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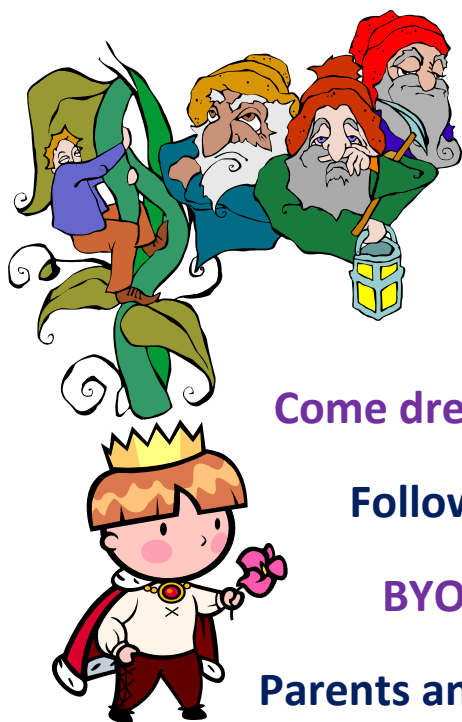
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NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 3

16 th August 2013



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Tuesday 20th August

Commencing at 11.30am

Come dressed at your favourite book character

Followed by a book reading session

BYO RECESS AND PICNIC LUNCH

Parents and caregivers very welcome to attend



NORTH COAST PRIMARY PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION (PPA) CONFERENCE

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th August I travelled to Coffs Harbour to attend the North Coast PPA Conference, along with primary principals from all over the North Coast.

Our presenters included:

- Dr Paul Brock, AM FACE FACEL, who shared an inspiring video presentation relating to 21st Century Schools.
- Angelo Gavrielatos, Australian Education Union, discussed the importance of a fairer funding system to support every student in every school.

- Ann McIntyre, NSW DEC, Teacher Quality
- Lee Crockett, Managing Director of The 21st Century Fluency Project.
- Dr Stewart Hase
- Kevin Schipp, Employee Performance and Conduct
- Peter McGee, NSW DEC Legal Branch

Further information and updates was also provided around changes relating to Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD), Learning Management Business Reforms (LMBR), using iPads and other technologies, Universal design - Personalised learning and support.

These two days were extremely interesting and worthwhile in ensuring that our school and staff stay up-to-date with contemporary education issues.

A proud member of the Big Scrub Community of Schools

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Today we have Zara, Djuan, Ruby , Ivy and Zachie competing at the Zone Athletics Carnival. A big congratulations to these students and their efforts, we are very proud of your outstanding sportsmanship! Well done.

LISMORE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL (PAF)

A reminder to all parents that notes regarding student involvement in PAF need to be returned ASAP. This year our school will be performing on Wednesday night 28th August with a matinee rehearsal on Monday 26th August at the Lismore Workers Club. Tickets for the evening performance are available from the Lismore Workers Club at a cost of \$14.00 Adult and \$6.00 Child.

Small schools choir will be performing at the Monday 26th August matinee and Wednesday 28th August/ Thursday 29th August evening performances.

In the lead up to our PAF performance we will be having a number of rehearsals, if you arrive early of an afternoon and hear our delightful singing, please pop your head in for a look. We'd love to show you how it's all coming together.

On Monday 26th August we will be having a full-dress rehearsal at The Channon Hall from 9.30 – 10am. We would like to invite all parents and community members to come and be entertained by our creative abilities and talents. Students will also be travelling to the Lismore Workers Club by bus at 11.45am for a dress rehearsal the cost is \$5.00 per students. Parents please note that the whole school is attending this and there will be no supervision at school whilst at the Lismore Workers Club. Please fill in the permission note attached and return to school by next Thursday 22nd August. Wednesday night's program is also for your reference.

PDHPE – KINDER / YEAR 1

This week is Personal Development, Health and Physical Education our Kindergarten/Year 1 class discussed the concepts of Positive Relationships, and People who keep me safe and support us. For our eager little learners, Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad and other relatives were a major part of our discussions. As a result, our K1 students made special postcards during the Monday afternoon session to send out to their families. Please keep an eye out in your letterbox for a special surprise.

VISIT FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR, PUBLIC EDUCATION

Our new Director, Public Education – Mr Peter Campbell came to visit our school on Thursday 15th August and to discuss his role with Ms Harvey. He was very impressed by the talents of the 3/4/5/6 class as they rehearsed with Ms Rena for PAF.

The Channon Public School has been re-zoned through the new functional realignment of the NSW Department of Education and Communities. This simply means we have a new Director to work with in supporting the educational needs of our students. We look forward to working with Mr Campbell and in turn thank Mr John Lynch, previously our School Education Director, for his support in the past. Mr Lynch's new role is Director, Public Schools for the Goonellabah area.

JAPANESE RESOURCES

Through our most recent involvement in the Yamato-Takada Japanese Cultural Day last week, we have recently received a box of resources to display and use at the school. These will be displayed in our classrooms and we thank the Lismore City Council and their Japanese Sister City for sending them to us to enjoy!

WHOLE SCHOOL PEER READING

On Thursday morning from 9.00-9.10am all students at school were involved in our Whole School Peer Reading Program. With a beautiful, clear morning we grabbed our books and headed out the back to our playground to enjoy 10 minutes reading with a peer. It was an absolutely, wonderful way to start our morning and we look forward to continuing our playground readings, as the warmer weather sets in.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 3/4/5/6

Over the past few weeks our 3/4/5/6 students have been researching and refining their speeches for the Public Speaking Competition. It has been wonderful to see these students grow in confidence and knowledge relating to their chosen topics and the public speaking task.

Congratulations to each and every student for their outstanding efforts in this task. I am extremely proud and inspired by your depth of knowledge and commitment to learning.

The following four students have been selected to attend the Public Speaking Semi-Finals on Thursday 5th September at Jiggi Public School:

Stage 2:

- Malaika and Miriam

Stage 3:

- Scarlett and Luka

We wish these students all the best in the next stage of the competition.



Important Dates

19th August	Active After Schools
20th August	Book Week Parade
23rd August	Teams Day
26th August	PAF REHEARSAL Active After Schools
28th August	PAF Performance
30th August	Final Payment Major Excursion Active After Schools

TEAMS DAY

Next Friday 23rd August
2013 is Teams Day

This is a major fundraiser for The Channon P&C and we need all families to help in some way, either by donating goods or working on the day. The final roster is attached to this newsletter. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.



LEADERS REPORT

Everyone has been practicing for the Performing Arts Festival throughout this week. Our performance looks and sounds amazing with the singing, circus, guitar, music and more.

Years 3/4/5/6 have been participating in Public Speaking this week. We congratulate our fellow students Miriam, Malaika, Luka and Scarlett who will be competing at the next level.

Matthew, Luka, Scarlett

TEAMS DAY

Next Friday 23rd August 2013 the whole school will be participating in Teams Day. This is a fun day where students from all our small schools come together to play Danish Rounders, Soccer and T-Ball. Students who catch the bus will be walked to and from the oval by their teachers; all other students need to be taken to the oval by their parents.

Parents please note that parking is only allowed at the first entrance near the village. Our school will be right next to the Canteen building. Students need to be there by 9.15am.

The first game starts at 9.45am and the day finishes at 2.15pm. Parents collecting students from the oval at the end of the day please see Ms Harvey before you leave, all other students will be walked back to school by their teachers.



There is a canteen available on the day which is run by The Channon P&C. This is a major fundraiser and we ask all families to help out in someway.

We also need a parent volunteer to escort one of the Danish Rounder's Teams on the day to their games. Please let Ms Harvey know if you can assist.

The draw and canteen is attached to this week's newsletter.