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Principal's Brief

A very warm welcome back to you all! I trust that everyone is safe and well. It was wonderful to have our students and staff return on Tuesday, and we are grateful to report that the school experienced limited damage. I took the opportunity to visit all classes, and it was heart-warming to see the smiling faces of our students engaging in learning once again.

I would like to take a moment to thank several key groups and individuals who helped ensure a safe and smooth return for our students:

- The leadership team did an outstanding job planning and executing every stage of the cyclone emergency— from preparation and response to recovery.
- A special thanks to Michelle Elliott for her collaboration with us in communicating updates through the P&C page.

- Our tuck shop staff for ensuring our students and staff were nourished. The food is absolutely delicious.
- A huge thank you to our staff—teachers, teacher aides, and cleaners—who worked tirelessly Tuesday morning to tidy up. By 8:15am, our grounds were looking great and ready for our students to return.

If any families require additional support during the recovery phase, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Parents as Partners of Learning

We are excited to invite you to our first Parents as Partners of Learning session on Thursday, March 20th at 3:15pm in the library. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to work together to support the learning journey of our students. I look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Community Movie Night

We're also eagerly anticipating our Community Movie Night on Friday, March 28th. Be sure to check our website and the P&C page for more information and updates.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Michelle Flynn, Principal

NAPLAN 2025 Rescheduled

It's NAPLAN time for our Year 3 and 5 students. Please note that due to the recent cyclone we have rescheduled NAPLAN at Caningeraba State School. We don't want NAPLAN to be an additional source of stress and pressure for students, families or teachers as they respond to recent weather events. It will now be starting on Monday 17 March instead. I have included information for Year 3 and 5 parents/carers from the NAPLAN website and also have included our Caningeraba NAPLAN timetable so you are aware of when your child will be completing their testing.

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students' progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be

more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment. Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics. All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials. To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

Participation in NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the National Assessment Program. Information on adjustments available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs is provided in the National protocols for test administration. Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. To help inform these decisions, you may consult the National protocols for test administration, NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption. Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you

more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers. See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at NAP - Public demonstration site.

Also please ensure your child has a great night sleep, healthy breakfast, brings a water bottle and fruit snack to school. It is also important that your child is at school on time so they can be calm and prepared for the testing. Students who arrive late to school may miss testing that day and will need to complete a catch-up session.

How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's teacher or Matthew Hart, Deputy Principal on 55686333
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit www.nap.edu.au

Year 3 Testing Timetable					
Week 8	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March	Thursday 20 March	Thursday Friday 20/21 March
	Writing 15 min Prep Time 40 min Test Time	Reading 15 min Prep Time 45 min Test Time	Con. Of Language 15 min Prep Time 45 min Test Time	Numeracy 15 min Prep Time 45 min Test Time	Catch-up Testing for absent students
Group A 3G, 3P, 3O,	All classes: Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.10	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.15	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.15	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.15	
Group B 3R, 3S, 3B, 3M		Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.45	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.45	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.45	

Year 5 Testing Timetable					
Week 8	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March	Thursday 20 March	Thursday Friday 20/21 March
	Writing 15 min Prep Time 42 min Test Time	Reading 15 min Prep Time 50 min Test Time	Con. Of Language 15 min Prep Time 45 min Test Time	Numeracy 15 min Prep Time 50 min Test Time	Catch-up Testing for absent students
Group A 5B, 5R, 5O, 5W	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.12	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.20	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.15	Prep begins: 9.15 Test begins: 9.30 Test ends: 10.20	
Group B 5S, 5P, 5M	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.42	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.50	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.45	Prep begins: 11.45 Test begins: 12.00 Test ends: 12.50	

Mr Hart, Deputy Principal

News from the PE Shed!

Oceanic Trial Changes

Due to recent weather please note changes to the Oceanic trials –

Tuesday 11th - POSTPONED to –

10/11yr Netball - Tuesday 18th March

10-12yr Boys AFL - Tuesday 18th and Thursday

Wednesday 12th - POSTPONED TO

10-12yr Girls AFL - Wednesday 19th March

10/11yr and 12yr Rugby League

10/11yr Rugby League - Monday 17th and invite only
Wednesday 26th March

12yr Primary - Wednesday 19th and invite only Wednesday
26th March

12yr Secondary - Thursday 20th and invite only Wednesday
26th March

Mr O'Toole, PE Teacher

Student (A) is playing handball with your friends. Friend (B) is refusing to leave the square although they are out. Student (C) is really angry and is pushing and shoving Student (B)

Student has to get to school for sport/music practice. Sibling is taking a long, long time as they are reading their favourite book and your Parent/Guardian is still eating breakfast.

Your class is with a Relief teacher. The whole class is misbehaving except for you. Your friend is asking you to be part of a practical joke on the teacher.

MindUp



Mindful and UnMindful – what is the difference?

When learning about MindUp we ask the students to consider Mindful behaviour and behaviour that can be reactionary and mindless. Consider some of the following scenarios. We ask our students to consider what Mindful or Mindless behaviour would look like in any of these situations. Maybe you would like to try this at home? Do you have some other scenarios that you could discuss with your children encouraging them to use their prefrontal cortex when making decisions? Maybe they can even come up with some scenarios where you may consider your reactions?

MindUp at Caningeraba Parent Information Session

MindUP helps children to:

- reduce stress and anxiety
- Handle peer-to-peer conflicts
- Manage emotions and reactions
- Choose optimism
- Develop greater empathy toward others

Come along and find out how the social emotional curriculum is being implemented from P-6 to support your child's wellbeing.

Where: Caningeraba State School Library

When: Thursday 27 March 2025 3pm to 3:30pm

Children can be supervised during this session. Please pack/bring an afternoon snack for your child.

RSVP: The number of adults and/or children attending
AdminMailbox@caningerabass.eq.edu.au

P&C News

Easter Fun at Caningeraba – Raffle & Hot Cross Buns!

Easter is almost here, and we've got two fantastic

ways for you to celebrate while supporting our school!

Caningeraba Easter Raffle – Incredible Prizes Up for Grabs!

Our Easter Raffle is filled with amazing prizes, all thanks to the generosity of our wonderful local sponsors! Every ticket sold goes towards supporting Caningeraba SS, so why not try your luck? **Grab your tickets**

now! <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/csseaster25>

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser – Order Yours Today!

Nothing says Easter like fresh, delicious Hot Cross Buns from **Gold Coast Bakery**! Our Hot Cross Bun Drive is now live on **Flexischools**, with proceeds helping to fund P&C initiatives and school projects.

Flavours Available:

No Fruit Hot Cross Buns (6-pack) – \$6.50

A soft, spiced bun without fruit—great for those who like a simple treat.

Traditional Hot Cross Buns (6-pack) – \$6.50

A classic Easter favourite with juicy fruit and warm spice.

Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns (6-pack) – \$7.00

A sweet twist on tradition, loaded with chocolate chips!

Orders Close: Wednesday, 26th March

Collection Date: Wednesday, 2nd April



A Message to Our Community

Our thoughts are with all local families and businesses impacted by **ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred**. While our tuckshop remained undamaged, we reduced

stock last week in preparation for the cyclone. Some of our suppliers sustained significant damage, leading to supply challenges and delivery limitations, so we will be operating with a **limited menu this week**.

If any families are still without power, **our priority is ensuring no child goes without food**. Please pop into the tuckshop and speak with our lovely team if your child needs assistance and is unable to order via **Flexischools**.

Sincerely, the P&C Committee

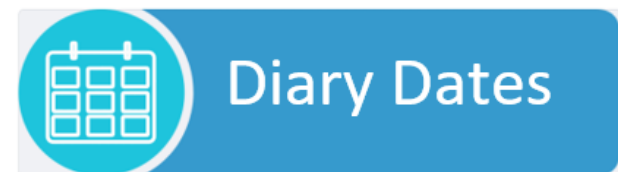
Student of the Week



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

	Due to the Cyclone/School closure no students were issued Student of the Week in week 6		
	Missed from week 5	5W	Nylah

Diary Dates



Friday 14 March	All	Scholastic Book Club – last day for orders
Monday 17 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN – Writing
Monday 17 March	Year 6	Payments due - Tristan Banks Author - \$10
Tuesday 18 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN - Reading
Wednesday 19 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN – COL
Thursday 20 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Thursday 20 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN – Catch-up testing for absent students
Thursday 20 March	Year 6	Tristan Banks talk
Thursday 20 March	Parents	Parents as Partners of Learning session – 3:15pm School Library
Friday 21 March	Year 3 & 5	NAPLAN – Catch-up testing for absent students
Friday 21 March	Year 5 & 6	Interschool Sports Trial
Monday 24 March	All	P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:00PM Administration building
Monday 24 March	Various	Payments due - Interschool Chess Tournament
Wednesday 26 March	Various	Interschool Chess Tournament – Surfers Paradise State School
Wednesday 26 March	All	P&C Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser orders close
Wednesday 26 March	Year 5	Payment due - Year 5 Camp
Thursday 27 March	All welcome	MindUP Parent information session 3:00pm-3:30pm in the school library
Friday 28 March	Year 5 & 6	Interschool Sport Trial
Friday 28 March	All	P&C Movie Night
Friday 28 March	All	Active School Travel Celebration Day
Monday 31 March	All	Cross Country
Wednesday 2 April	Various	Somerset Storyfest
Wednesday 2 April	Various	P&C Hot Cross Bun collection day

Thursday 3 April	Year 1	Easter Hat Parade 9:15am in the Hall
Thursday 3 April	Prep	Easter Hat Parade 12:00pm in the Hall
Friday 4 April	Year 5 & 6	Interschool Sport Trial

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.

Shorts Shortage

Due to popular demand and the non-return of our loan shorts, we no longer have a supply to provide students when they are required. If your child has previously borrowed a pair of office shorts, can you please ensure they are washed and returned as soon as possible.

If you have any spares your child no longer fits or requires, we are gladly accepting donations. Please drop them into reception.

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.

Parents/Caregivers who arrive during lunch breaks with no previous arrangements will be required to wait in the office area until the end of the break when a classroom can be contacted to locate their child.

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.

School Watch

The School Watch program encourages everyone to look out for and report any after-hours crime in our schools.



LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT

Empty schools can become targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage, especially during school holiday periods. This comes at a cost to the whole community and not just the financial cost of repairs.



The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Protective Services Group, Queensland Police Service, providing a way for members of the community to report anything they see that is suspicious, even if it seems minor.

On average, more than 700 calls are made to School Watch every year, helping to keep our schools safe.

Look, Listen, Report. Call School Watch on **13 17 88**.

If you see a crime in progress, call Triple Zero (000).

Community News

Free Breast Screen

The Breast Screen Queensland mobile is at The Pines Shopping Centre, Elanora until 1 May 2025, offering free breast cancer screening. Women are eligible from age 40 with those aged 50 – 74 strongly encouraged to attend, as this is the age where the evidence of screening is strongest. For more information or to book call 132 050 or visit www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au

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