As we draw to the close of 2016 at Canungra State School there is much to celebrate and many to acknowledge. Our school could not be as wonderful as it is without 5 vital ingredients.

1. Sensational staff. Our hardworking teachers, dedicated teachers aides, lovely office ladies, the wonderful Mr Skelton and the amazing cleaners. I thank each and every one of you for your efforts this year. The fabulous Miss Dare is a true blessing. I am grateful that she is here to work alongside me and thank her for her support, dedication and sense of humour.

2. Our excellent environment. Not many schools can boast about the sorts of grounds we take for granted. To spend each day on the bank of a creek, surrounded by greenery is great. Thank you to the Green Team for your part in making this special.

3. The outstanding opportunities we offer our students. Camp at Lake Ainsworth, Runaway Bay and Numinbah Valley, excursions to Brisbane, Days of Excellence, Gala Days, District and Regional Sports, playing the half time match at the Titans, choir, band, strings ensemble, Leadership Days, Readers Cup, maths comps, Speaking Out, LOTE Speaking competition, discos, Family Fun Day, this all alongside the high quality teaching and learning that occurs every day.

4. The caring and close-knit community that surround us. The P&C and tuckshop ladies, the parents who support the students and allow us the privilege of educating our future, the Canungra Community with the close ties and ongoing support.

5. Last but not least. The stunning students. You are what makes out school special. Your hard work, your friendly smiles and your high standard of behaviour.

To all of the Canungra State School Community. Thank you for welcoming me into your wonderful school and working as a team to make 2016 a success. I am grateful that I have been given this opportunity and I look forward to the years ahead. As we say each week, many hearts make a school. That is certainly the case here at Canungra State School.

Refurbishment

Over the school holidays A block and B block are getting a much needed facelift. As a part of this process asbestos is being removed from the buildings. Due to this all access to the school grounds is restricted from 10th December until 20th December. Only licensed contractors will be permitted on site. I apologise to vacation care for this inconvenience and short notice, in the long run we are creating a better environment for our students.

School Captains Announced

After an extensive process with a large number of very high quality applicants the school captains for 2017 have been decided. Congratulations to Brody and Erin.
**Staff Farewells**
As we head into the end of the year we need to farewell some of our hardworking and much loved teachers. Transferring out of Canungra State School at the end of this year are Miss Kim Baker to Whites Hill State School and Mrs Madonna O’Sullivan Roderick to Worongary State School, Mrs Sandra Rae is relieving at Mudgeeraba State School. I thank these teachers for their dedication and contribution to our school and the lives and futures of our students. I wish them all the best at their new schools.

We also farewell the amazing Mrs Karolak, our tuckshop convenor. Mrs Karolak has been taking care of staff and students and ensuring that we are well fed. Thank you for your contribution to our school and our community.

**2017 Planning**
The staff and I have finalised teachers, classes and room allocations for 2017. Tomorrow we will have a transition session where, if possible, students will meet their 2017 teacher, visit their classroom and see who is in their class.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous festive season.

Kylie Todhunter

**DEPUTY’S DEN**

**Swimming Carnivals**
I would like to congratulate all our students on their fantastic efforts in both our senior and junior swimming carnivals. A large number of students participated and it was great to see some of our senior students helping out at the junior carnival. Our House Captains did an outstanding job.
Thank you to Mrs Thomson who organised both events. It is a huge job to do this and everything ran very smoothly. Well done Mrs Thomson.

**Yr 6 Farewell**
This week marks a very important milestone for one particular group within our school community – our senior Year 6 students. This is their very last week of their primary schooling years before they leave us to go onto high school. On behalf of the entire Canungra State School community, I would like to thank our seniors of 2016 for a fantastic year. You have been very admirable leaders of the school and have shown our younger students how to Aim High to achieve the best you can. We know you will take away with you many fond memories of your time here over the years as well as all the tools and characteristics that you require to move into the next stage of your education – High School. Congratulations to each and every one of you, remember to always be the best you can be and make sure you come back and visit whenever you can.

There are two particular senior students who need to be recognised for their outstanding leadership – our two school captains Jared Clift and Lilly Collins. Jared and Lilly have fulfilled their roles with pride, enthusiasm and perfection. We as a school community have been very lucky to have these outstanding students and people as our school leaders. Congratulations Lilly and Jared, thank you for a great 2016 and we are sure you will both continue to excel throughout your school years and beyond.
Thankyou Mrs Todhunter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Todhunter for a great 2016 as Principal at Canungra SS. It has been an honour to work alongside such a dedicated, caring and positive leader and I look forward to the great years ahead.
Thank you to all students, families and staff on a great 2016. I wish you all a relaxing and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thanks
Cindi

LEARNERS LOUNGE

10 Fun Holiday Reading Activities for Kids

The holiday season is known to cause a pronounced dip – or ‘slide’ – in children’s reading skills. With an abundance of distractions and a shake-up of routine, getting your child to read over the festive season can be a great challenge as a parent.

But with a bit of thought and preparation, the holidays can actually be the perfect time to enjoy fun and meaningful family activities based around books and reading. Here are some great holiday ideas to keep the magic of reading alive at home.

1. Pair books with day trips – The night before you visit a museum, landmark, or special exhibition, find books and websites to read with your child to help plan your trip together.

2. Create a holiday reading list – Take a trip to the library and put together a list of books your child would like to read during the holidays. Display the list somewhere you’ll see every day, like on the refrigerator, and reward your child with something small each time they check off a new title.

3. Make ‘DEAR’ time fun time – DEAR stands for ‘Drop Everything and Read’, where everybody in the house must drop what they’re doing and read a book. Make it spontaneous and exciting, similar to announcing a special treat!

4. Read to relatives – Encourage your child to show off their new reading skills to grandparents or relatives by reading them a story. Most children love being the focus of attention, and grandparents are usually more than happy to encourage their progress.

5. Follow a recipe – Cooking together is so much fun over the holidays and provides a great opportunity for your child to read out the ingredients and steps. Afterwards, help them write a menu for guests and family members, using as many descriptive words as they can.

6. Create a family book tree – Cut out the shape of a tree from a large sheet of construction paper and invite the whole family to decorate it, adding the words ‘My Family Book Tree’. Hang up your tree near your usual reading area, and as each person reads a book they can write down the title and add a new leaf.
7. **Re-enact stories and perform them for relatives** – Choose a well-loved story with fun and interesting characters and re-enact it from beginning to end. Prepare some props and perform your story as a family for relatives when they come to visit. Here are some great tips for raising a reader through dramatic play.

8. **Start a reading circle with some friends** – Host a weekly reading circle at your house and invite your child’s friends and family to join in. They can take turns choosing which books to read together each week.

9. **Play fun literacy games on long car trips** – If you’re planning a long road trip during the holidays, games like ‘I Spy’ and simple category games can be great for building essential literacy skills. Don’t forget to also stock up on good books for the road!

10. **Mix things up with joke books and comic books** – Encouraging your child to read a variety of texts is great for setting them up to become lifelong readers. Choose books you know they’ll love and don’t be afraid to experiment with joke books, riddles and comic books, which all offer their own unique benefits to young readers.

For further great ideas on how to assist your child with reading visit [Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress today](#).

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**Thankyou**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all teachers, staff parents and students, past and present, for the friendship and support given to me during my time as tuckshop convenor at the school.

I would also like to welcome my successor, Kirsti Featherstone. I know she will do a fantastic job.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and fun filled holidays.

Leigh Karolak

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**Be Vigilant about our School**

We ask that you keep an eye on our school over the holidays. **LOOK, LISTEN, REPORT** any suspicious behaviour on our school site – to the School Watch number 131788. Teenagers and children are **NOT ALLOWED** to use our grounds on weekend or holiday periods without permission. This often leads to accidental breakages and damage and occasionally to deliberate acts of vandalism.
Free Dental Treatment

Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10. As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 &12 students who hold a Health Care Card.

Please call 1300 300 850 to organise an appointment before the end of the year or in 2017.

Holiday appointments are available now!

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Canungra State School

Temporary Teacher Aide (2 positions)
Required to support teachers in class with small groups, literacy and numeracy.

6th February - 17th November
18 hours per week + Accumulated Days Off (ADO) worked across 5 days

Previous experience and training is preferred.

Please forward a brief resume with 2 references to:
Kylie Todhunter, Principal
ktodh1@eq.edu.au

Applications close: 12 December 2016.
For further information or to request a position description please phone:
Kylie Todhunter - Ph: 55416111

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P & C News

On behalf of the P&C & Canungra State School I would like to thank the community, parents, students and staff of Canungra Start School for all of your support and donations for 2016 and through all of our fundraising we raised $16,527.

Our Christmas disco was a massive success, we raised $6,972, which is amazing for our small school. This money has been handed over to the school to purchase 7 air conditioning units.

The P & C will hand over this money plus more to the school to air-condition A & B Blocks with the refurbishment.

We look forward to continuing this work in 2017 and hope to see some new faces at the P & C in February.
**Sport Report**

**Senior Swimming Carnival Results**

Well done to all students who competed in our Senior Swimming Carnival on Monday. Once again Canungra students displayed fantastic sportsmanship as well as trying their best in their races. It was wonderful to see so many students having a go in all of the events. We have never had so many students wanting to do 100m Medley. So well done.

The house scores were as follows:

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Congratulations Flying Fox!!! It was very close between 1st and 2nd which meant that every point counted. Participation Points became a very important factor.

Congratulations to these students who are our 2016 Swimming Age Champions.

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**Junior Water Fun Day**

We held our Junior Water Fun Day yesterday with all the students enjoying being in the pool on such a hot day. We had some new novelty races which the students seemed to enjoy. We’ll have more new ones again next year. It was great to see so many students having a go at the 25m events. We have some very good young swimmers.

I’d like to thank all of our wonderful staff for making both days run smoothly and enabling the students to have fun, after all that is what it is all about. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Skelton for setting up all the equipment for us. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to support the competitors. The children love seeing you there.

Have a very Merry and Safe Christmas and I will see you all next year with some exciting new sports for PE.

Yours in sport
Leandra Thomson
PE Teacher
NO VACATION CARE (OSHC) AVAILABLE AT CANUNGRA STATE SCHOOL SITE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Due to the renovations and refurbishments of school classrooms around our Camp Australia office these holidays, we are unable to gain access to the site during the 1st week of the school holidays.

There will be a full school site closure due to Hazardous Materials being removed from the area and we will be unable to operate from our Canungra site (here at Canungra State School) between the dates of Monday 12th December 2016 and Monday 19th December 2016.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience and short notice but both the school and Camp Australia have only been informed of these findings in the last couple of days.

If your child/ren are booked in through our online portal, You will have received a phone call from Camp Australia and given options of our closest Camp Australia sites that will be operational during our closure.

Tamborine Mountain State School
Coomera Springs State School

So please be aware that Canungra State School and our Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Holiday programme will not be operating for the first week of school holidays. We are hoping to resume our Sensational Summer Holiday program in the school hall on Monday 19th December 2016.

For enquiries and / or booking please contact www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 1300

Thank you
Camp Australia Coordinator
Sharyn Jones
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| Thursday 19/12 &  
| Friday 20/12    | * Uniform Shop Open 8-11am                                           |
| Monday 23/1/17  | * FIRST DAY BACK 2017                                                |
|                 | * 9am Morning Tea for Parents in the Hall                            |
| Tuesday 24/1/17 | * First parade 2.20pm                                                 |
| Thursday 26/1/17| PUBLIC HOLIDAY!                                                      |