Welcome to Week 7.

Resource Allocation Model (RAM)
In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students. Please see the attached information sheet for further information announced this morning.

Rivers P-12 2015 Musical
Caniaba PS is part of the Rivers P-12 which incorporates 36 schools (Primary & Secondary) in our local area. Next year there are plans underway to involve all of our schools in a production of Aladdin. Please see the attached information sheet which also outlines the opportunity for students to audition for parts.

Food for Farmers
Also attached to our newsletter is an appeal for non-perishable food items to support our farmers who are still suffering through drought. Items can be sent to school and we will make sure they are delivered to Anne Thompson who has been organising this for many years now. What a wonderful initiative this is – I remember supporting this a number of years ago when I was a Preschool Director.

Parent Survey
Thank you so much to the 8 families who have returned the parent survey sent home two weeks ago. I always value your perspective and always prefer to know if there are concerns which we can try to address if we can. It is also nice to hear about the positives. I would be more than happy to receive more if you could possibly find the time to complete it.
**Intensive Swimming**
The students going to intensive swimming are really enjoying themselves and learning valuable skills. I would like to thank Liz Clark who has been going along each day to support the swimming teacher in one of the groups and also to Sue Brown (a retired teacher from Blakebrook) who has very generously volunteered to help us out by taking the top two groups of our students.

**Technology**
Many of our students bring iPads, iPods, iPhones etc. with them on the bus to and from school. Students then leave them in the front office for the day. At our staff meeting yesterday afternoon a number of issues involving students and the misuse of this technology were discussed. As a result of our discussion students will no longer be able to collect these items from the office for news or show and tell. They will be locked away in the office. As in the past, Year 6 students will be able to collect their iPod at lunch or recess to listen to music only, but they must have their own set of earphones. Please also be aware that some students are misusing this equipment on the bus to and from school. I would ask that you please talk with your students to ensure that they fully understand the legal requirements which may be enforced if this equipment is used for videoing other students and/or explicit texts or videos shown to other students.

**Closing Thought:**
"Strength of character isn’t always about how much you can handle before you break, it’s also about how much you can handle after you’ve broken." -- Robert Tew

Jude Voisey, Principal.

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**P&C Fundraising Notice:**
Thank you very much to all the families who have supported our fundraiser, we have had a lot of full envelopes returned which is fantastic. If you still have unsold items at home please return them immediately as we need to account for every item. We have to pay for the stock up front so any items you have at home need to be returned to the school. We will let you know the grand total as soon as we have it. Once again thanks to everyone for your support!  

Deb Da Fre, P&C Committee

**Canteen Information:**
Please find attached the volunteer expression of interest for helping with the running of the canteen in 2015. Even if you are already volunteering could you please return the note indicating your availability for 2015. Your anticipated support is greatly appreciated.  

Deb Regeling, Canteen Committee

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**Canteen Roster**

**Tomorrow**
Organiser: Stef Hepburn  
Helper: Doug Fryer  
Supplier: Dawn Smart ($20 option)  
Johneen Pethers 0409 344 944  
Janelle Shackel 0468 688 376

**Next Week**
Organiser: Stef Hepburn  
Helper: Rzza Cerato 0428 205 232  
Supplier: Deb Brito($20 option)  
Kerri-Ann Sivewright 0409 762 204  
Deslie Loghem 0487 180 014