Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to our 14 Kindergarten students, who started on Monday, they are all settling in beautifully. We welcome them and their families to our Caniaba School Community.

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 tomorrow. 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. Permission slips are attached for those students who have not yet bought theirs into the office.

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.

Bookclub
We have been advised that catalogues will only be provided for the year level of each student.

Egg Sale
We have an oversupply of eggs from our chooks so they are available at the moment for $2 per dozen.

Jude Voisey, Principal.

P&C Information:
Last week’s meeting was postponed as some executive were unable to attend. The meeting will now be held this Monday night at 6pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. It is not our AGM.

Deb Da Fre, President.
SOME TIMELY REMINDERS & GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

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 those 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, dry noodles 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.
**Parent interviews**
I have quite an extensive teaching load as part of my job. My students are my priority. If for any reason you need to speak with me it is preferable to make an appointment through the front office. Unless it is an emergency I cannot come off class to speak with parents.

**Assemblies**
Every second Friday (commencing Friday 13th February) at 12.45pm. During the course of the year all students will be participating in public speaking and organization of the assembly. A roster is attached, kindergarten students commence term 2. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**Library**
All students will have the opportunity to borrow and return books on Thursdays. Mrs Rann is our 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 as per the menu by Wednesdays. 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.
There is a sausage sizzle tomorrow for the Kinder/Years 1 and 2 whilst the other students are at the swimming carnival, just bring money on the day, $1 each.

**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.

**Collecting students early**
Please report to the office and the student will meet you there.

**Yellow Paper**
Attachments to the newsletter that are yellow/cream 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.

**Newsletter**
The newsletter is sent home every second Thursday and any contributions must be emailed or on a hard copy to the office by 8.30am on that day. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.
Pick-up / Drop-Off Policy

Reminders about child drop off and pick up procedures at school.

In the interests of child safety the following procedures are to be followed for dropping off and picking up your children morning and afternoon.

Mornings:
Parents who drop their children off by private care are asked to use one of the following options:-
1. The bus bay (this is a NO PARKING area, ‘Kiss and Go Zone’).
2. Park parallel to the road along the front fence on the Casino side of the bus exit.
3. Park on the grass section on the Lismore side of the bus entry point.

Afternoons:
Parents arriving before the bus arrives may:-
1. Park parallel to the front fence on the Casino side of the bus exit.
2. Park on the grass section on the Lismore side of the bus entry point.
3. Students are to be with an adult at all times when leaving the school grounds. (do not let students go to the car unattended)

Parents arriving after the bus may:-
1. Drive into the drop off area and wait in their car for their child/children to be directed to them.
   This is a NO PARKING area.
   **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR while in drop off area.**

Please Note:
1. Cars must not be left unattended in the drop off area at any time.
2. The area enclosed by the bus bay either side of the logs and fence is restricted to staff and visitor parking only (this eliminates children crossing the bus bay/pick up area to get to their cars).

Early pick-up of students:
Students may be collected from school early up until 2.15pm. After this time parents must wait at the front of the school until the buses leave and students are brought from the Cola to the front of the school.

Please note:
Parents are not permitted to come to the COLA at Bus times. NO student will be allowed to leave with parents from the COLA between 2.15 and 2.30pm unless in the case of an emergency.

Private Vehicle Safety – Mornings
We urge all parents dropping students off in the morning to use the bus bay entrance and exit as this is the safest method for all students and parents.

Bus and car safety is an important issue around schools and it is hoped that we can maintain our careful and vigilant approach.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Jude Voisey, Principal.