Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 8.

**LUNCH CONTAINERS**
We almost had a serious accident at school yesterday with one of our students getting their finger stuck in the ring pull of a can of tuna whilst trying to open it. Often teachers spend a lot of lunch and recess time opening food items for students because they cannot do it. It would be much easier for both students and staff if these items could be opened and put into a plastic container. It is very frustrating for students when they can't open things. I would prefer that cans of tuna or baked beans etc. not come to school unopened. Also the amount of waste from packets is increasing hugely. I understand these things are an easy option for busy parents, but it would be lovely if our students knew about and encouraged litter free lunches.

**P&C AGM**
The P&C AGM is on **Monday 23rd March** at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Please see attached note about the wonderful contribution our P&C make to our school. It would be lovely to see lots of new faces come along to the meeting. There is absolutely no pressure to take on jobs but the discussions and decisions made by the P&C benefit all of our students.

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Travis Ditchburn  Oliver Dale  Makayla Murphy  Daniel Czartowski

**Years 4/5/6**  **Years 3/4**

Kate O’Kane  Cooper Hepburn  Olivia Fletcher

**Years 1/2**  **Kindergarten**

Other Award Recipients
Charlee Ianna, Bebe Geurts, Samantha Somerville, Annette Brito, Jhalo Fassos, & Peter Brito
**BUS BAY**

It has come to our attention that the morning buses are having difficulty getting into our bus bay to drop students off each morning because of the slowness of multiple cars dropping students off. To allow traffic flow in both the bus bay and on the main road it is important to remember that the drop off needs to be very quick. If for any reason students are not able to alight from cars immediately I would ask that you please park out the front of the school and drop students at the side gate. Please be aware of the traffic flow behind you and move cars out of the way of the buses as quickly as possible. Buses generally arrive between 8:05 and 8:20 and then go on to other schools so they have limited time for holdups.

**Caniaba Rural Fire Service**

Yesterday all students had the opportunity to hear vital information from our local Rural Fire Service. Thank you to John Parker, Lisa Munro and all of the team who came to share this with our students. Our students enjoyed getting up into the Fire Truck, using the hose, and dressing up in protective gear. They learned about evacuation procedures they can use at home and what to do in emergencies. Please see attached information.

**School Stream**

Please find attached information regarding the recent purchase of a School Stream ap for parents to access vital school information, including emergencies, school closure, bus information etc. as well as our fortnightly newsletter. We are hoping over time many parents will not require hard copies of our newsletter and vital information in times of floods etc. will be sent accurately and quickly to inform you of any changes happening. We would love to hear any feedback once you have downloaded and used the ap.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

As you know we have been implementing our Positive Behaviour for Learning program since the beginning of 2014. This year we continue to focus on non-classroom behaviours and rewarding students for Being Safe, Being Fair and Being a Learner in the playground, walking around the school, assemblies, bus lines and moving as a class group to various activities. We continue to use our misdemeanour system for the playground. Students who receive a misdemeanour in the playground are given a referral note to come to the planning room (Library). I run the planning room each day at both recess and lunch and students who are sent to me fill out a sheet explaining what happened and how they can fix it. We also discuss strategies students can use to prevent a re-occurrence. The planning room opens after students have eaten. We have introduced a letter which will be sent home each day if students attend the Planning Room so that you are aware of them coming and the reason why. We are hoping that this system will help with our communication home and your understanding of the incident. If you receive one of these notes please talk with your child about it.

More information as we progress through PBL will be sent home.

**Easter Eggs for Meals on Wheels**

Thank you very much to all of those people who have sent in donations of Easter Eggs to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients over Easter. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Closing Thought:**

"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to look beyond the imperfections." -- Author Unknown

Jude Voisey, Principal.
**Charity Easter Egg Collection**
Traditionally each year at this time we begin our collection of Easter Eggs to be presented to the local Meals on Wheels organization to distribute to their clients. This has been a very successful activity which is received with a lot of gratitude as these are often the only eggs these clients receive. The children can color in the attached labels and put their first name only on them and attach them to the egg. Donations need to be at the office by Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} March for collection by the Meals on Wheels representative.

**Authority to Publish**
There are only a couple of families who have not returned their ‘Permission to Publish’ forms. I am attaching a final copy to the newsletter for those families, if these forms are not returned it will be assumed that permission is not given and their photos and names will not be published. I am also returning some forms home where the permission or non permission has not been indicated. Could you please indicate with a tick and return to the office, thanks for your cooperation with this departmental requirement at the commencement of each year.

**Northern Star Classroom Makeover**
Thank you very much to the parents who have made a huge effort in collecting these vouchers for this competition.

**Mosquitoes**
Since the very wet weather we have had an influx of mosquitoes and the children (and staff) are being bitten. It would be advisable to apply insect repellant before leaving home.

**Kindergarten Photo**
The Northern Star will be publishing the kindergarten photos on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} March.

**Business Sponsorship**
Business’s will be able to advertise in our newsletter for $5 per month. This will include $¼$ page advertisement. Please see me if you are interested.

**Impetigo**
Please note there have been 2 confirmed diagnosis of Impetigo (school sores). Please encourage hand washing with soap.

Sally McPherson, Admin Manager.

**Canteen Roster**

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Valuable Fire Information
We really enjoyed our visit to the school yesterday: you have a great bunch of kids.

Here is some valuable information that we talked to students about yesterday:

HOME ESCAPE PLAN:
The children have been sent home with a home escape plan to fill in as a family. The home escape plan teaches your child how to exit the house if a fire occurs and to GO and STAY at the one meeting place for the whole family. Autumn and winter is the time when most house fires occur so it is important to sit down and draw your house plan, showing your children two ways out of each room and make sure everyone knows where/what the meeting place is. Please practice the plan as a drill with all family members at least once a month by setting the smoke alarm off and encouraging the children to go to the meeting place. We also talked about the fact that inside brick houses it burns quicker than other building types as the bricks create an oven effect. Most homes burn quickly once a fire takes hold so children need to be taught to act quickly and get out when the smoke alarm sounds.

000:
We discussed how and when to make a call to triple 000. Please make sure your child knows how to say their name and FULL ADDRESS. Sit down and go over the times you would need to call triple 000 and also talk about prank calling. Ask them what they learned and reinforce directions.

STOP, DROP, COVER & ROLL: We covered what to do if your clothes catch fire. Please ask your children to show you how it is done.

We hope your children enjoyed the visit.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
Message from the Caniaba Public School P&C Association
Dear Families
Our school’s P&C has worked hard over the years to provide educational and recreational support to students at our school. In recent years we have funded 20 iPads, subsidised the Life Education Van visits, bought students in Year 6 their ‘signature shirts’ and paid for new interactive whiteboard bulbs. We have also just taken delivery of two shade shelters in school colours that will provide some much-needed protection for staff and students at sporting and other outdoor events.

We currently have a core P&C of just 6 parents who oversee the administration of the P&C itself, and organise fundraising, the Uniform Shop and Canteen. As of the beginning of this year 3 of these members work full-time and the other 3 work part-time and/or spend a lot of time up at the school and around the community making sure we have uniforms available and a weekly canteen.

In view of this we are looking for a few extra volunteers who are willing to join the P&C in a non-executive role and help to carry on this important work. If you are able to spare a little time here and there to help run a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day stall or sell snacks at the Cross-Country event or Athletics carnival then we would really appreciate it if you could come to the AGM and join up. Currently membership costs just $1.00!

The AGM will be held on Monday 23rd March at 6.30pm in the school library, please come along and help us to help you and your children get the best Caniaba Public School experience possible.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

The P&C Committee
We will be holding another cake stall this ELECTION DAY if you can spare a bit of time to help on Saturday 28th please contact me so I can put you on the roster. If you can't make it on the day, donations of biscuits, slices, cakes as well as fresh produce would be most welcome! Last Election day Sale was a terrific success and lots of fun, hope to see you there.

All enquiries contact Liz 0466 791 581

Please Note: food items must be accompanied by a list of ingredients.
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