currumbin Wildlife
<b>Thursday 10 August</b>	Various	District Athletics
<b>Friday 11 August</b>	Various	District Athletics

## Student of the Week

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

6G	Jaxon	5P	Seth
4B	Isaac	4M	Emily
4P	Tiana	3P	Jack
1G	Cooper	1M	Georgia
1S	Samuel	PW	Winter

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 10 July	Bola
Tuesday 11 July	Susana
Wednesday 12 July	Carolyn, Esther
Thursday 13 July	Carolyn
Friday 14 July	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

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

## Community Notices

### Autism Seminar 'Way to Play'

Monday 10 July, 9:30am – 3:30pm. To find out more please go to the link below.

<http://www.emmanuel.qld.edu.au/events/2017/asdseminar>

### Calling all young artists!

Children aged between 5 and 18 years are encouraged to share their voices and submit a piece of art celebrating "What does safety, love joy, hope, trust and family look like to you?"

Selected artwork will be showcased in the Queensland Family and Child Commission's Hear Me, See Me Art Exhibition during Child Protection Week in September, to help share the voices of children and young people and what matters to them. Plus, your child's artwork could be seen by Members of Parliament, community and industry leaders as well as the general public.

Please encourage your child to put on their thinking cap and get creative! Entry is free and closes 23 July 2017. For more information visit the link below.

<http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/hearme-seeme>

### Scratch For Beginners

Join us at the Burleigh Waters Library for an introduction to Scratch coding for children who have never used Scratch before. See below for updating dates. Places are limited so please secure your place by phoning 5581 1700.

Wednesday 21 June 4pm-5pm and Wednesday 19 July 4pm-5pm

## Parenting Resilient Kids

New online parenting program, to find out more, or to register to participate please go to the link below.

<http://www.parentingresilientkids.com>

## School Holiday Dance Workshops

### Gecko Sports

Free School Holiday Activity Wednesday 28 June. See attached flyer for details.

## Nature Play Morning – For Grandparents and Grandchildren

Thursday 29 June from 9:30am – 11:30am at Frascott Park, Varsity Lakes. See attached flyer for more details.

## Kids in Conservation

A hands on learning programme presented by Friends of Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens Inc. Bookings required on 0449 561 674. Visit us on the link below or see attached flyer for details.

<http://www.friendsgcrbg.org.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***