

FRIDAY 5th June 2015

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From the Principal

There's always something satisfyingly symmetrical about a month and a season starting on a Monday. This week saw the beginning of winter, and it certainly made itself felt! Greg, our hard working cleaner, told me it was 2 degrees when he arrived at school on Tuesday morning. While I always love the cooler months, snuggling in front of a warm fire, I'm always mindful of those less fortunate who are sleeping rough.

The cold weather has brought with it the usual coughs and sneezes. We have quite a few jackets in lost property, so if you have a chilly child, check out our extensive clothing collection. I know it's hard for working parents, but if you are able to keep a sick child at home we really appreciate that.

Our chess champions went to the Big Scrub Chess Challenge at Modanville Public School on Thursday and had a great time challenging their brains in the amazing game of strategy, planning, thought and execution that is chess. Well done to The Channon Chess team!

A big thank you to Laila O'Keefe for coming in and making pinch pots with the K/1 class. They made some really beautiful pots which Laila is kindly going to glaze. What a great learning experience! If you would like to come in and conduct a lesson, please let us know. We love having our talented parents share their expertise!

Next Tuesday afternoon, at about 3.30, parents and students are invited to an origami crane-making session at school. The objective is to fold 500 beautiful cranes to send as a gesture of luck and love to Naomi. Thanks to Niccy Mockridge, Bronwyn McNulty, Dave and Heather Ellemor-Collins for this lovely suggestion. I'm usually defeated by the most basic origami, so I will be following instructions closely!!

Diana Cantrell
Relieving Principal

**Monday 8th June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday**

New Bus Service

Mrs Cantrell contacted the Department of Transport on Thursday to find out what is happening with the proposed new bus service. Mrs Cantrell was told that the whole bus service in this area and to the West is in the process of a huge overhaul. As you can imagine, it's a very large and difficult job involving a number of bus companies. Because of the complex nature of the operation, we will not see any changes to our current bus service for at least 6 months and possibly longer. We will keep you informed as soon as we know of any likely changes.

PSSA Soccer Knockout 2015

Next Wednesday 10 June a gala day will be held at Balzer Park Dunoon commencing at 9.20am. Students representing our school are Ayla-Mae Girls Team and Izaiah, Rain and Raphael in the Boys team. The cost is \$5.00 per player and will need to be taken on the day and given to their team managers Ryan Swift from Modanville or Terry Currie from Dunoon. All students must wear shin pads and soccer boots whilst playing their games. There will be a second practice next Tuesday 9th June at Dunoon School from 1.45pm until 2.45pm. Transport is by private car and notes went home two weeks ago.



Aladdin Production

The Aladdin Production will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th June. Tickets can be purchased from NORPA Box Office by phoning 1300066772.

The cost is \$18 Adult \$12 Concession/Children

Talia, Miriam, Malaika, Ayla-Mae, Bodhi, Djuan, Melody, Raphael, Izaiah, Indi, Zara, Mitchell, Elke Milaya and Tajira will be performing in this Production. Ms Rena said that rehearsals are going well and is very impressed with their hard work and kind and helpful manner towards each other. This is a major production for our local area and we wish the students all the best at these performances.

We thank Ms Rena for her endless hours of coordinating the circus element of the Aladdin production. A copy of rehearsal and show times for these students is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Ms Rena for any queries.



Naidoc Day Excursion

On Thursday the 25th June the whole school will be travelling to Lismore to attend the Naidoc Day Celebrations at the Lismore Show Ground. There will be a Welcome to Country, face paint, traditional games, arts and crafts information stalls, music dancing, a roving clown and much more. The school is subsidising this excursion so there is no cost to students. Travel is by bus. Please return permission note attached to this newsletter by Friday 19th June 2015. Please note there will be no supervision at school whilst on this excursion.

Major Excursion

This year students in year 4-6 will be going to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre from Monday 9th November until Friday 13th November 2015.

The cost is \$195.00 per student or \$300.00 per family. The school and The Channon P&C will subsidise this excursion which would normally cost \$303.45 excluding GST per student. The cost covers accommodation, food and all the activities. Transport will be by private car. We ask all families to make a \$15.00 deposit before the end of this term to secure a place for their child/ren. Please fill in the attached permission note and medical form and return to school with deposit by Friday 26th June 2015. A parent information pack is also attached.

Water Watch

Next Tuesday the 9th June students in the 4/5/6 class will be going to the creek with Barbara Jenson from Rous Water to do 'Water Watch'. Please send along gum boots for your child/ren children to wear.

Performing Arts Vocalists and Instrumentalist Auditions

Michael Coleman who is in charge of the Performing Arts has informed us that he will contact the school by first week back in term 3 to arrange a time to come to the school to listen to the auditions of those students who submitted forms for this category. We will inform parents and students when we hear from him.

Leaders Report

This week we have been learning to pass the ball to each other with a tennis racquet in a creative way. We have been doing this every morning for half an hour.

The Chess competition was held at Modanville on Thursday; Ayla-Mae, Tahlo, Robert, Aslan, Albie, Tumahn, Beanie and Bodhi went to represent our school. We hope they had a great time. Today Djuan and Zara will compete in the regionals Cross Country in Kempsey. We will be thinking of them and hope they do well!

The Aladdin students are practising hard and creating an outstanding performance. We hope you come to see it! Have a lovely weekend!

Talia and Miriam



Nits Again!!

We are having a problem with nits. I know they are a frequent part of school life, but PLEASE check your child's hair and take action if you find the little beggars! I have parents coming to me feeling very frustrated that they are spending money and time on what seems a losing battle. There ARE products out there that will kill them. Another effective way is to put conditioner in your child's hair and, using a fine-tooth comb, go through the hair and physically remove eggs and nits. Tying back your child's hair will help, too.

From Mrs Cantrell and K/1

Look at how hard these Kindy people are working at their writing! Also, in Numeracy, we have been working hard to learn how to subtract. We know that when you take away from a number, you make it smaller.



4/5/6 CLASS POEMS

Dark Pine Forests

Dark pine forest,
Wolves howling,
Full moon up in
the sky,
the light shines
through the dark dead trees.
Smell of pine and murky air.
Creepy shadows,
creep and lurk around me.
I try to find my way around.
No bright stars and no more moon,
No more light to guide my way.

By lily



Lightening Ridge

All is quiet, all is peaceful,
Road trains rumble by.
I hear the bubbling of the creek,
A splash from a fish, the reeds rustle in the
breeze.
It is peaceful,
Tomorrow is a big new day.
Working on my cotton farm,
Harvesting.
In the afternoon we will go fishing,
The joy of harvesting.
This year we will get a good
harvest.

By rain



Little Blue Quad And Motor Bike

Little blue quad bike number eight,
Running out of fuel all the time,
The front brakes work but the back ones don't,
So you go around the corner and go over the bars.
Little green motorbike number ten,
Running out of fuel all the time,
The front brakes don't work but the back ones do,
So you go around the corner
and crash.

By Mitchell Price



My Imaginary World

I am lying down on a grassy hill,
with the breeze blowing through my hair.
The sun has finally come out from behind the clouds,
the birds are chirping loud.
I hear the little trickle of water beside my ear,
I can smell the pollen from the daisies by the river,
I see a rainbow,
red, orange, yellow, green, blue,
colours are everywhere.
I slowly float up to the rainbow,
I touch it,
a bright shiver runs down my back,
just then it all stops,
I'm in my warm and snuggly bed.

By: Melody



STUDENT AWARDS

K/1

Pania-

Making such great pots with Laila!

Eloise-

Making such great pots with Laila!

Maude –

Making such great pots with Laila!

Jett–

Making such great pots with Laila!

Jeremy–

Making such great pots with Laila!

2/3!

Morgan -

Enthusiasm for Narrative Writing!

Max -

Breaking into Literary Genius!

Ollie -

Great effort ALL the time!

4/5/6

Talia-

Consistent Effort!

Tahlo-

Friendly and Kind to others!

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Week 8

Monday 8th June

Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Water Watch

PSSA Soccer Practice

Wednesday 10th June

Soccer Knockout Competition

Friday 12th June

Sports In School

Sunday 14th June

The Channon Markets

Week 9

Monday 15th June

Sports In School

Wednesday 17th June

Aladdin Production

Thursday 18th June

Dentist Clinic Kindergarten

Aladdin Production

Friday 18 June

Sports In School

Community Announcements

FREE HEARING TEST

NATIONAL HEARING CENTRE

LISMORE CENTRAL

PHONE 1800701457

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

NAIDOC DAY PROGRAM: FREE ENTRY

Thursday, 25 June

Lismore Showground, 10am to 2.30pm

Welcome to Country

Old Macdonald's Farm

Snake Man

Cultural activities including traditional games, arts and crafts

Roving clown

Face painting

Food stalls

Sausage sizzle

Tea and coffee

Information stalls

Aboriginal business displays

Talent showcase by local schools