

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2015

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## TERM 12015

### Week 4

#### Monday 16th February

Cricket Selection Trials-Goonellabah RSL  
Sports Club Cricket Nets

### Week 5

#### Thursday 26th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

## From the Principal

Oh my goodness, I think I'm starting to grow webbed feet!! The rain has been pretty constant, which means it's hard for our students to get out and have a good run around. If you notice your children are being a bit more restless than usual, this could be part of the reason. Still, I'm not complaining. We need that beautiful subsoil moisture to make everything grow, (and everything sure is growing...my poor husband can barely keep up with the mowing in between downpours) and keep our tanks, springs and aquifers filled!

I'm very happy to let you know that our students who auditioned for the Small School's Choir were successful and will be heading off to the Opera House later in the year. A few years ago I took the choir from Merrylands East Public School to sing at the Opera House, and it was a VERY exciting experience. (Having a seagull literally snatch a hot chip out of my hand as we walked along the Quay made it even more memorable...cheeky blighter)!

Thanks to all the parents who are making such a great effort to send their children such nutritious and delicious tucker for their 'Crunch 'n' Sip', recess and lunch. I love having a sticky beak at kids' lunch boxes and I see some great stuff. Home-made sushi, (yum) pasta with all kinds of sauce, scrumptious looking sandwiches, fresh fruit and vegies...the list goes on. One day I was admiring someone's camembert and they said, "Oh yes, Mum made this." Wow! I was EXTREMELY impressed. It's especially good to see how little packaged and processed food our children bring.

## From Mrs Cantrell Relieving Principal

## Removing head lice and nits



### At a glance:

- Head lice and nits only live on human heads.
- They don't care if the hair is long or short, clean or dirty.
- Head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for all school-aged kids.
- The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.
- You will need to re-treat your child several times before all the eggs will be gone.



## Stage 3 Science Enrichment Day

Selected students from Stage 3 will attend the Science Enrichment Day on Friday 13th March at Tuntable Creek Public School. This should be a wonderful day where they will come together with their peers from our surrounding small schools. On this day staff from Dorroughby Field Centre and the local Landcare group conduct lessons on propagation of plants and learning the difference between frogs and cane toads.

The day commences at 9.30am and concludes at 2.30pm. Students need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. They need to wear covered footwear or gumboots when walking to the creek. They are able to bring some plant pots to take some plants home. Transport is by private car. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by Friday 6th March 2015.

## Application for High School 2016

This week students in Year 6 were given their Application for High School Forms. Last year the zoning was changed for our area. If you have any queries please phone the school office or see Mrs Cantrell.

## Thankyou

The school would like to say a very big thankyou to Laila and Joe O'Keefe for volunteering their time to paint the interior of the canteen. Little schools like ours depend so much on the generosity of parents and friends, whether it's contributing time to help around the school or to fund raise. It all goes towards helping create a really rich and satisfying school experience for our students, now and into the future, so thanks again, Laila and Joe!



## Year 6 Leaders Report

This week we did Archery with Mr Shepherd. Today we are looking forward to participating in the swimming carnival at Alstonville pool.

Ayla-Mae, Miriam, Raphael, Izaiah, Mitchel and Talia

## Channon P&C Update

Hello everyone and welcome back to school!

We kicked things off with a bumper P&C meeting this week, which was fantastic!! Thank you everyone for coming. It really is a case of the more the merrier, so please come along next month if you can make it.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 11, at The Channon Oval at 3.30pm (bring the kids along and they can play while the parents chat and eat cake. Erm, tackle the big issues, that is).

The most interesting bits from this week's meeting were:

NITS: They're back at school too! Please try to set aside 20 mins to comb through your kids' hair this weekend and next so we can tackle this head-on (couldn't resist).

Are you a really fun and energetic person bursting with great ideas? You could be just the person for a very important job: Fundraising Coordinator. Please speak to Diana, Pauline or your nearest P&C rep if you think you fit the bill.

Speaking of fundraising, the first fundraiser for 2015 will be the famous Election Day Cake Stall at The Channon Hall on Saturday, March 28. We need as many people as possible to bake delectable treats to sell on the day, but we are also desperately seeking a Cake Stall Coordinator. Please speak to Diana, Pauline or a P&C rep if this is something you might be able to do.

A BIG thank you to Laila and Joe for donating their time and energy to paint the canteen. Laila is looking for a painting spray gun so that the inside of the kitchen cupboards can be done too. If anyone has one, please speak to Laila or leave a message at school.

Thanks everyone! Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next month's meeting in the park.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Clunes Netball**

**Clunes Netball Club asking for any 9-11 year olds  
who would be interested in playing.**

**Please contact Niccy on 66886364 for details or her at [niccym@bigpond.com](mailto:niccym@bigpond.com).**