**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**Terania PSSA Cross Country**

What an interesting day we had last Friday for our Cross Country. When we made the decision to go ahead at 8 a.m. the weather was looking promising. Friday brought back many good memories of my own very wet and muddy cross country days and I know looking at the many photos taken on the day that the students certainly didn’t mind slipping and sliding in the mud. Not sure parents were as excited cleaning shoes and clothes afterwards.

Thank you so much to those parents, carers and extended family for making the effort to come and support the kids. I know many people arrange days off work to do this and we really appreciate your efforts.

A huge thank you to the great band of P&C workers, who organised, cooked and manned the food tables. I heard many wonderful compliments on the service provided.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent us at the Northern Rivers District Cross Country at Corndale on Friday 24th May:

- Andrew Clark, Daniel Clark, Byron Delamont
- Chantelle Fryer, Josephine McGovern and Jessica Clark

**Toilet Concerns**

Some concerns were raised at the P&C meeting and also in the interviews with Karen Mackenzie about some poor behaviour in the boys’ toilets. This issue seems to occur fairly irregularly throughout the term, but can become quite distressing to students when it happens. We have discussed these issues many times at our staff meetings. At school we have spoken with all students about not playing in the toilets, using the toilets appropriately and also about keeping the toilets clean. We have rostered some senior SRC students to monitor the toilets and we are keeping records of which students go to the toilet during class time. We do not allow groups of students to go to the toilets together and we regularly check the toilets during the school day. We have also introduced a program in the junior classes about toilet hygiene.

We would really appreciate parents and carers speaking with their children at home about using toilets appropriately, washing hands and other toilet hygiene issues. Together I am hoping we can instil in our students the need for appropriate toilet use.

**Anzac Day**

Anzac Day falls in the school holidays this year. We will be having a short Anzac service here at school on Friday 12th April with a guest speaker (the last day of Term).

Traditionally Caniaba Public School marches in Lismore on Anzac Day. We would like as many students as possible to join us in Lismore this year to march with Caniaba staff. Students should be dressed in full school uniform and meet us in the Brown’s Creek car park at 9 a.m. The march begins at 9:30 a.m. and we ask that parents and carers collect students from the cenotaph at the end of the march (around 10 a.m.). Students are not expected to stay for the service. Year 6 student representatives will lay a wreath on behalf of Caniaba PS at the service.
**Welfare/Discipline Policy**
You will be aware that we are currently reviewing our Student Welfare/Discipline Policy. We expect to gain some useful ideas from this review for improving aspects of our current policy. On Tuesday Karen Mackenzie interviewed parents and students. Some parents were also interviewed today. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for taking the time to speak with Karen openly and honestly.

Next week Karen will collate all of the information gathered and make recommendations to assist our staff in writing a draft Discipline/Welfare Policy. This will be presented to the P&C for discussion next term.

**School Holidays**
Term 1 finishes on Friday 12th April. This year schools have been given an extra Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) on Tuesday 30th April. This day must be spent working with the new English Syllabus in line with the introduction of the National Curriculum. **Students return** to school for Term 2 on **Wednesday 1st May**.

**P&C AGM**
The P&C AGM was held in the school library last **Thursday 4th April**. Our new committee for 2013 is:

- President: Deborah Da Fre
- Vice President: Kathryn Clark
- Secretary: Trish Pitt
- Treasurer: Martelle Geurts

Our P&C are very supportive of our school and we welcome the new committee. We are sure it is going to be another great year for Caniaba.

**Closing Thought:**
"Do not give up. In due season the seeds you've planted will reap an amazing harvest." -- Thema Davis

**Jude Voisey, Principal.**

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**Canteen Roster**

**Tomorrow**

- **Organiser:** Deb Regeling
- **Serve:** Stef Hepburn
- **Supply:** Melinda Czartowski $20 option, Michelle Jung & Johneen Pethers

**First Friday back – 3rd May**

**Organisers and suppliers will be notified by phone**