Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome everyone to the 2013 school year.

It was an absolute pleasure welcoming students and staff back to school. Students have arrived back very enthusiastic – some very nervous also about going into a new class - but all with smiles and lots of stories about their holidays. We hope 2013 is a wonderful year for Caniaba Public School.

Classes and Staff for 2013

Yr K/1    Mrs Penny Sweeney
Yr 2/3    Mrs Sally Mansfield
Yr 4/5/6  Mr Doug Osterio

School Learning Support Officers:    Jenny Rose – Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
                                     Renae Golding – Wed

School Administrative Manager:    Mrs Sally McPherson
School Administrative Officer:    Ms Kerynne Sbrocchi – Thurs
                                  (Mrs Rann on 12 months leave)

General Assistant:    Mr Shane Casson – Tues & Thu
Cleaner:    Mr Neil Wraight

I will be teaching Year 4 during the week for some Literacy and Numeracy sessions as well as taking small groups for some intensive learning support throughout the year.

Kindergarten
Kindergarten students will commence school this Friday.

Parent Information Evening
There will be a Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday 13th February. We will send home more information closer to this date.

SOME TIMELY REMINDERS:

Toys at School
We ask that students do not bring toys or games to school unless it is their news or show & tell day. On these days only one toy or game should be brought to school and this should remain in the classroom throughout the day.
Sharing of Food
We have a number of students at Caniaba who have food allergies or food intolerances – some quite severe. It is absolutely imperative that students do not share food or ‘treats’ with each other. Last year some students were severely affected simply through eating a candy cane from a Christmas card given to them.

We have asked that leftover food from the canteen not be given out to students by our canteen volunteers. We regularly update the student list posted on the canteen wall so volunteers know which students are affected.

There are times at school where we ask students to bring a plate of food to share, but we monitor this closely on these days to ensure students with food allergies and/or food intolerances do not eat incorrect food.

All staff at Caniaba are in the process of updating their anaphylaxis training and it is now mandatory for all casual staff employed at our school to have this training as well.

Healthy Lunches
At Caniaba we encourage students to bring healthy morning teas and lunches. Please do not send chocolates, lollies, chips etc. with students for morning tea or lunch.

Visiting the School
It is Departmental Policy that all visitors to the school (including parents) go to the office on arrival to ensure the safety and security of both staff and students. It is also very important that classes not be unnecessarily disturbed during valuable learning time.

Canteen
There will be no canteen operating at school this Friday 1st February.

Closing Thought:
"Don't be too hard on yourself. There are plenty of people willing to do that for you. Love yourself and be proud of everything that you do. Even mistakes mean you're trying." -- Susan Gale

Jude Voisey, Principal.
Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Terania District PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 7th February at the Lismore Swimming Pool. All students in Years 3/6 will be participating. Also any year 2 student who turn 8 this year and can swim 50 metres may also compete. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue. The bus will depart the school by 9am in readiness for a 9.45am start.

We anticipate that we will be returning to the school in time for the 2.30pm bus departure. Parents and community members are very welcome to attend. Please complete the attached permission note and return to the school with payment for bus prior to the day.

Swimming Carnival
Next Thursday 7th February Years 3-6
Permission Note

I give permission for my child/children..............................to travel by bus to attend and compete at the Annual Terania District PSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday 7th February at the Lismore Swimming Pool.

- The cost to enter the pool on the day is $2.00 for students and adults. (Pay on day at pool)
- Canteen will be operating, no pre-ordering necessary.
- Students should be back at school in time to catch the regular bus home.
- The cost for bus transport is $3 per student and is payable with the return of the permission note. All students in Yrs 3-6 are expected to attend the carnival.

Signed: ................................................................. Bus Money enclosed $....................
General Housekeeping Information:

- **Assemblies**
  Every Friday (commencing Friday 8th February) at 1.45pm. During the course of the year all students will be participating in public speaking and organization of the assembly. A roster will be sent out next week. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

- **Library**
  All students will have the opportunity to borrow and return books on Thursdays. Ms Sbrocchi is our relieving Library Assistant and only works in the office and library on Thursdays. Students must have a library bag to be able to take books home.

- **Canteen**
  Canteen is voluntarily operated every Friday by our wonderful parents under the guidance of and management of the P&C Canteen Committee. Orders must be placed in the box in the office in a brown paper bag by Wednesdays each week. We are always looking for helpers so if you can assist please complete the attached form (if you have not already done so) and return to the office. Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated.

- **Kindergarten Photo**
  The Northern Star will be visiting our school on Friday 15th February to take a photo of our Kindergarten children to be placed in the Northern Star ‘Starting School’ special edition. I will advise you when this publication will be available. Please notify the office if you do not wish your child to be included.

- **Variation to Routine**
  Just a reminder that if your child’s afternoon pickup/transport arrangement is changing please notify the office so it will be recorded on our ‘Change of Routine afternoon board’.

- **Late Notes**
  Students must collect a late note from the office if arriving after morning line up. Notes or phone calls explaining an absence must be received within 5 days of the absence.

- **Yellow Paper**
  Attachments to the newsletter that are yellow require attention and return if relevant.

- **Authority to Publish Form**
  This form is attached and must be completed and returned to the school every year to allow the students access as explained on the form.