

FRIDAY 1st May 2015

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From the Principal

It has been another very busy week at The Channon Public School with our school hosting an ANZAC service on Tuesday and the combined schools' annual cross country at Corndale Public school on Thursday.

We have seen a big improvement in students departing school of an afternoon since the introduction of the new system where each student writes down their name underneath a means of transport. We also appreciate the fact that parents picking up students by car are arriving closer to 3pm rather than around the bus times. In addition, thank you everyone for communicating pick-up changes by phoning the school.

Last Friday I contacted all families that access the early and late bus service. I was contacted by the Department of Transport as well as Quinn's Bus Service early last week regarding planned changes to this service. The Department of Transport are concerned with the times in which this bus arrives and departs each day. There is a strong possibility that the Department of Transport will get Quinn's to run a separate service, changing arrival and departure times. I spoke to all families involved and any change will be welcomed and even though some families will need to adapt work/ study schedules they are willing to support the change when it occurs. I will send information home once I receive official confirmation. If you have any questions regarding this, please let me know.

I have been filled with pride this week. The students walked so well down to and back from the hall on Tuesday. I reminded them that as a school, we are always on public display and you never know who is watching. I had some really pleasing comments and phone calls this week from community members about how polite and sensible our students are. Well done.

I would like to also acknowledge all of the students at the ANZAC service on Tuesday. The performance of the song was spine tingling. Raphael's "Welcome to Country" address, Miriam's poem and Ayla's Ode was so well read and with their heads held high they took great pride and showed respect in their delivery. Talia and Rain were our MC's for the service and did a wonderful job, especially after being asked to do the job the day before. It was great to see about twenty parents and community members in attendance. I know that Cecil and Ken were moved by how well the students presented the service and how well all students behaved.

Congratulations to the students and parents who braved the miserable weather at the Corndale Cross Country. We were concerned earlier in the morning that it wouldn't go ahead, but we got through the day and although conditions were slippery we had no injuries. I would like to congratulate all of the participating students for going in their event and finishing. It didn't matter about what place they came, it was the look of relief and joy as they each crossed the finish line. Congratulations to Jeremy, Zara and Miriam on each placing 2nd in their age group. Djuan came 1st in his age group and came back with a shield and medal. I was standing at the finish line and these four students came past me. They were not even puffed, red in the face or tired. Perhaps we have some sports stars in the making!

We have another busy week ahead of us with soccer trials being held on Wednesday as well as GRIP Leadership and Sticks and Stones on Friday. Have a warm and dry weekend.

Stephen Manser

Cross Country

Yesterday the school participated in the Dunoon PSSA Cross Country at Corndale. We were very proud of all of students who participated in this event and gave their best on the day. A special mention to Djuan who came first in boys 8/9, Miriam who came second in 12years girls and Zara Bruce who came second in 8/9 girls. These students will be representing our school in The Northern Rivers Zone Cross Country Carnival at Corndale on Friday, 22nd May.



Stick and Stones Production

Next Friday students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will travel to Tullera Hall to attend the 'Sticks and Stones' Production which is an anti-bullying interactive play.

GRIP Leadership Conference

All year 6 students will be attending the Grip Leadership conference on Friday 8th May with Mr Manser. Parents will need to meet Mr Manser at the Clunes shop by 7.20am as the bus will be leaving at 7.30am. Students need to be in full school uniform bring morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. The bus is expected to return to the Clunes shop at 3.45pm. Any medication must be given to Mr Manser before boarding the bus. Mr Manser will phone the school at about 2pm and let everyone know of the estimated return time if different to the 3:45pm time.

ANZAC Service

On Tuesday the whole school went down to The Channon Hall to have our ANZAC ceremony. We decided to do something a bit special because of it being 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. Rain and Talia did a great job as emcees, as did Raphael in his 'Acknowledgement of Country'. Ayla Mae and Miriam presented very moving recitations of 'The Ode' and 'Flanders Fields'. The whole school sang "Spirit of the ANZAC" accompanied by Mr Manser on the guitar. It sounded wonderful. Mr Cecil Harris and Mr Ken Jolley, both ex-servicemen from the RSL, were honoured guests and gave moving and interesting speeches. After the service, they and members of the community stayed for Billy Tea and Anzac biscuits. Thank you so much to the parents, both past and present, who attended the ceremony and made it extra special for all of us!

From Mrs Cantrell

It's great to be back with the lovely K/1's. This week in Literacy we are learning about expositions, or persuasive writing. We started by discussing how we could persuade our parents to let us keep a strange and unusual pet, so if your child starts trying to talk you into buying an elephant, don't be surprised! We have been practising our numbers and are currently learning about time. It would be helpful if you could point out the time on any analogue or digital clocks you have, as well as alerting them to the duration and passing of time. "Are we there yet?"



Mr Manser is teaching us to play the recorder.

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Week 3

Wednesday 6th May

Soccer Trials at Dunoon for grade 5 and 6 students

Friday 8th May

Sticks and Stones Production

Grip Leadership Day

Week 4

Tuesday 12th May

NAPLAN —Language Conventions Years 3 & 5

NAPLAN—Writing Year 3 & 5

Wednesday 13th May

NAPLAN Reading—Year 3 & 5

Thursday 14th May

NAPLAN Numeracy—Year 3 & 5



Sports for Schools

At the end of term 1 I applied for “Sports for Schools” funding. This was once called “Active After School Sports”. I am happy to say that the application was successful and we have received \$2450 for the school to run the program as well as purchase sporting equipment. I would like to welcome any nominations for parents or community members to administer the program each week. All applicants need a current working with children’s check. Insurance would be covered through the school. We would require two adults to run and supervise each session. We are looking at running the program each Monday and Friday from 3:15 until 4:15pm. The same two people do not necessarily need to work both days. We are looking to commence the program as on Monday of week 4 (May 11, 2015). Further details will be in next Friday’s newsletter.

STUDENT AWARDS

K/1

Bella-

Working hard in Writing!

Jeremy-

Working hard in Addition!

2/3

Tajira-

Fabulous Fluency!

Beanie-

Writing Warrior!

Saskia-

Terrific Story Telling!

4/5/6

Raphael -

Great results across all areas of Spelling

Albie -

Extremely neat Handwriting and bookwork

Lily-

Great effort in Maths!

Bodhi-

Great Writing!

Child's Car Seat

A child's car seat has been left in the sickbay since last term. Please collect from school office if you own it. Thankyou

Soccer Trials

Students in Year 5 and 6 are able to tryout for the Soccer Knockout Competition teams for boys and girls to be held at Dunoon school next Wednesday 6 May from 1.30pm until 2.45pm. Successful students will participate in the combined small schools PSSA Soccer teams which will participate in a 'Round Robin' with other schools in the Lismore and surrounding districts. Transport is by private car. If you would like your child/ren to participate please fill out permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by next Tuesday 5 May.

Book Club

We will be starting Book Club again this term. If any families do not wish to receive the magazines please let Mr Manser know. Thank you.

Leaders Report

It has been a great week! We had our ANZAC day ceremony on Tuesday at the hall. Cecil Harris and Ken Jolly representing the RSL were our special guests. They talked to us about their war experiences. Yesterday we had cross country. It was very wet and cold but everyone did a good job and tried their best.

Have a great weekend!

Miriam & Ayla-Mae

Happy Birthday!

Ollie

08.05.15



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Movie Night

Friday 8th May

Yummy Food from 6pm

Family Movie at 6.30pm

Wine and nibbles for adults

Popcorn for kids

FUN FOR ALL

\$7 per child for popcorn & movie

Nibbles, food and drinks by donation

Booking appreciated by calling the preschool on 66886330.