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Acting Associate Principal's Column

In the midst of an extremely busy term our Caningeraba students are seeing firsthand the benefits of working hard and collaborating with others as a team to achieve a common goal – skills which they will need to apply if they are to achieve success in the 21st century workforce. These skills, which are frequently visible in classrooms, have been transferred into contexts outside our school grounds in the last few weeks.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the **Gold Rush excursion** with the year 5 students and their teachers. Our students were challenged to bake (and eat!) damper and pan for gold specks in the river. They learnt the art of 'haggling' over the price of the essential items that would have been on any prospector's list – billys, boots, pickaxes – at the town shop. One of the highlights came when groups were given 6 pieces of wood, some rope and a canvas to construct a tent. Teachers were strictly forbidden from jumping in with advice and it was great to see how well our students collaborated together to construct dwellings which might not win any awards for comfort but would serve as basic shelters. The gold rush town was steep and dusty with cows wandering along the tracks and a large fire to cook the damper in. I am quite sure that this 'real life' experience will ensure that our year 5s have a far better understanding of the hardships that the early prospectors faced and the techniques used in the search for elusive gold.

Our **Tournament of Minds** teams have been working tirelessly after school and at weekends, along with Mrs Hurford, Miss Snowball, Miss Gannon and Mrs Christy to harness their creative thinking skills in preparation for the regional competition which was held at the weekend. It is testament to the dedication and collaboration of both students and teachers

that both teams won their disciplines and will progress to the state finals to be held in two weeks' time on the Gold Coast.

Eisteddfod season is upon us and our bands and choirs have been practising for these opportunities to showcase their talents. Whilst we have been awarded a number of places in the eisteddfods it is the comment of one of the adjudicators that sums up the experience "All the children are winners because they are able to play in a band together to make music." Having sat in the audience of an eisteddfod this morning I would also like to congratulate our students on the way that they represent our school when they are not on stage with their impeccable audience manners. Of course we need to thank our teachers, Mrs James, Miss Duncombe, Ms Winter, Mr Sirson and Mrs Wright who have worked with the groups and attended sessions outside their normal working days.

Congratulations to all our teams, whether you are building tents, using your creative energies or making music, Caningeraba is proud of you!

Helen Davidson, Acting Associate Principal Year 3 & 4

Choosing OPTIMISM!

MINDUP
Creating Optimistic Classrooms

Current thinking about happiness is very interesting! Yes, some people naturally seem to have the happy gene; they're "cup half-full" types. Others are naturally more pessimistic; they're more inclined to see the world and their experiences through a "cup half-empty" lens. Apparently though, our genes are

responsible for just 50 percent of whether we are happy or not so happy. Well, what about the other 50 percent, you ask?

10 percent is down to circumstances - yes, some people have a bit more luck than others - more money, easier family life, and more abilities in a range of areas. 10 percent is not a huge contribution to whether we are happy or not though, so what about the 40 percent that is not determined by life circumstances, nor our genes?

This 40 percent is the part we have control over, and **choosing optimism** can make a real difference to how we experience our lives. The activities we choose to do, our outlook on life, how engaged we are in our life's activities and the values we develop are what contribute to this 40 percent.

The influence of both genetics and difficult life circumstances can be softened by how we choose to live, see and experience our lives. Now THAT'S a good reason to **choose optimism**, if ever there was one!

Kate Alcorn, Guidance Officer

Student Council News

On Thursday 7 September, in week 9, Student Council are holding a fundraiser. The fundraiser will go towards our Caring for the Caningeraba Community and also towards the Leukaemia Foundation, which is a cause that many of us on the Student Council are passionate about supporting. The theme for the day is 'Blast from the Past'. On the day students can dress up as anyone from the 60s to the 90s (anything that is old school). It will be a gold coin donation to dress up. The clothes must be sun-safe, appropriate and the footwear can be anything that is closed in.

Thank you for supporting the Student Council.

Mariam, Student Council President

Sporting Schools Program

Caningeraba Tennis Academy

An Expression of Interest (EOI) is sought for any student wishing to be involved in an After School Tennis Program at GCA Tennis Centre, Christine Ave in Term 4 on Wednesday afternoons, from 3 pm till 4 pm. Numbers are limited to 24 students and there will be 3 groups, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. The advanced group will be involved in match play while the other 2 groups will be coached.

The Term 3 After School Tennis Program was successful but numbers are limited and many interested parents and students missed out. Applicants can express their interest at the office or see Mr O'Toole for details. The program is offered free of charge and successful applicants must commit to the program.

Regards

Hugh O'Toole, PE Teacher/Sporting Schools Coordinator

Chess Tournament

The Gold Coast Inter-School Chess Tournament for term 3 will be held on **Wednesday 6 September** at **Coomera Indoor Stadium**. Whilst this event is open to players of all abilities from beginners to A Grade, your child will need to have some experience of the game.

Date: Wednesday 6 September

Time: Registration on the day begins at 8:45am with the tournament itself starting at around **9:30am**. The organisers **aim** to have the tournament and presentations finished by **2:15pm**.

Venue: Coomera Indoor Stadium, 35 Beattie Road, Coomera

Cost: Entry is \$19.00 per seat. Money needs to be paid to the payment window in the administration building by **10:30am Monday 4 September 2017**.

Transport: Parents, you will be responsible for transporting your child to and from the tournament. There will be a teacher from our school at the event to supervise students during the day.

Dress: All students will be required to be dressed in full school uniform.

What to bring: Own lunch and water bottles. There will be a small canteen at the venue where students can purchase snacks.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill out a CHESS CONSENT FORM (available at the front office) and return it with the money to the payments window in the administration building.

Mr Thomas runs lunchtime Chess Club on Thursdays at second break in our school library. All students are invited to come along to prepare for the tournament or just have some fun battling it out with other Caningeraba chess enthusiasts. For more information on the tournament you can visit Gardiner Chess website:

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

School Banking News

Congratulations to classes PR, 2W and 4B on being this week's awesome bankers of the week. Don't forget you will need to have banked at least 3 times by November this year to be in the running for the Commonwealth Banks next competition.

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

5/6W	Bailey	1W	Isabelle
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a Silver Certificate:

5O	Malakai	3/4R	Riley
3P	Charlize	1O	Sage

2W	Sara	PB	Jake
PW	Grace	PW	Kaya
PW	Lola	PB	Morgan
1S	Samuel		

Student of the Week

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

6B	Owen	6G	Maddy
5B	Summer	5P	Paula
5S	Charlie	4B	Base
4P	Will	3G	Mahli
3O	Sean & Charlize	3S	Luca
1B	Jaxx	1G	Ayress
1W	Isabelle & Bhodi	PW	Kingston

Music Class of the Week

Students involved in quality music programs have shown:

higher participation

with **lower drop out rates.**

higher scores on standardized testing.

22 percent **better English scores.**

20 percent **better in math,** and

have demonstrated **better problem solving skills.**

August 2013
<http://bit.ly/1849B8a>

MARKETING
MUSIC EDUCATION

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PM	using their inner hearing reading taa's and ti-ti's
1G	working hard to perform solfege tasks (pitching and hand signs)
2G	great recall on how to be a better listener
3P	100% attending with recorders
4P	100% of players reading recorder music from the board
Grade 4 Band	awarded high achievement at the eisteddfod
Grade 5 Band	placing 3rd at the eisteddfod
Grade 6 Band	awarded high achievement at the eisteddfod

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.

- Yr 5-6 Sport \$40 or \$60 due by 10:30am Monday 4 September
- Prep Raw Art \$8.00 due by 10:30am Monday 4 September
- Chess \$19.00 due by 10:30am Monday 4 September
- Year 4 \$20 for Swell due by 10:30am Friday 8 September
- Year 6 \$2.00 for Spinal Awareness due by 10:30am Monday 11 September

Friday 1 September	All	Gold Coast Show Holiday
Monday 4 September	Year 3	Raw Art
Tuesday 5 September	Prep	Raw Art
Tuesday 5 September	Various	Regional Athletics
Wednesday 6 September	Various	Regional Athletics
Thursday 7 September	Various	GC Special Athletics Day
Friday 8 September	Various	State SWD Touch Footy at Redland Bay
Friday 8 September	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 11 September	4M & 4R	Swell
Tuesday 12 September	4B & 4P	Swell
Tuesday 12 September	Year 6	Spinal Awareness
Wed 13 September	All	P & C Colour Run
Thursday 14 September	4G & 4S	Swell
Friday 15 September	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Friday 15 September	All	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 2 October	All	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 3 October	All	First Day of Term 4
Friday 6 October	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport

Friday 13 October	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 16 October	All	Student Free Day

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 4 September	
Tuesday 5 September	Susana
Wednesday 6 September	Carolyn, Esther
Thursday 7 September	Carolyn
Friday 8 September	Michelle, Helen, Shelley

Please be advised that the tuckshop will only be open for first break on Wednesday 13 September due to the Colour Run.

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

Community Notices

Thrower House – All Activities Free

School holiday program from 18 – 22 September. Salk Oval, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach.

Please see attached flyer for details

One Day Sibling Courses

September school holidays Southern and Northern Gold Coast 9:30am – 3:30pm dates TBA. A course for children who have a sibling with a disability, expressions of interest bookings: familyresourcing@fsg.org.au Please see attached flyer for more details

AWLQ - Animal Antics School Holiday programme

Designed for 6-11 year olds. This is a fun day for both girls & boys but also very educational as we teach the children about responsible pet ownership as well as safety around dogs – which is so very important. Please see attached flyer for details.

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