Fun at the OSSA Swimming Carnival!

PSSA Swimming Carnival
Yesterday five Canobolas students represented OSSA at the District Swimming Carnival. They were Augus Butcher, Archie Sippel, Harry West, Charlotte Simmons and Luka Mihalich. They all swam extremely well and helped OSSA to a second place overall. What a fantastic effort!

P&C
It was great to see so many faces at our first P&C meeting last Wednesday evening. Thank you to the outgoing P&C executive: Mich, Jayne, Adelie, Mandy and Lyn.
A big welcome to the new executive:
President: Melissa Caulfield
Vice President: Mario Mihalich & Adelie Badman
Secretary: Merindah Rivers
Treasurer: Aneta Burton
Mrs Jensen continues to manage the clothing pool and Kyra McKay the Cake Day Roster. Financial members of the P&C will receive minutes of each meeting attached to the school newsletter. For further information about P&C activities have a chat to any of the executive.

Term 2 SDD
All staff in the Orange School Education Group will be together for a Staff Development Day Monday 29th April to begin next term. This will be followed by an all OSSA Staff Development Day on Tuesday 30th April looking at the Australian Curriculum which will be implemented from 2014. Students will resume school on Wednesday 1st May.

Assembly next week has been cancelled due to computer reimaging in the Old School Building. Classes presenting for the rest of this term are as follows:
March 6th Cancelled, March 13th Years 1/2, March 20th Kindergarten and a combined assembly on 27th March
Merit Awards
The following students received Merit Awards at today’s assembly. Well done!

Kindergarten: Will, Gabby, Cedar and Solomon
1/2: Shelbi, Lola, Ava, Amelia, Bryce and Lachlan
3/4: Harry, Daniel, Holly, Jordan, Sebastian and Bart
5/6: Jasper, Charlotte B, India and Peter

Running Festival Success
Congratulations to Charlotte, Luka, Jasper, Peter, Harry and Brad (coach) who all competed for Canobolas at the Orange Running Festival last Sunday. The team won their division and were awarded $500 prize money. Emma McLean and Lachlan Simmons also competed and ran very well. We are very proud of your efforts and look forward to your choice of sporting equipment which will no doubt benefit all the children at our school. Well done!
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Treasurer: Aneta Burton
Vice Presidents: Adelie Badman & Mario Mihalich
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P&C CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday
Cake Day 50c

March
5th OSSA Athletics Carnival
21st Harmony Day
28th Tabloid sports day – sausage sizzle and Easter raffle

April
6th Mark Root’s BBQ
11th Fruit Salad Day

CAKE DAY ROSTER

This Week 28th February
Badman  Elliott  Hart  Hofmann

Next week Thursday 7th March
Cianfrano  Gibson  Harrison  Kalayzich

Rostered persons need to provide 24 pieces so there is sufficient for all students who wish to make a 50c donation to our World Vision child. Please label your cakes/biscuits/slices with all ingredients due to possible allergies of students. If you are not able to provide baked goodies for your allocated day please remember to swap with someone else or advise Kyra McKay on 0448 192 260 or 6362 6356 no later than the Wednesday prior to your day.

IMPORTANT NOTE DUE TO ALLERGIES - The School is NUT FREE and Meringues cannot be accepted THANK YOU!

Easter Raffle

We are holding our annual Easter raffle again this year. There will be a box in the office where you can leave prize donations, (eggs, craft activities, colouring books, ears – anything Easter). Each family will receive a book of tickets with next weeks newsletter to sell and the raffle will be drawn on the last day before the Easter weekend.

Farewell to Mark Root

As I’m sure you are all aware Mr Root has now “officially” retired and the process has begun to appoint a new principal. We will be holding a B-B-Q to celebrate his time at Canobolas and wish him well in the future on Saturday 6th April, on the school oval. More details and an invitation will be forwarded in the coming weeks.

Meet your new P&C President

Melissa Caulfield
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Please contact me if you’d like any information about the P&C or upcoming events.
February 2013

To All Canobolas Families,

After a very successful and well attended P&C Meeting last week, I would like to introduce the new Canobolas P&C Executive Committee. You will be hearing a lot from me, Melissa Caulfield – President. I am going to be wonderfully assisted by Adelie Badman and Mario Mihalich – Vice Presidents, Aneta Burton – Treasurer and Merinda Rivers – Secretary. We are all first time committee members and are very excited about leading our P&C during 2013.

We are not just about fundraising, the meetings provide a forum for parents to contribute ideas, raise concerns and be part of the decision making process related to the education of their children in partnership with the school. As a member you are also protected under the association’s accident insurance policy when participating in P&C activities. I encourage all families in the school to become members of our P&C. Your contribution to future discussions about school fundraising activities or community events will be most valued.

Fees are $20 per family and provide the following for members:

- Insurance cover when working at P&C events. It is important that you are covered by insurance when helping out at working bees or school fundraising events.
- The opportunity to vote at P&C meetings on issues happening at school.
- Receive P&C meetings minutes which inform you of the events and issues occurring at school including the Principals’ report.

These fees assist the P&C in paying for the Student Injury Insurance which covers every student at CPS. More information on what the insurance covers can be found at the following website www.pandc.org.au

I am looking forward to a fantastic year and will be talking to many of you over the coming weeks. Our first function of the year will be a farewell B-B-Q for Mark Root, on Saturday 6th April. You will be receiving invitations very soon.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Melissa Caulfield – P & C President

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P&C Affiliation Registration Form

Please complete the Affiliation Fee Registration form & hand in at the school office along with your affiliation fee.

Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................................................

I have also enclosed $20 for my family’s affiliation fee.
Date/Time & Venue: 20 February 2013 at 7.30pm
Canobolas Public School P&C Annual General Meeting

Present: Mich Dickson, Lyn Stannus, Jayne West, Trevor King, Mario Mihalich, Peter Thew, Sonia Thew, Bianca Grayson, Adelie Badman, Grace Frankham, Melissa Caulfield, Xanthie Thomas, Aneta Burton, Lisa Darley, Merindah Rivers, Mandy McLean

Teachers: Shaun Dixon, Jane Doherty, Christine Piggin, Meg Manson, Sue Starr

Apologies: Diedre Jensen

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1. **Welcome**: Meeting opened at 7.40pm and Mich Dickson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **2012 President's Report – Mich Dickson**

   Mich thanked the school community and members for the support given to 2012 P&C Committee in her report addressed at last year's school presentation. Mich presented the new plaque which will be displayed at the playground thanking the 2012 P&C for their contribution to the reconstruction. Meg Manson also thanked the outgoing P&C for their hard work and support particularly with the staff development day catering and school fete fundraisers.

3. **2012 Treasurer's Report – Lyn Stannus**

   Lyn outlined income and expenditure for the previous financial year ending 31st December 2012. See attached financial reports for further details.

   Merindah Rivers requested the cancellation of the cheque paid to her mother.

4. **2012 President hands over to Relieving Principal Shaun Dixon to Chair AGM**

   Shaun thanked the outgoing executive and committee for their hard work and support during 2012 and declared all positions vacant. Shaun read out official duties of P&C Executive as per P&C website.

   **Election of Officers for 2013:**

   a. **President**

      Meg Manson Nominated Mel Caulfield – Seconded by Jane Doherty (Accepted)

      Adelie Badman Nominated Merindah Rivers – Seconded by Sue Starr (Declined)

      Adelie Badman Nominated Mario Mihalich – Seconded Lyn Stannus (Declined)

      **Shaun declares Mel Caulfield 2012 President**

   b. **Vice-Presidents x2**

      Mel Caulfield Nominated Aneta Burton – Seconded by Adelie Badman (Declined)

      Jane Doherty Nominated Mario Mihalich – Seconded by Jayne West (Accepted)

      Lyn Stannus Nominated Adelie Badman – Seconded by Mel Caulfield (Accepted)

      Meg Manson Nominated Merindah Rivers – Seconded by Sue Starr (Declined)

      **Shaun declares Mario Mihalich and Adelie Badman 2012 Vice-Presidents**

   c. **Secretary**

      Meg Manson Nominated Lyn Stannus – Seconded by Sue Starr (Declined)

      Jane Doherty Nominated Merindah Rivers – Seconded by Jayne West (Accepted)

      Adelie Badman Nominated Mandy McLean – Seconded by Sue Starr (Declined)

      Christine Piggin Nominated Peter Thew – Seconded by Mandy McLean (Accepted)

      Vote was conducted

      **Shaun declares Merindah Rivers 2012 Secretary**

   d. **Treasurer** - Lyn Stannus briefly ran through Treasurer's duties.

      All present Nominated Aneta Burton – Seconded by all present (Accepted)

      Jane Doherty Nominated Lyn Stannus – Seconded by Mel Caulfield (Declined)

      Adelie Badman Nominated Peter Thew - Seconded by Meg Manson (Declined)

      **Shaun declares Aneta Burton 2012 Treasurer**

5. **New President Mel Caulfield declares meeting closed at 8.05pm and opens General Meeting**
Canobolas Public School P & C Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 20th February 2013

1. Meeting opened at 8.03pm by the newly appointed President – Mel Caulfield. Welcome to those present.

2. The President accepted the minutes of previous meeting - 27th November 2012.

3. Business arising from previous meeting -
   - Mich Dickson was thanked for arranging a plaque of acknowledgement/gratitude for our 2012 playground equipment.
   - Shaun confirmed that 6 aluminium benches had been purchased and are in use.
   - Quotes and details of computer upgrade proposals were given in the Principals report.
   - Shaun advised that specialist advice should be sought regarding the coring, fertilising, seeding and irrigation of the oval. It was discussed that coring and fertilising should occur first, the equipment for this may need to be sought from local contacts first as commercial contractors would be more costly.

4. Treasurers report.

5. Principals report - Shaun Dixon

   - Shaun introduced himself to the new families and noted that he was very happy to be in the position of acting principal in the interim until Marks position has been filled. Shaun confirmed that the principals position will be filled by means of a merit selection and that the P&C will be nominating a representative for the selection panel. This representative would need to have had a long term association with the school and it's community and along with the panel, be willing to interview applicants, ring referees and act in confidence. Shaun stated that the process of appointing a new principal should be completed by the end of the this term.
   - Four students have been selected into the i.xtend program.
   - Confirmed sightings of one or more Copper Head snakes were made on Wednesday, Mrs Doherty noted this was the first sighting she is aware of in 22 years. A specialist came to the school to remove them and give advice on deterring snakes. This led to the installation of equipment designed give off vibration and sound waves in the deterrence of snakes.
   - Shaun proposed a trial of iPads for each student through Leading Edge computers. He supports the ultimate goal that every student have an iPad for use at school and home. The quote was packaged for 10 iPads for $4,800 including Apple support. To set up a class room of 30 including Leading Edge and Apple support service would be approximately $17,000. Shaun encouraged a buying package that leases the iPads over 2 years (to families) in which time the iPad becomes the property of the family. Some funds are held by Mark and a decision needs to be put to the P&C regarding financing the IT upgrade. Lyn expressed concern that P&C funds have been used recently to purchase smart boards and the maintenance cost of these have been ongoing. The IT upgrade along with the oval upgrade would place a large financial outlay for the P&C and further discussion and collaboration would be needed.
   - The schools main frame computer system is set to change over to the E4TL operating system and is expected to be in effect in early March. The system currently managed by a local company will now be managed by a Sydney company. All current computers would need to be able to run Windows 7.
   - Marks proposed farewell celebration has been set for Saturday 23rd March at dusk on the school oval. Details are yet to be finalised and include a sausage sizzle and presentation.
   - Another Billycart race day was set during term 2. The last Billycart Day was such a success and involved all family members.
   - The P&C were thanked for hosting the 'Welcome Afternoon Tea'.
• Staffing this year-
  ° Kinder – Jane Doherty (17 children)
  ° Yr ½ – Chris Piggin (25 children)
  ° Yr ¾ – Shaun Dixon (27 children)
  ° Yr 5/6 – Meg Manson (20 children)
  ° Library and Principal release – Sue Starr
  ° Learning Support Officer/Admin Support - Deirdre Jensen
  ° School Administration Manager– Sam Symons
  ° Grounds – Mr Visser

• Selection of a panel member (for appointing a new principal). Jane West was nominated by Mich and 2nd by Meg and Sue. Jane accepted and Mel appointed Jane to the merit selection panel. Congratulations Jane West.

Calendar events

February
24th Colour City Running Festival
26th District Swimming Carnival

March
5th or 12th OSSA athletics carnival
21st Harmony Day
23rd Proposed farewell to Mr Root
28th Easter tabloids, Easter raffle and sausage sizzle

April
11th Fruit salad day

Term 2

May
5th Proposed Billycart Race Day

6. Correspondence in- Student Injury Insurance Policy at $450 p/a or $4.85 per student per year. It was agreed that this insurance should be taken out again in 2013. Mel stated that the insurance covers students on campus and off campus, camps, and weekend excursions. A form is to go out in the next newsletter. The P&C affiliation fees help to cover this and the Public Liability Insurance required.
Action: Sam to send form out in next newsletter.

7. Correspondence out – none

8. New business –
  • It was agreed to take out student injury insurance in 2013.
  • Mario brought up the danger of the encroaching shrubbery either side of Canobolas Road leading up to the school. He noted that it has grown back (since he personally cut it back). It was agreed that the council should be approached to maintain a clear path either side of Canobolas Road. Their was discussion regarding which council as Cabaone and Orange City are responsible for public works in our school vicinity. Xanthe suggested Nigel Hogden from Orange City Council be contacted. This proposal may carry more weight if residents lobby also.
  • Jane Doherty proposed another Blue Illusion fund raiser be held this year. She pointed out that $450 was raised last year. The date would be a Thursday evening this term.
  • Mel supported an Easter Raffle to be held again this year in the same manner it has worked in
previous years- families donate Easter eggs etc. to the office to be sorted into prize packages for the Easter raffle on 28th March.

- Merindah suggested that the school partake in Harmony Day – Multicultural activities this term. Date set for Thursday 21st March.
- Meg requested that the path leading from the office up to the new class rooms be improved/beautified. It is currently gravel, which has proven to be slippery, dangerous and messy. She has spoken to John Anderson (from All Seasons landscape gardening) who has given suggestions to practical ways of improving the path way. Funding will be required for this project. Mich suggested that people with access to equipment capable of moving the road base out be sourced to cut down costs and assist John.

9. Next meeting - April 10th (last week of term 1).

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.