Welcome to our first 2017 Canungra State School newsletter. I am excited about the year to come and continuing the good work and success of Canungra SS. We have had a wonderful start to the year with all classes settling down quickly into the hard work of learning.

This is the time of year when it is good to reflect on the teamwork, communication and collaboration between home and school to ensure the best for our young people. I encourage you to attend the Meet the Teacher evening and keep the lines of communication open between you and your child’s teacher and myself and Ms Dare. As the school creed says, “Let us remember that as many hands make a house, also many hearts make a school.” The many hands and the many hearts that make our school great belong to all our staff, all our students, our parents and also the wider Canungra community.

New Staff
We are welcoming many new teachers to Canungra SS this year and I am confident that they all will make a great contribution to our school. Welcome to Mr Jaye Cochrane year 3 teacher, Mr Antony Owen year 5 teacher and Mrs Sandi Dale Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy for year 3-6.

Refurbishments
It was a very close call but the refurbishments on A and B block went to plan and all classes were able to start the year in the classrooms. The rooms look fantastic and when the final touches are added by the end of the month we will see the full benefits of our updated classrooms.

Meet the Teacher Evening
All parents are invited to a Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 15th February to meet their child’s teacher, hear about the plans, routines and homework and see the classrooms. Also on the evening will be a booth with information about the new Playgroup, a session on our new online learning tools Mathletics and Reading Eggs and a session on the new spelling program Words Their Way. The P&C will have a sausage sizzle to keep us all going.

School Crossing
Parents are reminded not to park on the yellow lines near the school crossing and to wait to cross behind the line until the whistle is blown. Your cooperation helps us ensure the safety of all children.

Yours in education,

Kylie Todhunter
**DEPUTY'S DEN**

**Welcome to 2017**
Welcome back to all returning families and staff and welcome to Canungra SS for all our new staff and students. We have had a very exciting and positive start to 2017 and I am looking forward to the remainder of this year.

**Religious Instruction**
We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1-6 from Friday 10th February. RI will occur on Fridays at 9.00 – 9.30 for Yrs 4,5,6 and 9.30 – 10.00 for Yrs 1,2,3. Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction. The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school. If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing either in the form of a written note or by e-mail to canungra@canungrass.eq.edu.au

**Pokemon**
Yesterday on parade I spoke to the students about this very popular card game. We have been having some issues with cards being traded, given away and taken without another student’s permission. I have done some research and have spoken to older students who are knowledgeable with the game and the original version of the game does not involve any trading and swapping of cards. The school policy has always been that there is to be no trading at all so we are asking parents to emphasise this with your children also. We would like to keep the opportunity for our students to enjoy playing pokemon card games but if there are further issues this will have to be reconsidered. If you are not sure how to play the no trading version please feel free to see me or simply google how to play pokemon and there are many sites you can get the information from.

Cindi Dare

**LEARNERS LOUNGE**

**7 Important Benefits of Reading Aloud**

“One of the greatest gifts adults can give – to their offspring and to their society – is to read to children.” – Carl Sagan

Sharing stories often begins with reading aloud. Reading aloud provides a number of opportunities and benefits for children of all ages, from strengthening their vocabulary to increasing their attention span.

Here are seven important benefits of reading aloud with children:

1. **Develops stronger vocabulary.** Children acquire language primarily through listening. Reading aloud lets children regularly hear new words in new contexts, which builds their vocabulary and helps them develop a stronger awareness of the communicative possibilities of language.

2. **Builds connections between the spoken and written word.** When children hear words read aloud, they begin seeing how printed words are closely connected to spoken words. This helps them recognise the difference between the arrangement of spoken language and printed text.
3. **Provides enjoyment.** Children generally enjoy being read to, which encourages them to see and experience reading as something fun and positive. Reading aloud makes them more likely to become interested in learning to read, which is likely to then spark a lifelong love of reading.

4. **Increases attention span.** Unlike watching television, reading or being read to promotes a slower unfolding of events and ideas. This encourages children to listen, pay attention and concentrate, which after a while can increase their overall attention span.

5. **Strengthens cognition.** A well written book exposes children to sophisticated language, which can strengthen their cognitive abilities. When children are regularly exposed to the sophisticated language of quality literature, they learn how to apply their cognitive abilities to understand the text.

6. **Provides a safe way of exploring strong emotions.** Reading a story aloud that explores particular emotions helps some children to accept their own feelings and understand how others feel. By reading aloud together, stories can help children feel more comfortable discussing their emotions with others.

7. **Promotes bonding.** Reading aloud with children provides benefits for adults too. The quality time spent together promotes bonding and strengthens relationships, making it easier for children to develop their social, communication and interpersonal skills.

For further great reading tips please visit the Reading Eggs website [here](http://www.readingeggs.com).

Warm regards

Vicky Painter - Literacy Coach/ Curriculum Co-ordinator

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**Aprilia (Prep T) for her happy smile and the enthusiasm she brings to her learning.**

**Thank you** Shelby from inStyle Hairdressing for donating a “free haircut” to our “Student of the Week”.

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**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** If your child is going to be absent please leave a detailed message on our direct Absentee line to the Administration Office by 9am on: 5541 6166. Thankyou.

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**CLASS AWARDS:**

- **Ruby (5O)** for an awesome start to the year!
- **Flavia (1N)** for a fantastic effort in writing her holiday recall.
- **Landon (1B)** for an excellent start to grade one.
- **Jorgia (3Z)** for making a great start at her new school.
- **Lachlan (3Z)** for showing a positive attitude towards learning new things.
- **Kai (Prep T)** for great listening on his first day of Prep! Well done!
- **Evie (Prep M/W)** for excellent whole body listening.
- **Michael (6G)** for a positive start to the new year.
- **Luke (3C)** welcome to Canungra State School.
Dylan (5O) for outstanding spelling results.
Paige (3Z) for always being respectful and responsible when moving around the classroom.
Amelia (3C) for excellent spelling!
Aveline (1B) for excellent manners and doing her best.
Mikayla (5M) for being a hard-working and conscientious student.
Seth (5M) for being a keen and conscientious student.
Popp (6M) for an excellent start to Year 6. Well done!
Rosemary (6M) for an excellent start to Year 6. Well done!
Sephora (2J) for displaying excellent listening skills in class.
Bentley (1N) for being a helpful and friendly class member.
Koda (Prep T) for her fantastic whole body listening and beautiful manners.
Caeden (Prep M/W) for excellent whole body listening.
Rain (4F) for an excellent attitude to her work and her beautiful manners.
Declan (4R) for working well in his new school and for being focused.
Levi (2H) for his positive attitude towards learning experiences.
Matilda (2H) for her fantastic transition to her new school.
Matthew (2H) for a great start at your new school.
Griffyn (6G) for being attentive in maths and eager to contribute and answer questions.
Holly (6G) for an excellent work ethic.

PARADE CLASS AWARD: 6M

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Phoenix (Prep T) for being a great friend to everyone in the Prep playground.

Mobile Phones

We actively discourage students having mobile phones at school. If you believe that your child NEEDS to have a mobile phone at school, please remember ALL phones that are needed at school MUST be handed in at the office each morning and can be collected at the end of the school day.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES & CONSENT FORMS

Please provide the office with your child’s birth certificate and signed consent forms if you haven’t already done so. This is a school audit requirement and must be kept on our files.

The uniform shop is open before school every Friday 8am – 8.50am. CASH ONLY!

Note: We are currently out of stock size 6 & 8 school polos. They will be back in stock as soon as possible.

Jade Finch

Canungra Owls Soccer Club

If you’d like to play soccer in 2017, register by Friday 17th Feb via myfootballclub.com.au.
We have the lowest fees in the competition because we want to see as many kids play this great team sport!
Come along to our Open Day on Saturday, 11th Feb at Moriarty Park from 8.30am-12pm. You’ll be able to purchase shorts/socks, pay your registration fees and ask any questions about the season.
Contact us via Facebook or email canungeowls@outlook.com
PLAYGROUP NEWS!!

We are going to be starting a playgroup at school. It will be run out of the school hall on a Friday morning. Playgroup offers the opportunity for both parents and children of non-school age to have social interaction.

We are currently seeking the donations of any good quality toys for this age group. If you know anyone who is having a cleanout it would be greatly appreciated.

We will have our first day on February the 24th. We will also be here on the meet the teacher night if you have any questions.

Donna Morgan.

REMINDER

2017 Student Resource Scheme due.

If you haven’t paid your school fees as yet, please arrange payment ASAP.
You can pay at the office by cheque, eftpos or cash on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8am and 11am.

You can also pay by internet transfer into our account.

BSB: 064-400 Account No: 00904197

Payment plans are available, you can enquire at the office about those options.

BENDIGO BANK

school banking starts this Thursday 2/2/17.

NEWSLETTER FLASH!

Our newsletter is now emailed out. We have many incorrect email addresses or none noted on your child/children’s file. If you did not receive the newsletter please advise the office so we can update your email address.

If you prefer a hard copy please advise the office.

Library News!

Welcome back!

Library borrowing will start in week 3. All students will come with their class once a week to borrow from the library. Students need to have a water proof library bag to protect their books from liquid and food mishaps that happen from time to time. Students are required to return their books before they can borrow more. If your child has not finished reading their book they may reborrow. Students will be able to change their books before school on a Monday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30 to 8.40am. They will also be able to change their books at second break.

Remember: “Kids who read succeed”

Donna Morgan
A new year and a new menu! Some old and new favourites too!

Check out our range of frozen items to cool you down on these hot summer days. Try our frozen pineapple rings for 50c each.

Helpers needed, come in and add your name to our Roster.

Volunteers also needed to sell Icy Poles in the hall kitchen on a Tuesday at 2nd break for 15mins. (12.50 till 1.05pm).

Tuesday 7th February - P & C Meeting 3pm
New faces welcome 😊

Wednesday 15th February - Meet the Teacher Evening

Friday 17th February - Interschool Sport Training
Friday afternoon

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th - Year 6 Camp

Friday 17th March - Interschool Sport

Friday 31st March - LAST DAY TERM 1

Tuesday 18th April - FIRST DAY TERM 2

Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure in the future with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2017, School Banking is getting children excited about the future with a brand new look for the Dollarmites. As Future Savers, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are **8 new reward items for 2017** from the Future Savers range:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

**Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!**

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they’ll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo Disney Sea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**SCHOOL BANKING WILL START BACK ON THURSDAY 9/2/17.**

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**Canungra SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre**

**First Session & Sign on Day:** Thursday 16th February  
**Time:** 3:10pm to 4:10pm  
**Venue:** Canungra State School oval  
**Address:** Christie Street, Canungra  
**Cost:** $75

Auskick is an introductory AFL program for both boys and girls!

**Participants receive benefits which include:** hat, football, pack and more.

For more information contact Tyson on 5594 5722 or at Tyson.Kulari@afl.com.au  