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From Mr Manser

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, when I commenced the role as Principal at The Channon Public School, one of the first items that I had to address was our current staffing allocation. We have been running above establishment since the beginning of the year. As the Department of Education and Communities was unable to fill the position in term one, staffing allowed the three classrooms to continue operating.

When I entered the position I worked closely with my Director Peter Campbell and I was able to continue running three classrooms to maintain stability at a time of change.

Although we have three teachers including myself permanent at the school our numbers mean that we are only allowed to run two classrooms. At the beginning of term 3, we will have a K/2 class (lower division) and a 3/6 (upper division). Diana Cantrell will teach the lower division class and I will teach the upper division class for the remainder of the year. Carol will take on the Release from Face to Face (RFF) role and will also cover the lower division and upper division classrooms while Diana and I utilise the Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) role that our school is entitled to.

I am aware that other surrounding schools are also running above establishment with an extra permanent teacher on staff due to changes in their enrolments. I can assure you that any school in a similar position to ours is not running an extra class using their extra teacher. There will be times during each week where I utilise Carol to work with a large group of students within a separate classroom. An example of this could be Carol teaching Science and Technology to the year 3 and 4 (stage 2) students, while I teach HSIE to the Year 5/6 (stage 3) students. This however is just an example, as it may not be those particular Key Learning Areas.

I acknowledge that this is a significant change to our school structure, but I assure you any decisions made in relation to term three will be discussed with staff and I as Principal will communicate decisions and plans to the school community.

I have been in continual contact with Peter Campbell and various representatives from Staffing Services. You are never bothering me if you would like to call me and discuss school matters, and to indicate how much I want to support everyone at the school, here is my mobile phone number: 0401 035 291 and my email address: stephen.manser3@det.nsw.edu.au. I know that I have spent very little time at the school, but I am an honest person and if you ask, I will respond. If you would like to phone me or email me to discuss anything in relation to your child, the school or the changes that are occurring, please do, and if phoning me becomes a problem then I will let everyone know and we can look at an alternative means of communication.

Sincerely,

Stephen Manser
Principal

From the Principal

Well, what an amazing Semester! The students and teachers have worked so hard and we are finally at the end of an incredibly busy and stimulating term. On Wednesday Miss Rena's class cooked, sold and devoured some really delicious food. I know what I'm talking about as I got to eat some of it and, to be honest, I still feel full!! What a great experience for all the students in 4/5/6, so thank you, Miss Rena for once again making our students' learning so varied and engaging.



As you know, the staff changes mean Miss Rena won't be on class full time in the foreseeable future, but I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all the great teaching she's done over the past two terms. Miss Rena has assisted and facilitated the 4/5/6 class to be involved in some really impressive quality teaching. From learning circus skills through to cooking Russian teacakes, I can't think of any class I've ever met who have had such diverse learning opportunities, so I'm sure you will all join me in saying thanks for everything, Miss Rena!

On Thursday the whole school went to the Lismore Showground to take part in celebrating NAIDOC week. We all had a fascinating time and walked our legs off! What a wonderful event, and as usual our students were beautifully behaved. On Friday Mrs Shipard hosted a class party to which we were all invited. There was entertainment, party food and a very happy, end-of-term atmosphere.

Thanks again to the lovely parents and kids who came to fold more cranes on Tuesday afternoon, and thanks to Julie and her Mum who so patiently sewed the cranes into a really beautiful mobile. I've never known a community so quick to give their love and time. It really is a case of 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going!' The school is blessed to have such unstinting support.

So I'm happy to say that we are partied out and ready for a break. (Partying is hard work, you know!) So have a peaceful, relaxing and safe holiday and we will see you all, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready for another Semester packed with learning and fun, starting on Tuesday, 14th July.

Diana Cantrell

Relieving Principal

Leaders Report

On Thursday we went on a wonderful excursion to the Lismore Show Grounds, for NAIDOC Day. We learnt about blood pressure, we also went to see the reptile show and learnt about staying safe around reptiles. We had a great time trying out different activities and seeing what all the stalls were about.

This week has been a good end-of-term week. We have swapped classrooms for next term because we can't have three classes anymore. The 4/5/6's have been working hard on their individual projects which we will finish on Thursday. In the K/1 class they have been watching the 'Wizard of Oz' We have also been working on the paper crane mobile for Mr Manser's wife, Naomi.

We hope you all have AWESOME holidays. Have fun! We will see you back at school next term!!!!

Miriam



Here we are at NAIDOC Day at the Lismore Show Grounds

Happy Birthday!

Milly

16.06.15

Pania

27.06.15

Maude

13.07.15



School Reports

Semester 1 school reports were sent home yesterday with students. Students who were away have had their school reports posted today.

End of Term 2

We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who have come in and helped with reading and art activities this term. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by the students and staff of The Channon School. We would like to wish all of our students and their families a very safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Staff return on Monday 13th July and students return on Tuesday 14th July.

Change of Duty

Thankyou Mrs Shipard for your dedication to teaching 2/3 class this Semester. The students are very lucky to have such a wonderful teacher! Next term Mrs Shipard will be on the K/1/2 class first week back whilst Mrs Cantrell is on Long Service Leave. Mr Manser will be back on the 3/4/5/6 class.



The Channon Markets

Please find attached to this newsletter the final roster for The Channon Markets which will be held on Sunday 12th July. Please contact Brian Taylor if you need to make changes to your roster times or donations.

TERM 2 2015

The Channon Markets

Sunday 12th July

We are charity of the day

TERM 3 2015

Week 1

Monday 13th July

Staff Return

Tuesday 14th July

Students Return

Community Announcements



FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

A poster for 'Water Lab Wednesday'. It features a blue background with illustrations of science equipment like flasks and test tubes. Two children in lab coats and goggles are shown. The text reads: 'LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY? COME TO 'WATER LAB WEDNESDAY''. Below this, it lists the dates, time, and location. At the bottom, it says 'Water science experiments, investigations and games: www.watersciencelab.com.au'. A logo for 'WATER LAB Hands On H₂O' is in the bottom right corner.

LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY?

COME TO 'WATER LAB WEDNESDAY'

Dates: July 1st & 8th, 2015
Time: Opens 10am and closes at 3pm, last entry 2pm.
Where: Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre,
2101 Dunoon Rd, Dorroughby.
For children 5 to 14 years with a supervising adult.

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