

FRIDAY 19th June 2015

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From the Principal

As usual, the end of term approaches and life has a strange habit of speeding up. It's been such a busy term and there's still so much to do. On Thursday the school went by bus to see a matinee of Aladdin and we were so impressed! We arrived to see extraordinary, colourful creatures balancing on stilts, exotic creatures twirling hoola hoops and performing circus tricks, and funny characters zooming in and out on unicycles and guess what? Many were from our school! We were bursting with pride as we watched our wonderful, talented students performing on and off the stage. They are a credit to their parents and the hard work that Miss Rena has put into them. Thank you, Rena, for your amazing hard work and dedication! You truly went beyond the call of duty and we really appreciate it.

It has been an odd week with a large part of the school body away for Aladdin, as well as the coughing bug that went around the school. I'm not sure whether this warmer, yet wetter, weather is a help or a hindrance. It feels as if the seasons just can't decide what to do. The playground is covered with little red mounds of dirt as the ants try to let air into their vast underground nests, so of course everyone's shoes are covered in mud. For our hard working cleaner's sake we are trying hard not to track too much dirt inside, but it is difficult.

Next week is the final week of term 2. Reports will be sent home and the school will be heading off on an excursion to NAIDOC day at the Lismore Showground on Thursday 25th June. We are very excited, as we remember what a great day we had last year. Please remember to check for permission slips that need to be returned.

Diana Cantrell
Relieving Principal

From Mr Manser

Dear Parents,

I would like once again thank the parents and students for supporting me throughout this term. As you know it was never my intention to start as Principal and then take leave for seven weeks.

I would also like to thank Diana Cantrell for picking up the role of Relieving Principal at a minutes notice, and of course Carol, Rena, Pauline, Alan, Andrew and Greg for continuing to move the school forward this term. You all made my leave a lot easier to manage.

My wife Naomi's diagnoses of an aggressive form of lymphoma was a shock to us all as she simply went into Lismore Base Hospital with chest pains. It is unknown how long Naomi will be in hospital for up in Brisbane, but we do know that she will have six to eight rounds of chemotherapy. She has just finished her first round over a period of 42 days. Although the rounds may become shorter the road ahead is still a long one.

I have had long discussions with Naomi and together we agree that it is important that I return to The Channon Public School and resume as Principal as of term three. It will be difficult to leave Naomi's bedside as well as leave my baby daughter Piper in Brisbane, but they will both be in good care. Family, friends and colleagues away from school have told me to put family first, and I know that by returning to The Channon that I am doing just that.

I have decided that I only work 4 days a week though and I will travel back to Brisbane each Thursday after school until Naomi is better. This means that Carol will be on the upper division class each Friday. If the school is participating in a major event such as carnivals or excursions on a Friday then I will try and to attend these.

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. The reason for this was to see if our enrolments would increase over the term. As our numbers had not changed by the end of week five, I had to begin the process of gaining a nominated transfer from one of the two classroom teachers. As you are aware I made a decision as Principal and Carol Shipard's nomination was submitted. Carol will remain as a permanent teacher at The Channon Public School until she is transferred into a permanent teaching position when one is available. It is not known how long this may take.

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.

I have been in ongoing contact with staff from Human Resources within the DEC for many weeks trying to get questions answered and clarification on Carol and Rena's role. Staffing have advised me that as principal I am required to appoint Carol to extra positions first before hiring a casual teacher. This means that 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.

The change in staffing arrangements of course has had a carry on effect and unfortunately Rena Woolbank and Susan Fryer (STLA) will not have ongoing work next term. Both of these teachers have provided so much support to the school for many years and helped maintain stability. It is an unfortunate position to put these valued members of staff in and it will be sad to lose them, but once again, this is a direct effect from our change in student enrolments and the staffing allocation.

If you would like to discuss anything with me in relation to your child, the school or the changes that are occurring, I will be at school on Monday and I will make time to meet with you.

Stephen Manser

Principal

Naidoc Day Excursion

Next 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.

All students need to be in full school uniform wear covered footwear and school hat. They need to bring their recess, lunch and a water bottle. The bus will be leaving at 9.30am and return by 3pm.

Please return permission if you have not already done so by next Wednesday 24th June 2015.. Please note there will be no supervision at school whilst on this excursion.

The Channon Markets

As you know The Channon Markets was cancelled last week. We have been given a new charity of the day market. This will be held on Sunday 12th July 2015. If you are unable to do the roster nominated for last Sunday's market please contact Brian Taylor on 66886135. A final roster will put in next week's newsletter. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school in Term 3 on Thursday 23rd July 2015, (second week back), to run Health Education programs for all years. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

We encourage all students to attend these programs. The cost for the program is \$10.00 per student. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school with money by Friday 17th July 2015.



Audrey sharing with Bella the narrative books 2/3's have made.

STUDENT AWARDS

K/1

Jett-

Working well in Maths!

Pania-

Showing a great imagination!

Bella-

Working hard during Library craft!

Maude-

Being a kind friend!

Eloise-

Working well in Art!

Hunter-

Working well in Reading!

Jeremy-

Working well in Maths!

2/3!

Tumahn -

Author Award – ‘Fred the Walking Fish’!

Aslan-

Author Award – ‘The Castle’!

Ollie-

Author Award – ‘Stunt Snail Stan’!

Morgan -

Author Award - ‘Morgan’s Mad Motorbike’!

Robert -

Author Award - ‘Mr School Bag’s Day at School’!

Finn -

Author Award - ‘ Mr Funny Pants’ First day at School’!

STUDENT AWARDS

2/3

Ethan-

Author Award - ‘Ted the Poor Pirate’!

Milly -

Author Award - ‘Cheeky’s Morning’

Audrey-

Author Award - ‘Pink and Pinkie and the Icing Incident’!

Lillyana -

Author Award - ‘Dirty Pigs’

Jazmin -

Author Award - “ Lilly and Billy the Naughty Pig’!

4/5/6

Zara - Aladdin!

Indi - Aladdin!

Melody - Aladdin!

Bodhi - Aladdin!

Djuan - Aladdin!

Malaika - Aladdin!

Miriam - Aladdin!

Ayla-Mae - Aladdin!

Talia - Aladdin!

Raphael - Aladdin!

Mitchell - Aladdin!

Izaiah - Aladdin!

Tajira - Aladdin!

Milaya - Aladdin!

Elke - Aladdin!



Message from Mrs Shipard.

I have loved being a classroom teacher with these students, and every other child I have ever worked with, and on my last day as an official class teacher at The Channon, we have decided to celebrate how amazing our class has been. We are having a party, and you're invited to attend.

The 2/3 students planned all of it themselves, as part of a party challenge. They have made sustainable party poppers to use (Maths), hats and decorations (Art) and will be using maths and science on the day to make fairy bread and popcorn. If you can pop in for five minutes, or the whole time, please do.

Date: Friday, 26th June

What's happening: 11.30am: Movie 'Paper Planes' followed by paper plane making and throwing.

1.00 pm: Feast. 2/3's are making fairy bread and popcorn for everyone.

Could each family please provide bring something scrumptious to share?

Each child will still need their basic lunch and this will be extra, so no need for snacks.

Playtime will be as usual.

1.40pm: Jokes and magic tricks to be shared in the 2/3 room. Please bring your own!

Dress: Pyjamas or mufti. (your child can wear this, or bring it and change at lunch.)



TERM 2 2015

Week 10

Monday 22nd June

Sports in School

Thursday 25th June

NAIDOC Day

Friday 26th June

Sports In School

Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3 2015

Week 1

Monday 13th July

Staff Return

Tuesday 14th July

Students Return

Leaders Report

This week we have had Aladdin so lots of students have been away. On Thursday the whole school went to see this show. The 4/5/6 class have been working on an individual project. I'm sure your children will tell you. The whole school is entering an art competition designing a way to get to school if you didn't have transport. We hope you have a great weekend and all enjoyed Aladdin!

Lily

Public Oral Health Program for Kindergarten Children

Wendy Green from the Northern NSW Local Health District, Oral Health Services visited our school to give an educational talk to K/1 and a free clinical assessment for Kindergarten children. Parent please check your child's bag today for the assessment done on your child's teeth today.



Happy Birthday!

Izaiah

25.06.15

Pania

27.06.15



Aladdin Production: THANK YOU!

The Channon Public school involvement in the Aladdin Production was highly successful. All students were a credit to their school and their community. Students were from years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 their behaviour was excellent and their amazing performance skills were outstanding. It was a fabulous experience for all of the students. Thank you to all the students for all your hard work. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who supported their children to be part of this production without your support it would not be possible. And another huge thank you for all the support which the parents have shown to me.

Ms Rena



My Experience at Aladdin.

Before the first show out the front I was very nervous. When I did it I sounded absolutely terrible. I got a lot better in the other 5 long shows. In the dressing room it was fairly boring. I made a few new friends. All in all it was very fun.

By Mitchell



The Open Door

Your bedroom door, ajar,
An open door will lead you away,
So you push, it swings,
Freeing your way to the path of happiness,
Opening the door to a gate of freedom.
You walk through, leaving the familiar smell of your house behind you,
Looking to see what stands in front of you.

A meadow of sand,
A pool of crystal, stretching to the horizon,
where the silhouettes of gulls fly, screeching softly away across the vast
lake,
where the sun is slowly setting, sliding down through the dyed peach sky,
glowing golden on the glassy infinite sea.

The waves don't clash or smash on the sand, making an impression of a bashing
drum.

They don't sore or run on the shore, like a galloping horse in the waves.
all is still.

Deafening silence surrounds you.

You sit for a long while in the squeaking sand.
Then the temptation overwhelms you,
The ocean has put a spell on you, that is only broken with satisfaction.

Diving through the air,
Cutting through the water.
Bubbles tickle your toes.
You are sopping, but all is safe.
The water is warm and silky,
it refreshes you after what seems like a year in a day.

But now darkness falls,
Coldness is closing in.
Splashing out you slip,
Driftwood catches the slow current, long forgotten,
waiting for the next ride back to the shore.

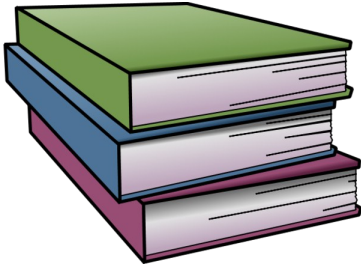
You turn away from the beautiful place too the open door,
Walking through, you smell the familiar scent of home,
There is your bed, you slump down onto the soft silky blankets, but you fall,
plummeting down, just waiting to land.

All of a sudden your warm and dry, and awake,
and there is your bedroom door, but outside not a beach is to be seen,
you fall back to sleep, waiting for the next open door!

By Miriam

THE ALADDIN PRODUCTION





The Book Sale

The Book Sale will continue on Monday, 23rd June from 3-4pm in the Library , after which all books will be donated to Charity.