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## Head of Curriculum's Column

The focus of my newsletter article this week is to highlight some of the additional activities in which students are encouraged to participate with the support of both teachers and parents. The enjoyment, collaboration and creativity of the teams who are participating in Readers' Cup, Tournament of Minds and Chess competitions are just some of the things that show that Caningeraba really is 'a community dedicated to educating happy, healthy, confident 21st century learners'.

Last Wednesday nearly four hundred students from our own and other schools on the Gold Coast competed in our annual chess competition. Our ability to host this event and to showcase our school so effectively is testament to the dedication and flexibility of the teachers and parents involved. There are many teachers who are not directly involved in the running of the day but whose work is impacted by it, including the year two teachers whose classrooms are directly next to the area where four hundred children all want to play handball during the breaks. We are very fortunate at this school that our chess club is run during school time, is open to everyone and is without additional cost to parents. This is thanks to Mr Shannon Thomas' generous donation of his time every Thursday and his willingness to support all students who want to enter chess competitions or just to play for fun.

The focus on the students participating in activities outside the classroom is again evident in our Tournament of Minds teams this year. Caningeraba achieved unprecedented success in the regional competition last year when all four of our teams won their respective categories and progressed to state titles. This year, nearly one hundred students auditioned for the teams and each and every one of them demonstrated confidence and the ability to collaborate with others, both of which are essential attributes of a 21st century learner. Whilst the auditions were open to every student from year five or six who wanted to participate, there were only twenty-one places available on teams and so an exhaustive selection process was undertaken. Now the fun and hard work really begins for those students who were selected, the teachers who will support the teams either directly or indirectly and the parents who will cope with juggling sporting commitments and after school sessions for their children.

Mrs Christy wrote about our school's success in the regional Reader's Cup in last week's newsletter. Once again Caningeraba's achievement in only our second year of competition is remarkable. And, once again, there is more hard work ahead of the students competing and the teachers and parents supporting them to read another five novels in the coming weeks before the state competition in Brisbane at the beginning of September.

If this week's newsletter article sounds a bit like 'Grandma's Brag Book' then that is because I want to highlight the great things that our school is achieving. Our community should be justifiably proud of all the sporting, musical and creative opportunities we are able to offer through the dedication and commitment of teachers, parents and students.

**Helen Davidson, Head of Curriculum**

## Music News

Music education can have benefits in other areas of learning such as:

- Enhancement of fine motor skills
- Fostering superior working memory
- Cultivating creative thinking.

## Music Class of The Week

Prep Maroon for fantastic team work.  
1P for pitching given notes.  
2P for the best "Matthew, Mark" game ever.  
3G for listening and following directions the first time given.  
4B for wowing Ms James with recorder playing.

## African Drumming at Caningeraba

Our fabulous chaplain Josh Hinds runs the HollyOake's Drumbeat program at the school. All of the Year 6s are offered a place each year as are some very lucky students in Years 3 to 5 and WOW, it is popular!!

If you'd like to find out more about Drumbeat, and have a go yourself on the djembe drums, parents and carers are welcome to join Josh in the last week of this term.



When: Tuesday 23 June 9.30am

Where: Science Room, entrance near the library

## Student of the Week

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

6G	Jalen	4M	Lincoln
1M	Eve	1O	Lachlan

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

1. Year 6 Canberra/Day Camp Final payment due by 10.30am Friday 19 June
2. ICAS English due by 10.30am Wed 24 June
3. ICAS Maths due by 10.30am Wed 24 June

Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

Date	Year Level	Activity
22 – 26 June	All	Talent Quest
22 – 25 June	Various	Music Camp
Friday 26 June	All	Last day of Term 2
29 June – 10 July	All	Winter Vacation
Monday 13 July	All	Term 3 commences

## School Banking News

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 deposits and received a bronze certificate:

Will 3P	James 5B	Patrick PW
Saraya 2G	Mateja 1/2R	Karissa 3B
Anni 2O	Alba 4S	Logan 1O
Kye 1O		

Volunteers still needed for school banking. Please contact Lin 0417 637 129 for more information.

## Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 22 June	Greta & Kaylah
Tuesday 23 June	Cheryl & Makayla
Wednesday 24 June	Carolyn, Greta & Esther

Date	Names
Thursday 25 June	Marnee & Carolyn
Friday 26 June	Maureen & Kez

**Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors**