



# *The Channon Newsletter*

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| Years K/1/2   | - | Madeline Gill – Outstanding Story Writing                        |
|               | - | George Shepherd – Excellent Problem Solving Skills               |
|               | - | Evee Latta – Rust- Positive attitude towards school and learning |
| Years 3/4/5/6 | - | Lucie Mills – Excellent work in all aspects of school            |
|               | - | Taine Geyer – Baldock – Wonderful improvement in writing         |
|               | - | Abby Muldoon – Excellent attitude and great results              |

***FROM THE PRINCIPAL***

With only two weeks left until the school holidays, it has been an enjoyable, productive and relatively uninterrupted week. Brian has been working with the children on crop selection for the summer garden, and has constructed the chicken tractor ready for use. Steve has selected the chickens, so we are in for interesting times here at the school as the children plant for summer and commence raising chooks.

### ***SNAKE WARNING***

There have been sightings of snakes in and around the village. With this warm spring weather, snakes do become more active and we are urging all children to take care.

### ***MAJOR EXCURSION***

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are reminded that the second instalment for the Lake Ainsworth excursion is due by the end of term. Families experiencing difficulty making the payment should contact the school. The second instalment is \$50.00 per child or \$100.00 per family

### ***WATER TESTING***

Yesterday students in the senior class walked to the Junction to test the water quality with Barb Jensen from Rous Water. No doubt you will be happy to know that the water is quite healthy. Students will return for re-testing next term.

### ***ROLL CHECKS***

The Home School Liaison Officers visited the school this week to check class rolls and attendance. Families are asked to provide explanations for absences within 5 school days of their child's return.

### ***OUT OF SCHOOL CARE***

In Monday's newsletter I stated that a survey regarding out of school hours care would be sent home. Several students did not receive them. Please contact the office for a note or to express potential interest in the service if interested.

### ***TURN-OFF WORKING BEE***

The Centenary Committee will be working on cleaning up the turn-off from Dunoon Road Saturday morning in readiness for the Centenary Celebrations in a fortnight. Any assistance will be gratefully received!

### ***KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION***

Kindergarten Orientation for 2010 will commence next Term. Next year's Kindergarten enrolments will be invited to attend each Friday as part of the transition program. Local families considering enrolling their child next year are encouraged to contact the school to discuss how we can best meet their educational needs.

## NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION

Students from the senior class have submitted their entry for the Newspapers in Education competition which will be published in Tuesday's Northern Star. The standard of work is very high – thanks largely to the work Simon did with the children. Unfortunately, due to constraints on space, not all students' work will feature and we will publish any articles which were omitted in the school newsletter and hopefully the Terania Times.

**Martin Gill**  
**Principal**



### What's on at the Channon School?

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

19.09.09	Centenary Working Bee 9am
21.09.09	Active After Schools
22.09.09	Infants Guitar
23.09.09	Primary Guitar
25.09.09	Active After Schools



LEADER

Things have finally gotten less busy at The Channon. Yesterday we walked down to the creek to do some water testing with Barbra Jensen. It was lots of fun and everyone learnt more about what makes a creek healthy or unhealthy and about how Terania creek joins up to other creeks and rivers. The river was quite healthy.

Today Paris went to regional for the Dunoon district girls relay team. We're all hoping that they run fast and have fun. We were all excited about the arrival of the chickens to help with the composting and to eventually give us some eggs.

**Ryley**

### The Storm

There is the pitter patter of the rain on the roof and lighting screaming in the sky. The rain is making the flood water rise and the sky turns dark blue. I see the grey clouds zoom in. *Hannah*

Lighting strikes as the hard rain reaches over to the countryside. I can see grey storm clouds racing towards me my eyes are wide with fright like laughter will never be heard of again. The dog runs under the bed as its black coat sparkles in the night. I can see it shiver like freezing snow just about to fall of a wintery branch. The power is out and the only light is lighting. I look out the gloomy window; our driveway is flooded *Lucie*

Thunder cracks, lighting strikes. Rain spits from the big black clouds from above.

Creatures scatter for shelter from the storm. Frogs sing noisily saying thanks to the evil clouds that lay above. A shock of panic runs through my body. Roaring and screaming echoes throughout the village. Darkness covers the sky. Wind gushes like a waterfall demolishing every thing in its way. I feel like all my fears are floating around me. *Mika*

### **Paul's perspective: Dust storm**

I collapse, my head spins with huge red kangaroos and white desert ochre. The sand gives me a lashing but I deserve it. My throat is parched and my upper lip is caked in dry sandy blood, and perspiration floods down my face like the dry river beds do in the wet season. The only thing I have in my head: FAILURE.

The dust races towards me like a team of jet fighter planes. And then spirals away, my eyes travels towards Peter, will he survive? Or will I lose my best friend forever? The sand and the wind races. The sand has the spirit of a wild dun coloured stallion as it gallops before the wind, just taunting it to give chase. The wind falls for the game as the wind gains on the horse gulping it in mighty mouthfuls. Somehow a generation of men lived in this dangerous land: failure, Failure, FAILURE. *Laquicia*

### **Peter's perspective: "The Desert"**

The sun makes my brown fur feel like steam fresh from a kettle. Sand and dust whips against my body. I'm straining to do what Paul tells me to do.

The trolley makes me stumble in the hot red sand. I'm confused and anxious to make the right decisions. My head's a dust storm; swirls of sand and lightning all around me.

The grime in my eyes makes everything blurred with red and orange. Paul fills his hat up with muddy water. Thirstily I gulp it all up but it's still enough for me to go on. *Hugh*

## **FOUND**

I can hear them there, catching up to me. I sprint as fast as I can. I come to an old wooden shed and go inside. I turn off the light. I can hear the footsteps of the strangers. "She went this way!" Mum," says mum sadly, "I can't afford to pay the rent so we have to move."

"I don't want to move," I respond angrily.

"We have to - we have no choice," Mum says sadly.

"Cant you get a job that gets a better pay than KFC?" I cry.

"I have already put up the for sale sign," Mum calls sadly.

"Okay," I reply knowing I can't stop her.

"You might like where we move!" mum cries.

...72 hours later...

"Kelly, be a good dog and hop in the car," I call.

5 minutes later Mum and I finish packing the car and drive to the new farm.

We pull in at the new house 1 hour later.

This place is amazing, it's massive. "I'm going to check out the barn," I call out to mum. "Kelly be a good dog and hop out of the car..... Kelly don't run away, stay here!"

Oh no she is gone.

"Tom," calls Mum. I need a bit of help taking stuff inside. I take the last 5 boxes in side. I have dinner then go to bed. I can here noises coming from the barn. I grab the torch and head to the barn. I get to the barn and the torch cuts out so I look for the generator. I turn on the generator and go into the barn. I am amazed to see Kelly chasing a stray cat. *Justin*

## **Tom Sawyer**

*Work consists of what a body is obliged to do and that play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.*

My opinion

*Work....*

At first I thought that school would be fun but it is actually hard work. At first I thought mowing the lawn would be fun but it's not.

*Play*

At first I thought that writing would be hard but its not.

At first I thought that riding on two wheels would be hard but its not. *Taine*

5 similarities between Paul and Dylan

1. We are both boys
2. We live in Australia
3. We are both brave
4. We are both confident
5. Both like horses *Dylan*

## **FOUND**

I peek out of my room door. Then I hear a yell. "Alas!" I jump in shock and quickly shut the door. I sigh and look out the window. Then suddenly an idea pops into my head. I find myself getting a piece of rope and chucking it out the window. I tie the other end on the leg of my bed. Then I grab the rope tight and I leap out the window and feel myself touching the ground but still clutching the rope tightly... **Nina**

## **The Hobbit: Bilbo's reflections**

Bilbo started as a coward but now Bilbo is brave and he has changed a lot. The danger is making him become brave. Bilbo used to be lazy but now Bilbo is fit because of fighting bad guys with his glowing sword. *Connor*

## **Bilbo's battle in the tunnel**

It feels as though I'm back in the tunnels of the goblins except worse. Somehow being chased endlessly around isn't as bad as not knowing what's around the next corner. The tookishness inside me starts to walk away towards the entrance and away from the fear that lurks in these dark tunnels, but I know I can't follow it. I'm not going to let all my hard work go to waste. *Ryley*

