



# Caningeraba State School

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## From the Associate Principal

### Story Time and Reading with our Children

Whilst there are many schools of thought and research surrounding the topic of how to teach children to read, there is no debating the importance of reading with and to our children.

The benefits of reading together go far beyond learning to read. Reading to young children is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn general information about the world, which in turn, supports new learnings in so many other ways.

From birth, babies are hardwired to develop language

skills, and consistent exposure to a wide variety of language patterns is what helps them do exactly that. Exposure to words is one of the most important things that you can do to help build the language pathways in your child's brain.

By reading to your child starting at a young age, even before they're able to communicate verbally, you help lay the neurological groundwork for effective language use and literacy. That's partly because books expose children to vocabulary and grammar that they wouldn't normally hear. Books allow children to hear new vocabulary and new ways of putting words together, which expands their ability to make sense of and use language.

Below is some interesting research from The Centre for Early Childhood in Ohio State University, "Even kids who read only one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don't regularly read books with a parent or caregiver. And depending on how much daily reading time kids get, that number can go up to over a million words."

Books can also help children learn how to regulate their own feelings in healthy ways. Seeing characters

in books experience emotions like anger or sadness lets children know that these feelings are normal, but also gives them a chance to talk about their own feelings too. Parents and carers can use reading time as an opportunity to foster emotional awareness in their children and build up their 'toolkits' for regulating feelings and emotions. One such example, "Have you ever felt as angry as the girl in this book? What could we do if you did?"

Building vocabulary, helping maximise language and literacy skills and building a 'toolkit' for emotional regulation are not the only advantages of reading with your child. One of the greatest gifts you can share with your children is time. Having time to read with a parent or caregiver isn't just about the activity of reading. It's about having quality time together, without other distractions and creates unforgettable and magical memories for both the child and caregiver. Even a few minutes of reading together gives both you and your child a chance to slow down, connect with each other, and share an enjoyable activity. The sensory experiences of sitting in a cosy place with a caregiver, hearing that familiar voice, and feeling a book in their hands are all important for children's brain development.

As part of our transition to school opportunities for our 2025 Prepstars, we will be commencing our 'Story Time' sessions on Monday 13th May. 'Story Time' is aimed at children who are of kindergarten age (3-4 years) and who are eligible for Prep in 2025. The aim of the group is to provide a fun, safe environment for children (with their caregivers) to explore and share books. It is also an opportunity for our 2025 Prepstars to engage with stories, craft activities and meet new friends. We have a wonderful time interacting with each other as we enjoy reading and exploring the magical world of books. These sessions will be facilitated by Mrs Green and myself each Monday between 9am and 10am. So, if you would like to be part of our 'Story Time', please join us in the Caningeraba Community Connects room (under the Senior Learning Area). If you would like any further information about our Story Time sessions, please call the school on 5568 6333. We would love to see you there!



Come and join us for  
**STORYTIME!**

**Who:** These sessions are for children who will be Prepstars in 2025 and their caregivers

**When:** 9-10am every Monday  
*(Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May)*

**Where:** The Caningeraba Community Connects Hub  
*(Downstairs in the Senior Learning Centre)*

## School Tours and Prep Experience Day

Our enrolment process for our 2025 Prepstars is now open. You are welcome to download an enrolment package from our school website or collect one from our Administration Office.

Prep Orientation sessions for parents and caregivers is on Wednesday 30 October at 9:00am or 6:00 pm. We then look forward to meeting your child at our Prep Experience Sessions. During these sessions, your child will have the opportunity to visit our school and participate in transition activities in a small group setting on two separate days.

These sessions will be held from Monday 4 November – Friday 15 November and will provide the opportunity for your child to become familiar with our school setting, meet our experienced staff and transition smoothly into Prep.

### School Tours

School tours for parents of children who will be commencing Prep in 2025 will also commence this term. These tours are an opportunity to visit our school, see the magic of a Prep classroom, gather information about Caningeraba State School and ask any questions that you may have about your child starting school.

- School Tour Dates for Term 2 are: Friday 10 May and Wednesday 5 June

School Tours commence at 9.30am and are approximately 45 minutes in duration. Please phone the school on 5568 6333 to make a tour booking. Additional dates will be advertised in the future for Term 3 tours.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Have a lovely week!

*Kind regards,*

*Marg Heiser, Associate Principal*

## Somerset Storyfest

On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, a group of 50 Caningeraba students from grades 3-6 were invited to attend Storyfest at Somerset College. This was a wonderful opportunity for our avid readers, budding authors and aspiring illustrators to be immersed in a day rich of literary experiences. We attended a number of workshops on the day conducted by some very well-known authors and illustrators including Matt Stanton, Katrina Nannestad, Jacqueline Harvey, James Foley and Victoria Reichelt. Students got to learn about their idol's personal journeys that lead them to following their dreams and some of the real-life stories and characters that inspired them to write and draw. They got to meet and greet with the authors and obtain some much-coveted signatures on their favourite books. Students also got to activate their creativity and imagination when they had the opportunity to create their very own book cover including the title, illustration and blurb and most notable was that all were award winning as they included a Children's Book Week award sticker. This opportunity was made possible by Councillor Pauline Young, who has now retired as our Division 12 councillor, as she has sponsored our students to attend for a number of years. We are so grateful for the experience.



## Interschool Sport - Week 1 schedule

Sport	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time
Rugby League	Year 5	Marymount	Pizzey Park Union 1	1:15
Rugby League	Year 6	Elanora	Pizzey Park Union 1	12:25
AFL	Junior	Marymount	Carrara AFC	1:15
AFL	Senior	Marymount	Carrara AFC	12:25
OZ Tag	5A	Hillcrest	Coplick Family Sports Park	1:15
OZ Tag	5B	St Augustine's	Coplick Family Sports Park	1:15
OZ Tag	6A Gold	Marymount	Coplick Family Sports Park	12:25
OZ Tag	6A Green	St Andrew's	Coplick Family Sports Park	12:25
OZ Tag	6B Gold	Hillcrest	Coplick Family Sports Park	12:25
OZ Tag	6B Green	St Andrew's	Coplick Family Sports Park	12:25
Netball	5A	Currumbin	Mallawa Drive Palm Beach	1:15
Netball	5B	Currumbin	Mallawa Drive Palm Beach	1:15
Netball	6A	Elanora	Mallawa Drive Palm Beach	12:25
Netball	6B	Burleigh	Mallawa Drive Palm Beach	12:25
Soccer	5 Girls	St Vincent's	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	1:15
Soccer	6 Girls	St Vincent's	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	12:25
Soccer	5A Boys	St Vincent's	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	12:25
Soccer	5B Boys	Gilston (Friendly)	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	12:25

Soccer	6A Boys	St Vincent's	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	12:25
Soccer	6B Boys	St Vincent's	Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club	1:15

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## Mothers Day Raffle

With Mother's Day just around the corner, our P&C is blooming with excitement as we present a delightful raffle! We're offering a stunning Basket filled to the brim with goodies!

Ticket Prices:

\$2.50 for a single ticket

\$5.00 for 3 tickets

\$10.00 for 5 tickets

Tickets will be available for purchase starting Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 through Flexischools. Get your tickets early as sales close on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The lucky winner will be drawn on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024. Don't miss out on your chance to win and spoil Mum or that special mother figure with a fantastic surprise!

## Student of the Week



Congratulations to the following students who have received a Student of the Week award at their assembly:

PO	Term 1: Asher, Asher, Elcee, Tenuvia, Cooper, Malikia, Mila, and Harvey	6P	Lila
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## Tuckshop News

Did you know that Wednesdays are sushi and Vietnamese roll days at the Tuckshop?

Order your favourites with ease through the Flexischools app!

Remember to place your order by 8:30am on the Tuesday before to enjoy your midweek treat!

## P&C News

### April P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, in the Admin block staffroom at 6:30pm sharp. We invite everyone to attend and get involved.

P&C meetings provide a platform for open discussions, allowing members to voice their ideas, concerns, and suggestions to contribute to the ongoing development of the school. Our current fundraising target is to build a playground for the school.

Want to learn more about us and how to get involved, click the link on attachment below:

## Volunteers needed

Did you know that, on average, we process 60 to 90 orders daily from Monday to Wednesday? Thursdays bring even more with approx 100-130, and Fridays can sometimes be double the daily orders compared to other days.

To ensure the Tuckshop runs seamlessly, we're reaching out for your support!

We are on the lookout for volunteers – can you spare a day each term, once a month, or weekly?

Want to know more? Pop in and say hello, see Ellen and Renee, our lovely ladies or click the link below to nominate a date and become an integral part of our vibrant volunteer team.

[Click here to volunteer](https://volunteersignup.org/B9QBP)

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Please note: If you're not a direct parent or caregiver of a child at Caningeraba, a blue card is required for volunteering. Click here to apply for a Blue Card:

[Click here to apply for a blue card](#)

**Michelle Elliott, P&C President**

<b>Friday 26 April</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	Year 5	Starlab Incursion
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	All	Public Holiday – Labour Day
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	2S	Jellurgal excursion
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	All	Mother's Day stall
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	All	Mother's Day stall
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	2M & 2R	Jellurgal excursion
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	4B, 4M & 4P	Currumbin Wildlife excursion
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	1S & P/1Y	Heritage Museum excursion
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	Various	Da Vinci Decathlon – St Joseph's Nudgee College
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	4G, 4O & 4S	Currumbin Wildlife excursion
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	1R & 1M	Heritage Museum excursion
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	1B & 1G	Heritage Museum excursion

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.

## Diary Dates



<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	2G & 2O	Jellurgal excursion
<b>Friday 19 April</b>	Yr 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	Prep to Yr 2	Cross Country
<b>Monday 22 April – Wednesday 24 April</b>	Year 5	Year 5 Camp – Tyalgum
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	2P & 2W	Jellurgal excursion
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	All	9:15am ANZAC Ceremony in Hall
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	All	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day

## Cross Country Timetable - Prep to Yr 2 Monday 22 April

Time	Class/year level
8:55	Prep Maroon
9:00	Prep White
9:10	Prep Orange
9:15	Prep Silver
9:20	Prep Blue
9:25	Prep Gold
9:30	P/1Y
9:35	1R
9:40	1B
9:45	1S
9:50	1G
9:55	1M
10:00	2P
10:05	2M
10:10	2R
10:15	2W
10:20	2O
10:25	2G
10:30	2S

## Spare Uniforms

We currently have no spare shorts in the office. If your child has borrowed a uniform, can you please ensure it is washed and returned to the office as soon as possible. That will save us from having to phone parents to bring in a change of clothes when required.

**Administration Office**

## Students leaving early

Please call the administration office well in advance if you need to collect your child before the end of the school day. Avoid break times which are 10:50am-11:30am and 1:30pm – 2:10pm as your child will be somewhere in the playground and therefore unreachable.

If you arrive unexpectedly, please be prepared to wait while we locate your child.

We would also like to remind parents that students should only be leaving early for medical appointments.

Your compliance with this procedure would be much appreciated.

**Administration Office**

## Lost Property

There is a large BLUE lost property box outside the administration office. Please ask your child to check it for any items of clothing that may belong to them. Parents are also welcome to come and have a look.

Items such as watches, glasses, jewellery, keys, etc are kept in the office.

There is a limit however, on how long we can keep items that go unclaimed.

**Administration Office**

