



Caningeraba State School

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From the Deputy Principal

An extra special welcome to all our Prep parents! It has been a busy and exciting start to the school year, and we are delighted to see our newest Caningeraba students settling into "big school" so confidently and happily. It's hard to believe we are already at the halfway point of the term — time certainly flies when so much learning and growth is taking place. Our students' smooth transition reflects the care and dedication of our wonderful team. Our teachers, teacher aides and Inclusion support team have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing, engaging environment where every child can build friendships, establish routines and embrace new opportunities.

We also ask for your support in ensuring that older siblings do not deliver tuckshop items to the Prep area. During the school day, the Prep playground is a supervised space for Prep students only. Older siblings should not enter the Prep playground or encourage Prep students

to leave the area. These guidelines help us maintain safety, supervision and smooth routines for all students across the school. Bottom of Form

Morning Drop Off

At Caningeraba, we maintain high expectations for all students, supported by consistent routines and clear communication. Morning drop-offs at the undercover area are running smoothly, with fewer tears each day. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Please remember that all students are not to be on school grounds before 8:15am unless attending Before School Care. Supervision is available, if required, in the Tuckshop area for Prep and Year 1, in the covered area for Years 2 and 3, and under the Senior Learning Centre for Years 4–6 from 8:15am. Parents should drop student and when your child is settled, leave. Students are not required to arrive until the 8:40am bell. Those arriving after the 8:50am bell, the start of school day, must report to the Office for a late slip.

All playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school, even with parent supervision, including for younger siblings.

Prep Soccer

You may have noticed the new fence installed along the main school entry. In addition to improving the appearance and stability of this area, the upgrade has also expanded the grassed space available for Prep soccer, which will begin again at break times this week. These organised games provide valuable social and emotional support during playtime. They give students the opportunity to practise teamwork, sharing and taking turns, as well as developing resilience, good sportsmanship and positive responses to winning and losing. They also offer a more structured and supportive option for students who benefit from additional guidance within the busy Prep playground environment.

Home Reading Parent Information Sessions

Last Wednesday, we welcomed our Year 1 and 2 parents to a Home Reading information session. As Caningeraba aligns with the v9 Australian English Curriculum and the Queensland Department of Education's reading focus, 2026 has been identified as the Year of Strengthening Reading Implementation. These sessions are an important opportunity to share current research, evidence-based practices and practical strategies to support reading at home.

They also strengthen the partnership between school and family, ensuring a consistent and cohesive approach to reading for every student. We look forward to hosting a similar session for our Prep parents later this term.

Uniform

At Caningeraba, a strong sense of belonging is fostered through wearing our school uniform with pride. It's wonderful to see our Prep Stars, and the wider school community, looking so smart. As a reminder, our uniform policy includes the following which may need your attention:

- **Socks:** Plain white short socks are required.
- **Hair Accessories:** Shoulder length hair should be tied up using blue or white ties and ribbons. Sports house-coloured ribbons may be worn on cross country and sports carnival days.
- **Watches:** Watches are permitted; however, those with technology features, including messaging, gaming, and cameras, must be handed in at the office.

- **Jewellery:** A maximum of two plain studs or sleepers per ear is allowed. Hoop and costume earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and rings are not permitted.

Please name items clearly. Already we have a significant number of items in the lost property bin, which is located outside the office. Please check it if you are missing something!

International Women's Day 2026

Please join us to celebrate International Women's Day, **Friday, 6 March** from 7.30am in the hall. We are proud to host a panel of inspirational women from our including Dr Ghazala Watt, Aunty Joyce and Hannah Casey and Claudia Fydler. Stay for a cup of tea and light refreshments. Please use the QR code below or click [here](#) to RSVP for the event.

Friday March 06,
2026

International
WOMEN'S DAY

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Join us to celebrate International Women's Day at Caningeraba. Come and have a cuppa and light refreshments whilst listening to our panel of special guests

Dr Ghazla Watt
Aunty Joyce

Hannah Casey & Claudia Fydler: world & national swimming champions

Please join us in the Hall
7:30am RSVP

Caningeraba's International Women's Day Registration

QR code for registration

Illustration of four diverse women in profile.

As we now settle into the routine of the school year, we are excited about the learning opportunities and activities that lie ahead. It's been a wonderful start, and we are grateful for your continued support and partnership.

Have a wonderful week!

Jo Dimmock, Deputy Principal Prep

News from the PE Shed!

Interschool Sport Trials

Interschool Sport Trials will begin in week 6 for students in Years 5 and 6. Students will soon be asked to nominate a sport that they would like to trial for. Sports include tennis lessons, rugby league, Australian football, soccer, netball, OZ tag (for girls) and home sport (a variety of noncompetitive sports and games held each week at school).

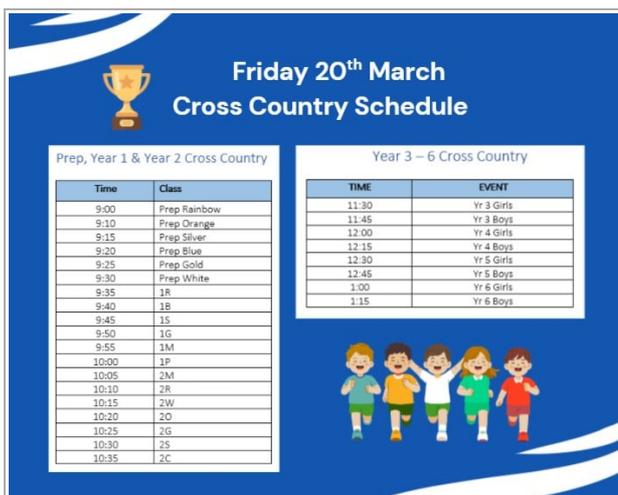
Running Club

Running Club has kicked off for the year. It has been great to see so many of our students in the lower year levels getting their laps in each Tuesday morning beginning at 8.10 on the school oval. This is a great opportunity for students wishing to train and improve on their fitness for our upcoming Cross Country Carnival in week 8.

The Oceanic Swimming Carnival

The Oceanic Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday. We are still waiting on official results to see how many of our swimmers have made the Oceanic Swimming Team, to compete at the South Coast Swimming Championships in Week 7.

Cross Country



Friday 20th March
Cross Country Schedule

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Cross Country

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

Year 3 – 6 Cross Country

TIME	EVENT
11:30	Yr 3 Girls
11:45	Yr 3 Boys
12:00	Yr 4 Girls
12:15	Yr 4 Boys
12:30	Yr 5 Girls
12:45	Yr 5 Boys
1:00	Yr 6 Girls
1:15	Yr 6 Boys



Mr Goonan, PE Teacher

MindUp - Mindfulness for Children



Focussed Awareness: The Core Practice

It may be that when you walk around the school you don't hear anything as you pass a classroom, except maybe the sound of a chime; if you were to look in, you might see children sitting on the floor or at their desks, many with their eyes closed. These children will be participating in the Core Practice, a dedicated time to calm the mind, and focus on the here and now; they are preparing their brains for learning. We have already heard stories from parents about children using the core practice to be calm before going to the dentist and to focus prior to a musical performance and team sport game. This skill is something our children will be able to call on for the rest of their lives.

Check out the link on the Emotional Brain

[The Emotional Brain](https://www.youtube.com/embed/xNY0AAUtH3g?autoplay=0&modestbranding=1&rel=0)

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Family Idea – Try?

Take a moment to do the core practice together as a family. Have everyone sit in either a straight back chair (like a dining room chair) or on the carpet. If you are on a chair your feet need to be flat on the floor, back in a position that straight but not rigid, hands in laps and head bowed, eyes can be closed or open – however you are most comfortable. If you are on the carpet, you should be cross legged, hands in laps or on your knees, back straight but not rigid position and head bowed. Eyes can be open or closed. Use a chime or a special sound to signal the start of the minute and focus on your breathing. At the end of the minute make the chime sound again and discuss how you went clearing your minds and just thinking about breathing.

Was it easy? Hard? Did you have thoughts you found hard to ignore?

- Learn more about the work of the P&C
- Hear about achievements and challenges from the past year
- Have input into the direction for the year ahead

Clean up Caningeraba Day



Each year, all Executive positions are declared vacant as part of the AGM process. This ensures transparency and provides an opportunity for both new and returning members to be involved.

There is no expectation to take on a role — attending is a great way to better understand how the P&C operates and how you might like to engage with the school community.

Meeting Details

Date: Monday, 9 March

Time: 6:00 pm – General Meeting followed by the AGM at 6:30 pm

Location: School Library (entry near the hall past the uniform shop)

All members are required to complete a membership form annually. Forms must be submitted on or before the AGM to be eligible to vote.

P&C News

Caningeraba P&C Annual General Meeting – You are Invited

The Caningeraba State School P&C Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, 9 March.

The AGM is an important part of our school community calendar. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the past year, share updates, and look ahead to future priorities that support our students and school environment.

The P&C plays a key role in enhancing school life - supporting services such as the tuckshop and uniform shop, contributing to school initiatives, and helping build a connected and supportive community.

The AGM is open to all parents, carers and community members who have an interest in Caningeraba. It's a chance to:

We warmly welcome all members of our school community to attend.

Membership form and Executive role form attached

Michelle Elliott, P&C President

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Student of the Week

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

PB	James	PG	Roman
PO	Chester	PR	Ari
PS	Billy	PW	Samuel

Diary Dates

1M	Isabelle	2/3C	Meika & Lara
2M	Elsie	3B	Eli & Lily
3P	Leia	3R	Willow
3S	Lyla	4B	Sol
4G	Sahara	4O	Madilyn
4P	Walter & Spencer	4S	Lotus
4W	Mia & Riley	5M	Tom
5O	Sean & Luka	5P	Oska & Chloe
5W	Cru	6B	Nellie, Skyla & Jazmin
6G	Chloe	6O	Polly
6R	Pippa, Zaidyn & Rhook	6W	Claire

Date	Participants	Activity
Tuesday 24 February	Year 4 parents/carers	Sacred Sister program information sessions in the School Library from 3:00pm – 3:30m
Thursday 26 February	All welcome	MindUp Parent/Family Information Session - School Library from 3pm to 3:30pm
Friday 27 February	Students	Clean Up Caningeraba Day
Tuesday 3 March	Year 4	Sacred Sister Program
Monday 9 March	6O, 6B & 6R	Energy Trailer Incursion
Tuesday 10 March	6G, 6P & 6W	Energy Trailer Incursion
Tuesday 10 March	Year 4	Sacred Sister Program
Wednesday 11 March	Year 3 & Year 5	NAPLAN Writing
Thursday 12 March	Year 3 & Year 5	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 12 March	1P, 1R & 1S	First Nations Program
Friday 13 March	Year 3 & Year 5	NAPLAN Conventions of Language
Friday 13 March	1B, 1G & 1M	First Nations Program
Monday 16 March	Year 3 & Year 5	NAPLAN (Catchup)
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 & Year 5	NAPLAN (Catchup)
Wednesday 18 March	Year 4	Sacred Sister Program
Friday 20 March	All	Cross Country
Monday 23 March	4S & 4G	Numinbah Valley excursion
Tuesday 24 March	4P & 4O	Numinbah Valley excursion
Wednesday 25 March	5B, 5P & 5S	Wildlife Encounter incursion
Wednesday 25 March	Various	Chess Tournament – Surfers Paradise State School
Wednesday 25 March	Year 4	Sacred Sister Program

Finance Due Dates

All excursion consent forms are sent via QParents or they can be downloaded from the school website under excursions and returned to class teacher.

!!Please note if payments are not received by the due date, this will restrict your child's participation in the activity. Should you be unable to make full payment by the due date, please contact the school office to discuss payment options. No late payments will be accepted.

Back to School Boost

Please note student accounts have now been credited the \$100 back to school boost (you should have received your adjustment note direct from the Department of Education).

Activity/Fees	Year Level	Amount	Due Date
Chess Coaching Term 1 fees	Various	\$40.00	Overdue
Energy Trailer Incursion	Year 6	\$7.00	Thursday 5 March
First Nations Program	Year 1	\$8.00	Monday 9 March
Numinbah Valley excursion	Year 4	\$30.00	Wednesday 13 March
Wildlife Incursion	Year 5	\$12.00	Friday 20 March
Year 5 Camp	Year 5	\$345	Monday 23 March
2026 Student Resource Scheme	All	Various (please refer to invoice)	Overdue

March		
Date	Participants	Activity
Thursday 26	5M, 5O & 5W	Wildlife Encounter
March		incursion
Thursday 26 March	Various	Readers Cup – Hillcrest Christian College
Friday 27 March	4B & 4W	Numinbah Valley excursion
Friday 27 March	Student Council/Leadership	Youth Parliament visit

Important Information from Admin

Early Departure Procedure

- Parent/Caregiver must **report to Admin** to advise student/s is leaving early.
- After checks in OneSchool, parent/caregiver will be given an **Early Departure Slip**.
- Please ensure that all your **emergency contact** details are up to date.
- Parent/caregiver will present to the classroom or specialist lesson with the **Early Departure Slip**.
- Important to remember **NO SLIP - NO CHILD**. If you arrive at class with no slip, staff member will redirect you back to Admin to ascertain the slip.
- Note that this is a **Collect and Go** and **not** an opportunity to have a conversation with the teacher, as they will be teaching.
- Should you be collecting **more than one child**, the same procedure will need to be followed for each child. **Please allow sufficient time to collect all children.**
- If the class is at a specialist lesson, there will be a sign on the classroom door directing you to where the class is.
- Parent/Caregiver are encouraged to still **advise Teacher** when your child will be **leaving early**.
- Should your child being leaving from the **Health Room (sick bay)**, Admin Staff will notify sibling's class teacher, and they will be sent to the Office. You will not be required to collect from the classroom or specialist lesson.

!!Please note – students will **not** be able to be collected during **lunch hours** from **10:50am -11:30am** and **1:30pm - 2:10pm**. If you arrive at this time to collect your child, you will be required to wait in the administration building until the break has finished.

We appreciated your assistance in following these procedures.

QParents Attendance & Absence Functions

You can now view attendance records, submit reasons for past absences, and notify the school of upcoming absences in two places within the platform.

The 'Absences' tile

View a snapshot of unexplained absences and record future

absences. To notify the school of an absence, select 'Notify absences' and complete the 'Future absences' form. Once finished, select 'Submit'.

Please note if your children are running late or leaving early the **existing** process of them reporting to the office applies.

The 'Attendance screen' within the individual student profile

In your student's profile, select 'Attendance'. From there, review existing absences and submit the reasons for the absences, or notify the school of future absences by selecting 'Notify of an absence' and completing the 'Future absences' form. Your notification will be sent to the school for action. You will receive an email confirmation that an absence was successfully submitted and another email notification once the school has actioned the absence.

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Celebrating Connecting with Community

This is a section in our newsletter where our community can email us in stories/events about our students who are involved in outside of school achievements such as academic, sporting & arts.

If you have a story/event you would like featured in this section, please include the below information and a clear photograph (if you wish) and forward to - newsletter@caningerabass.eq.edu.au

You need to frame it up as -

- Who:
- What:
- When:
- Where:
- Why:

Please also confirm that you have permission to publish the picture of ALL the students in the photograph. Only photos

of students from Caningeraba can be featured and this section and will only be included in the newsletter (no social media).

Community News

Miami State High School 2027 Year 7 Enrolments

2027 Year 7 Enrolment Information Session & School Tours

We warmly invite prospective families to experience Miami State High School and discover what makes us a *First Class Location, World Class Education*.

Tuesday 3 March 2025

Program commences from 3.30pm

School Tours from 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Interactive in-class sessions with our Heads of Department

Meet our Excellence Academy Dean & Coordinators

Formal Presentation at 5.30pm

6.15pm Q&A Enrolment Session

Student Council will have refreshments available to purchase in the Faye Waller canteen on the evening.

Varsity College Aspire Creative Industries Excellence Programs

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Varsity College Open House

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Elanora State High School Open Day

Thursday 26 February | 5–7pm

Come and discover what Year 7 in 2027 could look like for your child!

Explore the many opportunities



available at Elanora State High School and learn about the exciting pathways designed to support every learner's future.

Find out more about our specialised programs, collect enrolment information and a goodie bag, hear from our Principal, Rochelle Lewis, and enjoy Academy presentations and engaging subject exhibits.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our school, meet our staff and students, and see firsthand what makes Elanora such a special place to learn and grow.

Plus, our Chappy Hugo will be firing up the sausage sizzle and selling cold drinks on the night!

We look forward to welcoming you! Make sure you follow our Elanora State High School Open Day event page on Facebook!

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS – ELANORA

Saturday 28 February

5pm: Food and activities | 7pm: Movie

Elanora State High School Oval, 261 Nineteenth Ave

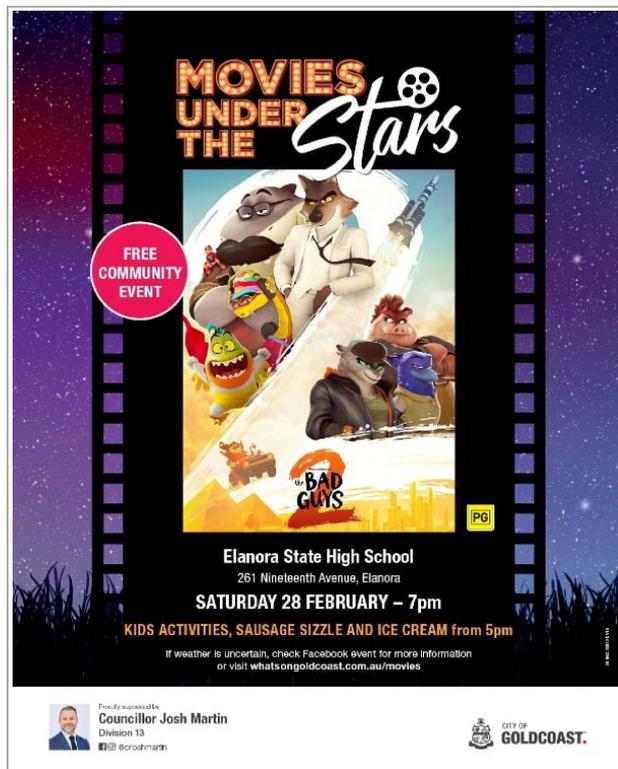
There's been a real appetite for more free, family-friendly events in Elanora, so I'm pleased to be bringing Movies Under the Stars right to the heart of the community. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great night out with family, friends and neighbours.

The fun kicks off at 5pm and includes:

- Kids' and toddlers' inflatable obstacle courses by [1st Fives](#)
- Interactive games by [GeckoSports Gold Coast QLD](#)
- Lions Club charity sausage sizzle
- Ice cream van

Bring a picnic or grab some snacks at the event before settling in for the 7pm screening of *The Bad Guys 2* (PG). No tickets needed, just come along and enjoy!

For more info and event updates, visit the Facebook event page facebook.com/events/1418237603106148



We're taking action to stop bullying in our schools

The Queensland Government is giving parents and caregivers more ways to tackle bullying. The Tackle Bullying campaign highlights new and expanded supports and tools, including:

- a 7-day-a-week parent HOTLINE with trained counsellors
- more on the ground support from chaplains and dedicated wellbeing staff
- rapid support teams into bullying hotspots.

To find out more and help share the message visit: www.qld.gov.au/antibullying

School Watch

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

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).

