

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2015.

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It is a compliment to hear so many positive reports coming from the community, parents and visitors to our school about our wonderful students. The students continually do themselves, the staff and their families proud every time they come to school and whenever they venture out on excursions.

This week the students completed units of work with their teachers, attempted assessments and rehearsed for the concert next week. All school reports will be sent home with students to parents next Friday, 11 December, 2015. Student workbooks, artworks and projects will be sent home throughout next week. The semester two reports are detailed with results recorded and comments included for all six Key Learning Areas, plus a general comment section at the end. All teaching staff who have taught the students this semester have contributed to the reports.

Our swim school program will commence next week. This year the students will complete two lessons per day. Lesson one will run from 11:20 to 12:00. The students will have a break from 12 to 12:20 for fruit and water. Session two will run from 12:20 until 1pm. The students will get changed at the pool from 1pm and then have lunch at the pool from 1:15pm. This program will run over the five days. Please ensure that you have returned the permission note.

Our end of year concert will be held on Tuesday evening. We ask that students wear bright and festive clothing. The students will be presenting some instrumental, vocal and dance items. Some student artworks will also be on display. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Stephen Manser
Principal

Yesterday the stage 2/3 students attended Dorroughby EEC's Garrima program. This is a new program exploring the traditional lifestyles, connection to place, plants, tools, land uses and sustainability practices of the Widjabul/ Wiyabul people.

The students started the day with a circle around the camp fire set on the edge of the little forest glen. The students listened to a Dreamtime story and were asked to visualise life as a Bundjalung person pre-colonisation. Glen Rhodes and Tamlin McKenzie were astounded by the extensive prior knowledge, wisdom, empathy and maturity of all students.

The DEEC teach over 1000 local students annually and The Channon students blew the staff away with their knowledge of local Bundjalung culture and their understanding of sustainability. They showed Garrima (Bundjalung word for respect) for the learning, the teachers and each other. I was proud and inspired to work with our children.

Tamlin McKenzie



School Christmas Concert

Our annual school Christmas concert will be held next week at The Channon Hall. Students need to meet their teachers at the hall at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start. Students are asked to wear bright festive clothes. We ask that all families bring a plate of food to share for supper at the conclusion of the Concert. We look forward to seeing you all there! The program will be as follows;



Special Swimming Scheme

The special Swimming Scheme starts next week. All students will be participating. The students will be having 2 lessons each day.

The students will be having their recess at school from 10:20am next week. The bus will leave school at 10:40am and return by 2.30pm each day. The children will be accompanied by Mr Manser, Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Shipard and Rena. All students will require swimmers, towel, sunscreen and a rash shirt/ or light shirt. Goggles are optional. **Please label all belongings.**

The students will take their bags to the pool, including their lunch and drink each day, (no lunch orders at the shop next week), and change into their swimmers at the pool (unless they are wearing them under their school uniform) and back into their dry uniforms once they have finished their second lesson. The students will eat their lunch at the pool once they have changed back into their dry school uniform and then return by bus to return to school by 2:30.

Year 6 Dinner

The Year 6 dinner will be held on Monday, 14 December, 2015, commencing at 6pm. The dinner will be held under the COLA and meals will be provided by the Year 5 students and their parents. Please return your invitation by next Wednesday, 9 December, 2015.

Year 6 Surf School

On Monday, 14 December Year 6 students will participate in the Year 6 Surf Day at Byron Bay. This should be a wonderful day for our Year 6 students to finish off the year. The cost is \$25.00 per student. Transport is by private car. The Surf School will run from 10.30am until 2.00pm. All students must bring and wear board shorts on the day. They will need to wear swimmers, rash shirt and sunscreen. The Surf School will have rash shirts for students on the day and may ask them to wear them instead of their own. They will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks.

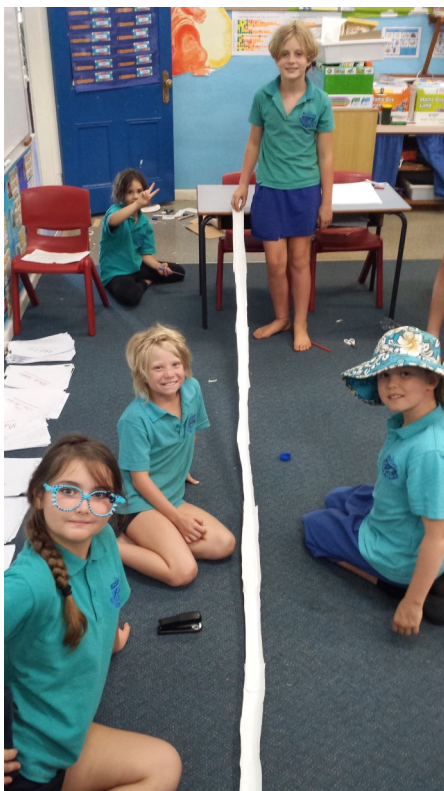
Please fill out the Medical Consent form and permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school with money by Friday, 11 December, 2015. Parents please note that medical consent forms must be completed and signed by you or students will not be able to participate.



Leaders Report

This week we have had a relaxing week. On Thursday years 3/4/5 went to Dorroughby Environmental centre to learn about Aboriginal Culture and what the environment means to us. This day was very active and exciting. Also the Year 6 students had their second orientation day at Richmond River High School. Congratulation to the year 6 students who got in for the High Achievers class. Today we went down to the hall for Musica Viva which was very fun. We learnt tango and listened to some funky jazz. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Malaika & Melody



3/6 Science

STUDENT AWARDS

K/1/2

Bella-

For working well in Maths!

Pania-

For working well in Maths!

Oliver-

For showing improvement in Spelling!

Elke-

For excellent work in Writing!

3/4/5/6

Audrey-

Writing a descriptive procedure
detailing how to make a fruit smoothie

Djaun-

Demonstrated improvement and
neatness with his handwriting

Zara-

Pleasing progress in Music, especially
in learning the guitar.



Dorroughby Excursion



**Students performing
at Musica Viva**



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Week 10

Monday 7 December

Special Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 8 December

Special Swimming Scheme

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9 December

Special Swimming Scheme

3/6 Water Watch 9:15 – 1:15am

Thursday 10 December

Special Swimming Scheme

Friday 11 December

Special Swimming Scheme

Week 11

Monday 14 December

Surf School Year 6

Kinder 2016 Orientation

Year 6 Dinner

Wednesday 16 December

Last Day of Term 4 for students

2016

Wednesday 27 January

Staff return

Thursday 28 January

Students return

Best Start for Kinder

Friday 29 January

Kinder start



Christmas Concert

**The Channon Public School would
like to invite
all families & community members
to our**

**School Concert to be held on
Tuesday, 8 December, 2015.**

**This will be held at The Channon
Hall**

commencing 5.30pm

**Students need to arrive by 5.15pm
Please bring a plate of food to share
for supper**



Community Announcements

The Channon Village Christmas Carols and Bush-dance by
Sunset - Friday 11th December at The Channon Tavern from 5:30pm



Join 'The Ragged Blossoms' and your local community at The Channon Butter-Factory Tavern from 5:30pm Friday 11th December for an evening to celebrate the festive season with friends, carol-singing and bush-dancing. Relax on a rug on the grass, sing with gusto or dance the night away. Santa will be there just after local kids perform a well-rehearsed set of contemporary and traditional Christmas carols.

See you there!

School Holiday activities at the Lismore Area Libraries

Goonellabah Library:

Tuesday 5 January -
Sand Art: 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 7 January -
Family Colouring Afternoon: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 14 January -
Meccano Machines Workshop (8yrs & up): 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday 15 January -
Liquid Nitrogen Show (5yrs & up): 3.00pm - 3.45pm

Tuesday 19 January -
Scratch-Board Animals & Flowers: 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Mobile Library (Nimbin)

Thursday 21 January -
Rhinstone CD sun-catchers: 11.00am
(no bookings needed for this activity only)

Bookings are essential for all activities as spaces are limited.
All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Lismore Library: 02 6621 2464
Goonellabah Library: 02 6625 1235

Lismore Library:

Tuesday 5 January -
Make Masks: 10.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 6 January -
Smart Device Holograms (8yrs & up): 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Friday 8 January -
LEGO® Afternoon 3.15pm - 4.45pm

Monday 11 January -
Lost Worlds Activity Afternoon: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday 12 January -
Make a Vegetable Patch: 10.30am - 11.30am

Thursday 14 January -
Teen Night - Sharpie Dyeing (12-18yrs): 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Friday 15 January -
Lego Robotics Workshop (7yrs & up): 9.00am - 10.30am
Slime, Sherbet & Bubbles (5yrs & up): 11.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 19 January -
Family Colouring Afternoon: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 20 January -
Bottle Top Magnets: 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 21 January -
Make a Dream Catcher: 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Friday 22 January -
LEGO® Sessions: 10.00am, 11.00am & 12noon

Special Events at Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries

Meccano Machines Workshop

Thursday 14 January
2.00pm - 4.00pm
at Goonellabah Library
(Children aged 8yrs & over only)

Children will use hand tools to create simple and complex machines with Meccano during this hands-on workshop. Teamwork, problem solving and using the simple tools are all part of the challenge!

Lego Robotics Workshop

Friday 15 January
9.00am - 10.30am
at Lismore Library
(Children aged 7yrs & over only)

This engaging workshop offers children a chance to learn real time programming in a fun atmosphere.

Using laptops and Lego Mindstorms robots, the kids are asked to complete a variety tasks whilst learning about basic programming.

Slime, Sherbet & Bubbles Workshop

Friday 15 January
11.30am - 12.30am
at Lismore Library
(Children aged 5yrs & over only)

This session is a great way to explore mixtures and simple variables in an outdoor environment.

Slime is non-toxic and will not stain fabric and the children can take their slime and sherbet home. Fun science for active kids where we explore everyday chemistry in a different way!

Liquid Nitrogen Show

Friday 15 January
3.00pm - 3.45pm
at Goonellabah Library
(Children aged 5yrs & over only)

This holiday science show covers phase changes, expansion and contraction, basic cell theory, air pressure and the weather. Find out how solids, liquids and gases change when rapidly heated and cooled. Smash a squash ball! Shrink a balloon instantly!

Plus there's an option to make ice-cream...yum!

Friday 22 January
10.00am to 1.00pm

LEGO® Sessions @ Lismore Library
Mountains of LEGO® to build and create!

3 x 45 minute sessions available
10.00am, 11.00am & 12 noon
Bookings essential!