



The Channon Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Incredibly, we are almost half way through the school year. We, the staff at the school, are most impressed with the efforts and achievements of children here at The Channon School. I am sure our last week of term will be enjoyable for staff and students alike. This week we had our interactive whiteboard installed in the senior classroom. This is an incredible piece of technology which will be of great educational benefit for children (it's also a lot of fun). I recommend dropping in some time and have a play with.... I mean look at... this board. The implications for engagement of students and quality of teaching are huge. I look forward to when our infants room is fitted out in the near future.

REPORTS/INTERVIEW

Student reports should have come home with the children this afternoon. Teachers will be available for interviews throughout the day on Wednesday. All parents/carers are encouraged to contact the office to book in a time to discuss their child's progress. If Wednesday doesn't suit, please contact us and we will arrange a convenient time.

BIG SCRUB COMMUNITY FUTURES DAY

Our Futures Day is organised for next Thursday at Coronation and we are desperately hoping for continued good weather. The Day will commence at 9.30am and Conclude at 2.30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

I have received reports of students from The Channon School engaging in some risky activities in and around the village after school hours. I must stress that the children haven't been offensive or poorly behaved; the people who have brought these issues to my attention have done so out of concern for our children's safety. Please discuss safe behaviour with your children around roads and waterways.

Students who catch the bus are to remain at school, under teacher supervision, until the bus arrives. The only time these children are to leave prior to the bus is if we have parent permission.

LAKE AINSWORTH EXCURSION

Students in Years 4-6 will be travelling to Lake Ainsworth in the second last week of Term 4. Please be sure to return notes indicating whether your child will attending by the end of this term so we can secure bookings.

SMASH

This term the students participated in the SMASH program. This is generously subsidised by the P&C. Could families please ensure outstanding SMASH fees are paid by the end of term. If you forsee any difficulties paying, please contact me at the school.


LAST DAY OF TERM

P&C are organising a barbecue lunch on the last day of term. Cost will be \$2 per person and include a sausage/vegetarian and salad sandwich and drink. Families are more than welcome to join us from 1.15pm. Please send barbecue orders Friday morning. Our school assembly will follow from 2.00pm. We hope to see many of you there.

CENTENARY MEETING

Please note that this month's Centenary Meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday evening from 6.00pm. The centenary will be here in no time and there's still plenty of organising to do.

Martin Gill
Principal



What's on at the Channon School?

This section is a calendar of events of the next few weeks:

06.07.09	Centenary Meeting 6pm (note date change)
07.07.09	Dance Workshop Tuntable School
09.07.09	Futures Day
10.07.09	BBQ Lunch (1.15pm) Assembly (2.00pm)

CENTENARY NEWS

John King

Johnny King remembers the tricks they used to play on their teachers, when he was at The Channon School in the late 1940's.

One was knocking under their desk and the teacher going to the door and no one was there. This worked a treat; until he was caught. Then he had to go and roll the tennis court with the old steel roller as punishment and because he didn't want to do it, he let the roller go and it knocked down the corner post; so he was in more strife.

Johnny's siblings also went to The Channon School, their teachers were Jack Gallagar, George Want and Kevin Thompson.

Johnny went on to Lismore High School, then went into Cabinet Making as a trade, working for Gables and Carl Small in Lismore.

Then he moved to the Gold Coast, where he had trotting horses, and spent a lot of time with the trotting association. He worked with the Gold Coast Council, and retired at 55 years of age, and is now enjoying his retirement.

Leaders Report

Active After Schools finished on Monday. Today we are getting our Semester One report cards, oh, no. Hopefully they're all great. Next week we are having Futures Day on Thursday at Coronation Park. It sounds like a lot of fun. After next week we get to go on holidays for two weeks, yippee.

Ryley



Floating and sinking K, 1, 2,

We tested things that floated and things that sank. The pencil floated but the crystal did not.

Evee

We got different things to see if they sink or float, my things sank and floated.

Talia

We tested things to see if they float or sink. Mine was floating. I had Lego and a plastic car.

Scarlet

We put things in the fish tank.

Raphael

It was fun testing to see if things sink.

Izaiah

I tested a plastic teddy bear. It floated.

Ivy



I tested a plastic letter s. It sank.

Abby

It was fun because we tested things.

Ayla



*Senior students in
Science*

Danny the Champion of the World Yr 3/4

My teeth chatter as my foot thumps on the leafy earth ground. Flickers of light shine through the woods. Ancient trees stand tall like soldiers calling me to them. I feel scared, alone, I grab Dad's arm tight. I don't feel as alone now. I see dark ghost-like figures and pitch black shadows. I see pheasants quickly scatter for safety.

Mika

I'm walking through the dark scary woods. I think it's as scary as midnight. I'm thinking there are cannibal robots that are out to get me! And pheasants will also be eaten too!! To me, the trees are aliens, but to others, they are trees. It feels like you've been bitten by a funnel web spider {in fact, a million!}.

Dylan

I feel excited but scared at the same time. I'm shivering wildly as we enter the woods. I have butterflies in my stomach fluttering violently around. The moon is no longer in sight. Darkness devours the earth. I hear the trees rustle in the wind and the foot steps of dad on the leafy ground. It is as scary as a horror movie. I can feel Dad starting to get more and more excited. What's going to happen? **Paris**

I'm just about at the woods, its getting dark. I hear something. I'm getting scared, it's now about dark and I can't see anything, I just wish I was at home in my bed and Dad was reading a story. **Taine**

I'm excited but scared, like a little girl in a horror move. I see the trees covering me. I hear something. I just wish I was at home drinking hot chocolate and listening to stories and being comforted by my dad. **Mary**

Shadows thunder around me, leaping over my nervous body. I just wish I was snuggled up in my warm bed with Dad lightly snoring above me. Evil floats around me like when gas is choking you. A gun shot fires into my ears. For a second I can't breathe but it's all in my head. Darkness haunts the track with me absorbing its fright; leaves dancing up my wet legs. A water fall roaring loudly. **Flynn**

Danny is five years old. His mum died when he was four months old. Now his dad is looking after him. His dad works in his service station in the country. **Hannah**

Wind whispers all my frights, I hear leaves dancing and singing at the same time. "Danger, danger all around go, go before you hit the ground." I shiver all around. I'm feeling awfully scared now. The trees stand tall as though they're watching every step I take. I hear rustling in the bushes. Leaves crunch as I slowly walk around. **Nina**

I'm nervous, excited, and overjoyed. I'm feeling all different emotions. I can hear the leaves crunching with the pheasants running. **Justin**

The Hobbit – Year 5/6

I am Beorn a skin changer. I can change in to animals and I like being like this and I'm very hairy. I'm proud of it. **Connor**

I am a skin changer and I am proud of it. Oh, yeah my name's Beorn. I eat a lot of honey and cream, that's why I am fat. I am grumpy and old. Why are a lot of people in my house? **Jayden**

My name is Beorn and I hate having lots of friends over at time. I am a skin-changer which means I can change into animals' skins. I also don't eat much, apart from honey and cream. I wouldn't say I'm a very happy person and I don't use my manners and I'm not afraid to be grumpy when someone gives me trouble. **Crystal**

Why do you need so many people? Why is Bombur so fat? Do you want me to change your skin? Get out of my house! Why are you so many? I do not like many people in my house! **Jesse**

Persuasive Writing: For Sale- The Channon School

With an Aboriginal culture surrounding it, this is a once in a life-time opportunity. Brand-new covered walkway leading up a very small slope into the under covered area. 2 spacious air-conditioned classrooms, with one including an interactive whiteboard. Approximately 3 fully-fenced acres of lush bushland, you can relax in pure peace while listening to the native birds. This beautiful school has a sporty nature, with a newly covered soccer field, a good sized netball or basketball court, and a running track which passes the peaceful pine-covered ampitheatre, and then dashing past the long jump pit. For a rainy day, you can still enjoy yourself in the 2 under covered areas, or play games on one of the 15 computers.

The 180 degree views overlook the lovely Night Cap Region. Don't miss the opportunity and call the real estate now!

Ebony