

FRIDAY 24th April 2015

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From the Principal

Welcome back to a new school term. It was wonderful to see the anticipation and excitement on each face on arrival to school. I am also excited to be starting as your new Principal and classroom teacher at The Channon Public School and I would like to especially acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Mrs Cantrell provided to the school as Relieving Principal. Mrs Cantrell has been on sick leave this week and will return to school on Monday. Thank you to Miss Kylee for teaching the class this week.

I have been warmly welcomed into the community by the students, parents and staff. I was able to meet so many parents at the end of last term from interviews that were conducted. I do encourage parents to meet with me to discuss school matters, but do ask to either make a time by calling Mrs Luce, or contact me before or after school. I also handed out parent surveys at the end of the interviews for parents to complete. The surveys will provide the school with current data and will be used to plan for the future. If you have a survey to hand in, or if you were unable to make an interview and would like to complete a survey, please contact or see Mrs Luce. I ask that all surveys are handed back by next Wednesday.

There have been some changes made to the staffing structure of the school. My aim is to get to work with and know all students in the school. Firstly, I will be teaching in the 4/5/6 classroom for half a day every Monday and Friday, focussing mainly on aspects of Literacy. I will also teach 4/5/6 every Tuesday. Rena Woolbank will teach the 4/5/6 class around the times. Secondly, I will be teaching the 2/3 class each Wednesday from 10:25 until 1pm. I will be focussing on supporting the development of reading and writing. In addition I will be teaching music and the 2/3 students have already commenced recorder lessons. Next, I will be teaching the K/1 students every Thursday from 10:25 through until 1pm. Once again I will be working with the students to develop skills in reading and writing, as well as music and technology. Finally, I will be covering the STLA position while Susan Fryer is on leave. My aim is to listen to reading and assess numeracy across the school in order to develop Individual Learning Plans (IEP's for each student) so that I can support the teachers in continuing to move each student forward. I will work in this STLA position until Susan returns in week 8.

We had Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp visit the school today. Mehmet was the winner of the Muslim Role Model of the Year award in 2012. This award was in recognition of his work in Interfaith understanding. Mehmet spoke to the students, staff and attending parents around the theme 'Modern Australian Muslims. On behalf of The Channon Public School I would like to thank Mehmet for taking the time to make a presentation today. I would also like to thank Julie Wattus for organising the visit.

Stephen Manser
Principal

Monday 27th April Is A Normal School Day

There is no public holiday scheduled for this coming Monday. Some DEC schools, including The Channon Public School did inform parents of a public holiday in the final newsletter of term one due to calendars publishing this information. School will be running as normal on Monday.

Change Of Duties

Due to the reduction in students this year, staffing allocations have been reduced for SASS staff. From this term Mrs Luce will be working from Tuesday to Friday each week. Please ensure that on Monday's that all notes, and any changes to pick ups for this day are given to their class teacher or Mr Manser.

Please note that there will be no lunch orders on Monday's from next week.

The School Administration Officer position that Mrs Cameron was filling in on Friday's has finished we would like to thank her for dedicated work that she performed on these days and wish her all the best in the future.



School Assemblies

The Channon Public School formal assemblies will be held every even fortnight, starting on Friday of week 2. The assemblies will commence at 2:35pm and will be held in the undercover area. We have selected the 2:35pm time to enable parents to attend, as the assembly will run through until 3pm pick up time. Mr Manser will also contact parents in the days leading up to the assembly if their child is presenting an item or work to their peers. This will provide families with the opportunity to witness their child's special presentation by being in the audience.

After School Arrangements

The school is currently trialling a new system of an afternoon to ensure all students are picked up from school safely. A transport table has been drawn up on the whiteboard next to the steps at the undercover area. We ask that each student writes their name under the appropriate heading of how they will be getting home in the afternoon, e.g. car, 1st bus, 2nd bus, walking/bike. This provides the staff with daily up to date travel information for each and every student. Each student simply reports to the teacher before they walk to the car or bus etc. and their name is rubbed off the board. There should be no names left on the board after the 2nd bus departs. All students will remain at the undercover area until 3:30pm or in the 4/5/6 classroom if the weather is poor. Any remaining students after 3:30pm should be waiting only for the 2nd bus. If parents are running late for a car pick-up please inform the school of this. The students will be supervised in the computer room from 3:30pm onward and only access Mathletics, Reading Eggs or use the time to do homework. In addition, we also ask that any changes to pick-up arrangements be communicated to the school, sooner rather than later. If you are picking up

Cross Country

The whole school will be travelling to Corndale by bus next Thursday 30 April to participate in the Dunoon PSSA Cross Country. Students need to be in full school uniform wear covered footwear and school hat. There will be a canteen on the day. We will send out the canteen menu next term. The cost is \$5.60 per student. Thankyou to those parents who have returned permission notes. Please ensure that notes with money are returned to school by next Wednesday. If you are driving your child please indicate on note; if this is the case you do not have to pay for the bus.

School Jumpers

We have placed an order for more school jackets in Size 4 and Size 12 these will arrive in 2 weeks. These and others sizes are available to purchase from school at a cost of \$25.00 each.

From K/1

It has been a lovely and productive week, with K/1 catching up on all the holiday news, learning some new routines, and meeting our new Principal, Mr Manser.

As well as this we have been exploring a new unit: the world of mini-beasts (invertebrates). We have focussed on insects and spiders, learning all about exoskeletons, body parts and studying them in their environment.



Look at our beautiful lady beetles we made this week.

Don't they look great!

From 2/3

This term we will be doing homework every 2 weeks. This week's however, is due back on Friday 1st May. Each student is to complete only what they are able to. I try to send homework that is directly related to what is happening at school, so that your child can complete most, if not all of it independently, although they may need help with reading instructions, particularly on the spelling sheet. The personal spelling sheet has words that your child has used in their writing, as well as work from the core list. Hangman is a fun game that can help learn words.

It is an expectation that reading will happen every day. It's okay to read books, magazines, web pages etc instead of, or as well as home readers. Anything your child is excited to read is valuable. Reading as part of the bedtime routine is perfect.

I understand time is precious. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Carol Shipard

Class Teacher

Special ANZAC Day Service

We warmly invited all of families and community members to attend our Special ANZAC Day service to be held at The Channon Hall next Tuesday the 28th April commencing at 10am.



ANZAC DAY



Saturday 25th April

They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget

Leader's Report

This week Monday was a pupil free day for the teachers to organise and plan their classes.

The Year 6 students are away at Clunes Public School for Art SMART. We hope they had a great time!

Our new Principal Mr Manser has been in the 4/5/6 class getting to know us. He has also been teaching Music to the K-3 classes. In Art we have been learning how to draw realistic bubbles.

This Friday Mehmet Ozalp will be coming in to talk about Muslim Culture. We are aloud to ask questions.

Mrs Cantrell has been away this week so Ms Eleferiou has been teaching her class.

Have a nice weekend!

Malaika & Lily

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Saturday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Week 2

Tuesday 28th April

ANZAC Day Special Service at The Channon Hall commencing at 10am

Thursday 30th April

Cross Country

Week 3

Friday 8th May

Sticks and Stones Production

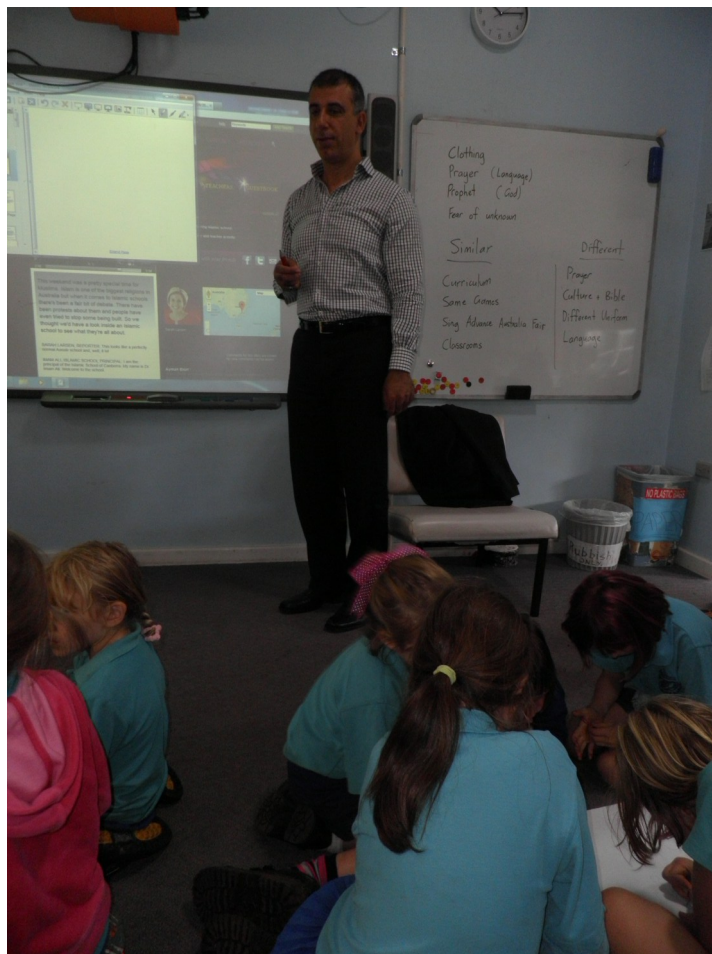
Grip Leadership Day

Mehmet Ozalp

Today we had a visit from Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp. Mehmet is visiting our area to be a part of the multi-faith 'Remembering and Healing' peace ceremonies that are being held in Lismore.

Mehmet's presentation was engaging and informative. One activity involved the students designing a poster that contained the outline of a person with a big heart on the chest. The students' were asked to write words inside the heart about the things in life that they value. Mehmet wrote a list on the board as the students read from their heart designs. He then addressed these values from the point of view of the Muslim culture. The students were able to then get a sense of the culture, realising that we share very similar values and perspectives. The students had some great questions and have really found the talk beneficial for their learning.

A 'Remembering and Healing' multi-faith and multicultural commemoration will be held this afternoon at 5pm, and will be held at the Lismore Uniting Church. This will also be held on Saturday at 11am, at the Lismore Peace Park. The two events are to remember all who have suffered through war. For any questions, please ph. 6688 6214.





THE CHANNON PUBLIC SCHOOL

WILL BE HOLDING A
SPECIAL ANZAC DAY SERVICE

AT THE CHANNON HALL

ON TUESDAY 28TH APRIL

COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

ALL FAMILIES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM