Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to Week 1 Term 1 2015. We have already had a very busy start to the year and it was an absolute delight to welcome our students yesterday for the first day of the school year. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students and their families next Monday.

We would like to welcome our new students and families to Caniaba Public School: Nikala (Year 6) and Charlie (Year 4) Stuart, Elijah (Year 5), Amarli (Year 2) McGrath and Bodhi Tipping (Year 1). We trust you and your families enjoy your time at Caniaba School.

Classes and Staffing for 2015

At this stage we have 82 students which gives us a staffing allocation of 4 full-time teachers and 1 part-time teacher. Definite numbers will go through to staffing in week 3 from which we will receive our allocated staff numbers for 2015. The classes, at this stage, are as follows:

- K/1 - 17 students with Mrs Chantal Elms.
- Year 1/2 – 22 students with Mrs Sally Mansfield.
- Year 3/4 – 21 students with Mr Doug Osterio.
- Year 4/5/6 – 22 students with Ms Jude Voisey.

Mrs Penny Sweeney will be the Relief from Face-to-face teacher with an allocation to also support students with Literacy needs in the infants, and our Reading Recover Teacher in terms 3 & 4.

Ms Jude Voisey will be the Learning and Support Teacher each Thursday and will support students in the primary (we have an allocation of 1 day per week).

Jenny Rose and Renae Golding will continue to support students as our School Learning and Support Officers.

Mrs Sally McPherson is our School Administrative Manager.

Mrs Margherita Rann is our School Administrative Officer and library assistant each Thursday.

Sally McPherson will be taking leave every second Tuesday.

Mr Shane Casson is our General Assistant (working Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Mrs Amanda Wynne is our cleaner.

Please find attached my timetable which also gives times I am available for parent meetings. I have obligations to my class and it is important that my focus on teaching days is the students. If you would like to meet with me for any reason please make an appointment through Sally in the front office.

Changes in 2015

Newsletters will be sent home fortnightly. This will commence from Week 2. Please make sure that you check these newsletters for coming events and information. Newsletters are sent home with the eldest student.

Friday Assemblies will be fortnightly commencing in Week 3 (Friday 13th February) and will operate from 12.45to 1.20pm.

Library

Students are encouraged to borrow from our School Library every Thursday. All students need a library bag for borrowing.
Terania PSSA Swimming Carnival
Our annual Terania PSSA Swimming Carnival with Nimbin Central, Coffee Camp, Larnook, Jiggi, Goolmangar and Blakebrook Public Schools will be held next Friday 6th February. This carnival is for all students in Year 3 to Year 6 as well as any student in Year 2 who is turning 8 years of age this year and can swim at least 30m. Championship events are 50m but we do have 30m non-championship races. Please see the attached information and permission slip.

Parent/Teacher Information Night
We invite you to join us for our Parent/Teacher Information Night on Thursday 12 February with times as follows:

- K/1: 6 p.m.
- 1/2: 6:30 p.m.
- 3/4: 7 p.m.
- 4/5/6: 7:30 p.m.

This time is for class information and not for individual parent interviews. We would prefer that students not attend this night but we understand that it can be very difficult for parents/carers to attend without their children. To enable parents to meet teachers on this night we will provide supervision in the library with a movie. Students will not be able to play in the playground as we cannot guarantee the safety of students when teachers are speaking with parents.

Closing Thought
"Family is not an important thing. It's everything." -- Michael J. Fox

Jude Voisey, Principal.

P&C Information:
Our first meeting for the year is on Monday night 6pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. It is not our Annual General.

Community Information:
Thank you to the Kirkland family for looking after our chooks over the holidays.

Bantam Roosters to give away:
We have bantam roosters free to good home as pets. Deb Brito 0409 412 363.

Thistles Soccer Club Sign On
Junior sign on days Thisles Park 9am to 1pm each Saturday during February

No Canteen tomorrow and a note will be sent out Monday re next Friday.

Bookclub catalogues are attached and orders and payment are due back to the office by Wednesday 18th February.
Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Terania District PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 6th 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 30 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 9.30am start.
The teachers who will be accompanying the students are Mr Osterio, Jenny Rose and Ms Voisey.

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 of $2 for bus only prior to the day. A $3 payment is also required on entry to the pool and must be paid individually as you go through the turnstile.

Swimming Carnival
Next Friday 6th 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 Friday 6th February at the Lismore Swimming Pool.

- The cost to enter the pool on the day is $3.00 for students and $2 for spectators.
  (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 $2 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 $2  Yes/No