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NEWSLETTER

Week 11 Term 1

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What a term it has been! I would like to start by saying thank you to all of our hard-working and positive students. You have made this term such a wonderful time for your peers and our teachers. I would also like to thank our wonderful parents for your support in excursions, homework, lunches, canteen, home reading and everything behind the scenes that

Congratulations to the Ministers for Sport – Charlie, Jarrah and Zachie for organising the amazing Staff vs Students Handball Competition! This event was held on Monday 8 April and involved students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and almost all of the staff here on that day. In near perfect conditions for an undercover handball competition (more rain!) students and staff battled it out in a fun and relaxed rotating handball game. The cheering and excitement created a buzz that continued for the rest of the day!

Mrs Fryer has continued working to support students across our school and is happy to see students' progress from 2012 to 2013. We are extremely lucky to have Mrs Fryer in her capacity as a Learning and Support Teacher in assisting students and staff across our school.

Patrick has also been involved in supporting guided reading across our school. This week he worked with students from Years 3-6 discussing 'The Super 6 Comprehension Strategies' with students after listening to them read. The Super 6 Comprehension strategies provide a framework to support comprehension which involves responding to, interpreting, analysing and evaluating texts by using a range of strategies.

All staff were involved in an Asthma training update on Monday afternoon coordinated by Anna Tonkin from Community and Allied Health, Richmond Network. This was an interesting and very relevant training session. Thank you Anna for keeping our school up-to-date.

Finally, I would like to pass on to everyone my best wishes for a happy, safe and relaxing holiday break. I hope that everyone enjoys a much-deserved rest and returns refreshed for the exciting things happening in Term 2.

Trisha Harvey

Important Dates

Term 1

Friday 12th April

Canteen
Active After Schools
Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Term 2

Monday 29th April

Staff Return

Wednesday 1st May

Students return

Wednesday 8th May

P&C Meeting - 4pm

Sunday 12th May

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Design and Make Day at Whian Whian PS

On Wednesday 10 April students in Year 6 along with Ms Harvey travelled to Whian Whian PS to be involved in a Design and Make day.

Students were challenged to develop a machine or device that could crack an egg on someone's head. Students viewed some original designs from across the world before they were broken into teams and provided with a range of materials. Students were given 4 hours to collaboratively create an original design. The buzz and excitement that flowed through the day saw some students work through their lunch break, only stopping to eat and drink.

All students had a fantastic day. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Condon and all of the staff and students at Whian Whian PS for making this day a huge success! Thank you!



Promote your business

Are you interested in promoting your business on a sign located at our school? If so, please contact our school and leave your details with Pauline. Alternatively, designs and advertising can be emailed to:

thechannon-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If we have enough interested businesses, our P&C will coordinate this opportunity. A fee for inclusion will be discussed and decided upon once interested parties have notified the school of their interest.

Available Now!

New school jumpers are available now, with more sizes arriving early in term 2. Jumpers cost \$25 and can be purchased through the P&C.



Student Awards

K/1

Beanie Kalyana -

Settling peacefully back into school!

Max Martin –

Trying really hard with Writing!

Saskia Whyte –

Fabulous Diary Writing!

EMERGING WRITERS

Aslan O'Keefe, Max Martin, Elke Osborne

1/2/3

Tameeka Herman-Bromley-

Always being helpful & supportive in class!

Charlie Herman-Bromley –

Always being cheerful & reliable in class!

Milly Darvall-Hocking -

Continuing her learning even while on holidays!

3/4/5/6

Tahlo Nicholson-Moss –

For sharing creative ideas with his group in completing our persuasive speech activity!

Isabel Gillies –

For her outstanding attitude and persistence towards her maths work!

Student Awards –

Abby & Ivy – for playing nicely in the playground. Selected by Melody & Djuan

DUNOON PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

The whole school will be attending the Dunoon PSSA Cross Country at Corndale School on Thursday the 9th of May. The students will be travelling by bus. A permission note and more information will go home with the first newsletter for term 2 on Friday the 3rd May.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Year 6 students will be travelling by to Twins Towns Club and Resort to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference on Friday the 10th May 2013. The bus will be departing Clunes store at 7.45am and return around 3.45pm to the Clunes store. The cost is \$45.00 per student. Please fill in the attached permission note and return to school with money by Friday the 3rd May.

FROM MRS CANTRELL

What a fabulous term it's been ! The students in 1/2/3 have done some great work this term, and there have been really noticeable improvements in so many areas. Mrs Lord is doing some great explicit teaching in Maths, and the amazing enthusiasm all the students are showing for writing is enough to warm the cockles of my teaching heart!. It's as though a magic wand was waved and suddenly everyone wants to write. Fantastic! Have a lovely break and don't stop reading and writing!

Diana Cantrell

Class Teacher

ANZAC DAY

25TH

APRIL



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LEST WE FORGET



Congratulations Miss Muller!



We are very proud to announce that one of our casual teachers was recently named Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year! Rachael received two awards including the Northern Territory's Young Achiever Award in the Regional and Rural category.

Rachael has spent the last three years teaching at the remote Aboriginal community of Imanpa in the Central Desert. During her time, Rachael had been able to significantly increase enrolments and attendance rates at the Imanpa Secondary College and the community praised her for her dedication and commitment to the students.

Congratulations Miss Muller our students, staff and community are extremely happy for you!



GARDEN NEWS



Today our garden was full of helpers as we recreated the story of The Enormous Turnip.

Students helped each other make a big strong chain and together we pulled and pulled until all the marigold 'trees' were out of bed 4 ready for planting cabbages for the winter.

Bodhi had the idea to revamp the bird bath which the children moved from the old garden themselves with lots of great ideas about how to transport such a heavy thing. Zara, TJ, Saskia, Jasmine, Izac, Lilliana and Milaya thought the birds would like it filled with fresh water and marigold petals. As I left the garden this morning many birds were seen heading to the Birdbath with towels over their shoulders and soap under their wings.

The children love discovering new ways of pulling out plants, of saving seeds and reading the seed packets to work out what to plant when and where. They even love spreading the manure and putting their scraps into the work farm which thanks to Rain Jackson has been utilized very well this term.

We have had two stalls selling garden produce and raised some money to buy more seedlings and mulch. Thanks Zoe, Melissa, Heather, Chrissy, Vanessa and all the parents and students who have volunteered to help our garden grow.

Hope to see you in the garden next term
Tamlin

**HERE ARE 1/2/3's AND THE 3/4/5/6's
READING THE PERSUASIVE TEXTS THAT
THEY WROTE TOGETHER.**



5 ways to a healthy lifestyle

Our school is participating in Live Life Well at School.

In the classroom and playground we will be building the knowledge, skills and attitudes of your children to help them make more active, more often, as well as helping students to make healthy eating choices.

At home, with good food habits and daily physical activity the family will be well on their way to a healthy life. Easy to say, but sometimes not so easy to do!

Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our family's health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it hard to find time to be physically active.

We can also slip into the habit of choosing unhealthy snacks and take-away foods or spending our free time watching TV or in front of the computer.

However, these choices can be dangerous for our health and our children's health - both now and in the long-term.

That's why it's so important to stop, take stock and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

There are five simple ways for your family to lead a healthy lifestyle and get back on track:

- Choose water as a drink
- Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives
- Get active each day
- Turn off the TV or computer and get active
- Eat more fruit and veggies



P&C News

We had our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday. Thanks so much to the parents who came along and those who have filled the necessary positions on the committee. Welcome to Peach Darvall as treasurer and Melissa Herman as secretary. Brian Taylor returns as president, along with Zoe Dodd and Terri Nicholson as vice presidents.

A big thank you and farewell to outgoing treasurer Kerrienne Cawley and outgoing secretary Bronwyn McNulty.

The next P&C meeting is at 4pm on Wednesday, May 8. It would be great to see you there.

Important and very interesting information....

- The Channon School has been given a fundraising opportunity on the highly sought-after Bunnings calendar! We are rostered on to run a **Sausage Sizzle at the Lismore Bunnings store on Sunday, May 12**. THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR US! Please fill in the attached time sheet to indicate when you can help and return to school asap.
- Due to the generous size of the lovely Byron Bay Pie Company pies we have been selling at canteen, and the small size of the K/1/2 kids' stomachs, canteen will be giving children the option to buy half-size pies from now on. If you've lost your canteen menu, one is going up on the school website: <http://www.thechannon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> (If you haven't visited the website in a while, take a look!)
- **Gardening** has moved from Friday mornings to every second Friday afternoon (the first and third Fridays of the month) from 2pm. Everyone is welcome! If you have any ideas, seedlings, seeds or other useful garden stuff, Tamlin would love to hear from you. And remember: the kids will be selling farm-

fresh produce from our garden on Friday afternoons after school.

- New jumpers are due to arrive at school before the start of Term 2 so if your child needs one, please see Pauline when school resumes after the holidays.

Thanks everyone, have a lovely, safe holiday and see you next term!

Leaders Report

On Monday we started the Staff versus Students handball competition.

On Tuesday 3,4,5,6 had a great day with Mr Shepherd.

On Wednesday year 6 went to Whian Whian Public School for a design and make day. Students had to make a design to crack an egg on someone's head. Year 3,4,5 had a wonderful day with Miss Muller.

Thursday was enjoyable day we learnt a new song with Rena, Follow the Sun by Xavier Rudd. During the middle session we play French and English for sport. We had a great time.

On Friday students enjoyed canteen and worked collaboratively to develop persuasive speeches. We hope everyone has a great break!

Jahlia, Matt, Scarlett and Luka