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From the Principal

Welcome back everyone!

I trust that all our wonderful families had a happy and relaxing break. I know that I did, spending time with my daughters, their partners and my lovely grandson, Jack. My son Ben is working in Thailand, so I didn't get to see him, but we certainly took more time to Skype and talk on Facebook as well as lots of phone calls. Family time is so precious, and our children are growing so fast. It seems like yesterday that I was packing lunches and driving my children down to The Channon Public School for another happy day of learning and socialising, and now they're grown up and making their own lives. It makes me happy and a bit sad at the same time!

So here we are at the beginning of another year. We are still in the process of appointing a new principal for our school, but in the meantime I will be acting principal and I can assure you that your children will have a great learning experience despite what may seem like a time of change and uncertainty. We, the teachers at The Channon Public School, have no uncertainty about our dedication to making sure your children are engaged in interesting and well thought out activities that will help them to learn and grow. The world is an uncertain place, and it's important that children build resilience. After all, the only thing we can be certain of is that life is constantly changing, and it's vital that we are flexible and open to new experiences.

Please remember that we value the input of all our families and if you would like to come and spend some time in the classroom, passing on a skill you have to share, or listening to students read or practise their numeracy skills, just let us know.

Welcome also to the new families who have come to The Channon School! We hope you have a great experience at this lovely little country school.

Just a reminder that we have 'Crunch 'n' Sip' at 10 o'clock every day and we love to see the kids eating healthy food that nourishes their brains as well as their bodies.

Here's to a truly happy, healthy and engaging year!

Diana Cantrell
Acting Principal

Dunoon PSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 13th February students that are turning 8 this year and over are able to participate in the Dunoon PSSA Swimming Carnival to be held at the Alstonville Pool . All other students will remain at school with Mrs Cantrell.

Students are able to participate in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and relays in 25m and 50m races.

Parents please note the cost is \$3.50 per person entry into the pool. Students need to be there by 9.45am for a 10am start. Transport will be by private car.

All students participating need to wear swimmers and sunscreen, rash shirt and goggles are advisable. They will need a change of clothes and towel. There will be a canteen on the day or they will need to bring a water bottle recess and lunch. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by next Friday 6th February 2015.

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Week 2

Thursday 5th February

Chinese students visit

Aladdin Auditions—Wyrallah Rd School

Week 3

Friday 13th February

Dunoon PSSA Swimming

Week 4

Monday 16th February

Cricket Selection Trials-Goonellabah RSL
Sports Club Cricket Nets

Walk Around the Village and After School Arrangements

Throughout the year students will participate in school activities where they will need to walk to The Channon Hall , The Channon Oval and Preschool. This permission note attached to this newsletter will cover these events for the whole year.

Your child/ren's safety is very important to us; please fill in the After School Arrangements form attached to this newsletter; which covers the whole year. If any changes occur on a certain day please notify the school office on 66886236.

Family Details Update

With the new changes since the Gonsky Revue, additional Funding to school is assessed each year for schools in March. If your circumstances have changed e.g not in full time work, please fill in the Families Detail Form attached to this newsletter and return to school by next Friday 6th February.

Library

Library will commence next Wednesday. All new students will be issued with a free Library Bag on this day. Please ensure that you bring in your library bags or a plastic bag to protect the books.

Aladdin Auditions

Students in Years 5 & 6 are able to audition for the choir and dance in the Aladdin production to be held at Wyrallah Road Public School next Thursday 5th February 2015 from 4pm. Parents will need to transport to and from these auditions. Notes were given out this week. If you have any queries please see Ms Rena at school.

Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Selections Trials

On Monday 16th February students are able to tryout for the Northern Rivers Zone Cricket Team which will be held at the Goonellabah RSL Sports Club Cricket nets from 10am to 2pm. Parents need to take the consent form and \$5.00 levy on the day and give to the Team Manager. Transport is by private car. Notes were handed out this week. Please return notes by next Tuesday 3rd February.

K/1 Class

**Our first week at school
has been wonderful!**



2/3 CLASS

Text Response- Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Meeting the Captain.

I opened the door trembling with fright. I slowly gazed up and saw the old sea bloke who had a pistil and a cutlass and I thought he was going to murder me.

Robert

I heard a knock on the door. I see and old man. I feel scared confused, curious and worried.

“Who is this man?” I think.

Finn

Bang, bang, bang on the door. I opened the door. There was a tall figure at the door. My blood ran cold.

He said “Get me some rum!”

So I went and fetched hime some rum.

Ethan

Leaders' Report

Welcome back everyone, it has been a great start to the new year! We would also like to say a big welcome to the new kindys! We hope everybody has a great first term!

Miriam, Ayla-Mae, Talia, Raphael, Mitchell, Izaiah

