



The Channon Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all the students on the manner in which they are managing their schooling. Our new students are settling into their new routine, and the school is proving to be a positive place of learning. School uniforms look exceptional – it is without a doubt the best I have seen since starting at the school in 2008.

The positive culture within the school stems from our senior students. How they interact and behave sets the example for younger students to follow. Well done Year 6. Next week we will commence the leaders program – there will be more on that later in the newsletter.

I encourage all parents and carers to stay in close contact with the school. If teachers have concerns regarding specific children, they will contact parents. Likewise, if parents have concerns or questions regarding their child's schooling, I strongly urge you to make contact with the school. Even seemingly trivial issues are better dealt with promptly.

This week's newsletter is quite wordy with lots of information. Please take some time to read through it and familiarise yourself with what's on at The Channon School.

REMINDER

GREEN EGGS & HAM WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER

\$12.00 per adult

\$6.00 per child

Under 3 Free

On Friday the 18th February Green Eggs & Ham will host a 'Welcome Back To School Dinner'. The children will cook through the day and serve dinner from 6pm to their families.

Donations of parsley, mint, coriander, lemons and salad vegetables would be greatly appreciated. Please phone Heather if you are able to donate on 66886498 by next Monday the 14th February.

***R.S.V.P. to Pauline Luce by Monday 14th February 2011
as ingredients will need to be bought on Tuesday 15th February.***

STAFFING

Joel Stewart, who has been teaching at our school on Tuesdays for the past year or so, will be finishing up soon. Joel is focusing on other aspects of work and possible travel and will be a big loss for our school. During his time, he has taught PE/Sport, Thai and done some great work with the guitar group. I thank Joel for his dedication and professionalism and wish him well. Rena Woolbank, who is now a fully qualified primary teacher, has agreed to take over from Joel. Finally Rena will be remunerated for at least some of her efforts!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find attached the term calendar which highlights school events. This is not exhaustive and details of dates and events will be listed in the weekly newsletter.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students in Year 3-6, along with children in Year 2 turning 8 this year will be attending the Swimming Carnival at Alstonville on Monday. We wish all these students luck. If you are transporting children, please meet at the school at 9.00am. We will return by 3.00pm. Students and parents will need to bring \$3.30 for admission, swimmers, hats, towels and sunscreen. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased from the canteen.

FUNDRAISING

Due to the large number of Year 6 students this year, it will be necessary to raise funds for some of the activities which have been paid for by P&C. They will be holding a Garage Sale on Sunday 13th March. Please have a look for items you no longer require which may be sold at the garage sale. More information will be forthcoming closer to the date.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Several new families have enquired about Out Of School Hours Care in The Channon. Last year we surveyed families to gauge interest in such a service and had insufficient responses to make the service viable. However, I will re-send these surveys to gauge interest for 2011.

YEAR 6 BUSKING

Year 6 have been looking at ways to raise money to attend the Halogen Foundation's Young Leaders Forum in Brisbane. Several Year 6 are organising a busking session at the markets this Sunday. Guitarists and singers are going to meet at 10.30am at the shed. They will wear school shirts and perform several songs. This is for interested Year 6 students who are available to attend. I will be away, so children will be their parent's/carer's responsibility. Good luck to these children; I am sure you will be tremendous ambassadors for our school. Hopefully they will raise loads of money!

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Overall, as stated, student behaviour has been of a very high standard. Students are respectful and responsive. Staff have spent time recently revising expectations in the playground and ensuring students behave in an appropriate and safe manner. Running on cement areas near the buildings is not allowed for safety reasons, and children are not to play in the classrooms in break times, except in poor weather when teacher supervision is required. Please take a moment to discuss this with your child(ren).

HATS

School hats are available for purchase at \$4 each. Children are required to wear hats in the playground as part of the school's 'no hat – play in the shade' policy. Lots of school hats have gone missing. They will be labelled and children are to keep them in their school bags whenever they are not being worn.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our Active After Schools Communities Program will commence next Friday. Community coaches Rena Woolbank and JJ Bruce will be organising a range of multi-skill games for all interested students. Children will also receive a healthy snack at the commencement of the session. The sessions are free and will run from 3.00pm till 4.10pm. Please return attached notes by Friday if your child will be taking part. Note: There is no other supervision available at the school at this time on Mondays and Fridays, so all students at school after 3.00pm are expected to participate.

CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

K-2

Students will need a pencil case, coloured pencils and textas.

3-6

Students will need 2 blue pens, a red pen, ruler, lead pencils, eraser, sharpener, coloured pencils and a glue stick. Optional: scissors, textas, calculator, dictionary.

Please clearly label all these items. All exercise books and text books will be provided.

STUDENT LEADERS

I met with Year 6 this week to revisit the student leaders program which will commence from next week. Three Year 6 students will hold the position of student leaders each fortnight. During this time, these children will represent the school at official functions. They will run assemblies, coordinate the school news page for the newsletter and write the leaders report. The leaders will also meet with me to discuss student issues and ideas at the school, and to spend their leadership budget. I am confident all these students will make meaningful contributions for our school and represent the student body with pride.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM

Heather is busily organising the Green Eggs and Ham Dinner for next Friday. All students will contribute to preparing dinner for our welcome dinner. Please return notes, or let Pauline in the office know who is attending, by Monday so Heather can do the catering. Also, please let us know if you are able to assist with preparation during the day. All money raised will go back into the program to purchase much needed kitchen equipment.

GUITAR GROUP

The guitar group will be recommencing next Tuesday afternoon from 3.10pm till about 4.00pm. I will gauge interest of younger students, and hopefully some of our senior students will organise a time to work with the juniors.

P&C NEWS

Tuesday night's P&C meeting was very well attended. At the AGM, the following people were elected into positions: Trish Stuart (President), Bronwyn McNulty (Secretary), Kerriane Cawley (Treasurer), Jillian Adams (Vice President), Cathy Adams (Publicity Officer). There is still a vacant Vice-President position if anyone is interested. Thank you to these people for taking on these positions to support our school. A special thank you to Cathy Adams and Maya Carpenter for their work as President and Treasurer over the past two years.

A Fundraising Committee was also formed with the following names mentioned: Martha Beasley, Bronwyn McNulty, Kerriane Cawley and Nikki Mockridge. I know the fundraising committee will meet soon and be calling for members and ideas.

We are still trying to fill the position of canteen coordinator(s). Lisa and Terri have done a wonderful job over the last few years. Please contact me if you are interested in helping. P&C discussed the possibility of canteen being more closely linked to the Green Eggs and Ham cooking Program. If this occurs, this may effectively halve the workload on canteen coordinator(s).

There is a message from Lisa and Terri attached to the newsletter which I urge you to read and consider. At present, there will be no canteen until further notice.

Martin Gill
Principal



What's on at the Channon School?

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

14.02.11	PSSA Swimming Carnvial
18.02.11	Active After Schools Commences
21.02.11	Bookclub Due

Is technology passing you by??

This exempt course will help you catch up!
(Only a small course-related charge (\$30) for materials will apply)

If you'd like to learn basic computer skills such as file management, making simple Word documents, learn email, search the internet, upload photos, how to make a presentation of family photos etc, this course will suit you. You'll learn in a small group, in a relaxed and supportive environment. You don't need any computer skills to begin. Semester 1, 2011.

Tuesday 9.30 – 12.00noon
and Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am noon starting 22 February 2011 in the
General Education faculty.

Please call Wollongbar TAFE on 6620 4700 for an expression of interest form.

Please note: Preference will be given to people in paid or volunteer work (or those who are intending to enter the workforce in either a paid or voluntary capacity) who need to improve their basic computer literacy and writing skills. Students and those preparing to resume study are also welcome to apply.

Inspired Youth Academy of Performing Arts are now taking New Enrolments for 2011 and would love for you to join our I.Y Family .

Inspired Youth Performing Arts offers classes in **Drama** from 8yrs and up, **Circus** from 7yrs and up **Dance** classes from as young as 2 and a half. We teach B.A.L Syllabus with a modern approach in Contemporary Ballet, Funky Jazz and Tap and also offer Street Hip Hop, Contemporary and Dance Theater.

Inspired Youth has a wonderful NEW Studio located at 48 Keen Street opposite the Lismore Cinema. So why not try it for your self with our 'Come and Play' policy, we offer the opportunity to try any class at anytime for free to see if it is the class for you. For more information or to book your place call Tamaya on 66215849 or 0422220830.

DANCE RELEASE!



Rachel and Imbi invite parents to...
join us every Friday 2.30-4pm...
on an explorative journey with your body!

Release tensions and energise yourself for the weekend!

~ Children welcome ~

Classes commence Friday 11th Feb.
@ The Channon Hall. Only \$5!

call Rachel 66886499 or Imbi 0407 799 825



Art Station

Lismore Regional Gallery, Saturday 12 February, 10.30am to 12.30pm



What: Art Station!
When: Saturday 12 February, 10.30am to 12.30pm
Art Station is held every 2nd Saturday
The next Art Station is 12 March
Bookings: NA. Turn up from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: Free
Where: In the old Left Bank, next to Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth Street, Lismore
Tel: 6622 2208, artgallery@lismore.nsw.gov.au
Photograph: by NATSKY

Come to the station! Art Station is a monthly drop in art class specifically designed for children aged 3 to 10. It engages children in hands-on art-making activities with an array of materials at no cost. Art Station activities provide a unique opportunity for children (and parents) to learn more about art and the different exhibitions on display at the gallery.

About BoxWorld: BoxWorld is an amazing miniature city made almost entirely from recycled materials. BoxWorld is not based on any real city, but it includes elements found in most cities such as skyscrapers, a football ground, a swimming pool, airport, hospital and various shops, factories, roads and traffic.

Kids' Activities: Make your little town! Children will carry out art projects relating to BoxWorld, an installation by Victorian artist, Warren Thomas.

Wow! Look at BoxWorld! It's a little city. Look at all the details in it. I wonder what your favourite place in BoxWorld will be! What is your favourite place in your town? You can think about these things when you are making your own model inspired by BoxWorld.

Provided materials: Project sheet, collage materials, paint, some recycled materials.

Please note: Children must be carefully supervised by a parent or guardian.



Art Station is a Lismore Regional Gallery activity supported by Country Energy.



P&C Message – Christmas 'Adopt a Family Appeal'

The family we adopted was a mum and three children.

We had a lovely hamper due to the many donations of food and gifts to the school.

With the money that was donated by parents and children, and from P&C and the school, we were able to buy some fantastic gifts.

Among them were art supplies, combination sporting kit, skate set, remote control helicopter, Zhu Zhu hamster, scrapbook journal, lego, and a pamper pack.

When I dropped off the gifts at the designated centre, the family's contact was so grateful. She said that response to the appeal had been overwhelming and that it would make a huge impact on people's lives at Christmas time.

She said that the family had had a really tough time lately and that our gifts would 'make their day'. She said that they would very much appreciate the thoughtfulness and caring of the students.

So thank you so much to everyone. Thank you so much to the children. It is a great opportunity to stop and think about the great things in our lives and how lucky we all are. For the family we helped, it's not just about the gifts, but the fact that someone cared enough to think of them. So again, many thanks.

Cath Adams