

THURSDAY 30th, July, 2015.

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From The Principal

It has been another productive week at school. The students have been working extremely hard in class and enjoying participating in creative games in the playground. I am impressed how well mannered and polite the students are. Even when a mate falls over, classmates ensure that their friend is alright!

We had three new students commence school this week. We welcome Charlotte, Tameeka and Tahj back to The Channon. Just another wonderful family to add to an amazing school.

We had our monthly P&C meeting on Wednesday afternoon. I strongly encourage more parents and community members to attend these meetings as well as support fundraising initiatives and events that are held. The P&C work closely with the school to support programs and initiatives. I would like to thank those parents that volunteered their time at The Channon Markets. All money raised goes back into the school for the students. I would also like to thank the P&C for providing financial support towards our music program.

On Thursday, the school hosted the Teaching Principals' Day. We had 13 Principals visit and future initiatives were discussed. Michael Coleman from Eureka also took the opportunity to view student auditions for the Performing Arts Festival (PAF). I would like to thank Scott and Sarah Osborne for providing a very delicious lunch for the Principal's and staff on Thursday. The next few weeks are very busy. On Monday afternoon we will continue rehearsals for our PAF item. The PAF will be held in week 7 with the students performing on Wednesday Night, 26 August, and again at a Matinee on Thursday, 27 August.

The students in grades 4/6 will be attending the Writer's Festival in Lismore on Tuesday. All notes and money must be brought in. This will be a fantastic event. Students attending must be at school by 8:40am as the bus will be picking students up at 8:50am.

All students will be attending the athletics carnival at Dunoon on Wednesday. Notes have been sent home. Information regarding your child's/ren's events are included on the note. Have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends.

Stephen Manser
Principal

Dunoon PSSA Athletics Carnival

The Dunoon PSSA Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow at Riverview Park. The whole school will be attending the athletics carnival. Students need to be at school by 9am. There will be no supervision at school whilst at the carnival. A canteen will be available on the day or children will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks. Parents please ensure your child has a water bottle as there is no bubblers at the grounds.

Students need to be in full school uniform, wear covered footwear and school hat. Parents who are driving and wish take their child/ren home early please let a teacher know prior to leaving. Please find a program and canteen menu attached to this newsletter.

Byron Bay Writers Festival

Next Tuesday, 4 August, students in years 4-6 will travel by bus to attend the Byron Bay Writers Festival at the Lismore City Hall. The authors' this year are Andy Griffiths the acclaimed Australian author who has written more than 25 books and Terry Denton who has illustrated award winning books such as 'The Paw'. The session runs from 9.30am until 11.30am. Students need to be at school by 8.40am as the bus will be leaving at 8.50am. Students need to be in full school uniform and wear covered footwear.

Dunoon PSSA Field Events

Next Wednesday the field events for the Dunoon PSSA Athletics carnival will be held at Dunoon Public School. As the whole school is now attending this event we will be providing a bus at no charge to students. Parents are still able to transport their child/ren to this event if they wish. The bus will be leaving by 9am. Parents driving please meet Mrs Shipard at Dunoon by 9.20am.

Notes, programs and canteen menu were sent home on Tuesday. Please note that there is no supervision at school whilst at this event.

Bookclub

We are starting Book Club again from this term. If anyone would like to order please return orders with money to school by Thursday, 6 August 2015. Book club went home on Wednesday.

Library

There will be no Library tomorrow as we have the athletics carnival on. Children can bring their books in early next week to change.

Senior Science: Recount “Splitting the Atom”

Today we have been talking about nuclear power and splitting atoms. We made up an experiment so we could see the action it would make if we could split an atom, or create fission.

First we used tennis balls to create the effect by having a group of tennis balls on the ground (lino) and dropping one tennis ball from a height to try and break the group apart.

After this we had to figure out how we could do the same type of thing with eggs.

We needed to make sure the egg we dropped would not miss the egg on the ground so we decided to use a long cardboard tube to drop the egg through.

The 3/4/5/6 class walked out to the tennis court. We got our eggs and traced around them on paper to show how big the egg was before it was cracked. Then Ayla and I dropped the egg through the tube. It took two drops to crack ours but after the second drop...SPLAT!

Ayla and I chucked the egg away in the bush (I just hope it doesn't smell when we play soccer on the tennis court.)

The experiment worked out well. We have now learnt what fission is. It was quite disgusting though. I liked it because it was funny!

Miriam

In the morning my class watched two videos about nuclear energy then we went out to the back of the tennis court to do the experiment.

Thirdly we dropped an egg onto another egg and we saw how much movement is created.

Finally we cleaned up and went back to class.

I felt good about it.

Pierce

Performing Arts Festival

This year PAF is taking place in week 7. Your child will be bringing home a personal note today to guide you with their costume requirements.

No shoes will be worn during the performance.

T-shirts can be turned inside out so prints do not show.

Koalas: grey pants and shirt (any shades.)

Tree (circus or band/choir): green clothes (any shades.)

Woodchoppers: baseball style cap, jeans (preferably blue) and a checked flannelette shirt.

Children: bushwalking clothes (preferably bright patterned fabrics.) Please avoid shirts with product logos, and green and grey.

Please let us know if you have trouble sourcing these, so we can find a solution. Once you have collected the costume items, please send them to school in a named pillow case.

Leader's Report

This week we have had the PSSA athletics carnival. Congratulations to those who got a ribbon and most importantly to those people who tried their best. Overall it was a very fun day!

We also had about thirteen Principals come to our school to learn about what we do at our school.

Lately we have invested in a lot of music gear like marimbas and guitars. Next week 4/5/6 will be going to the Writers Festival.

Raphael & Izaiah



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Week 4

Tuesday 4th August

Byron Bay Writers Festival

Wednesday 5th August

Dunoon PSSA Field Events

Thursday 6th August

Small Schools Choir Rehearsal

Book Club Due

Week 5

Friday 14th August

Zone Athletics Carnival



TEAMS DAY

This year Teams Day will be held on Friday, 4 July, 2015. This is a major fundraiser for The Channon P&C and we need all families to help in some way; whether doing a roster or donating goods. Please fill in the Roster attached to this newsletter and return to school by Friday, 14 August, 2015. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parenting by Connection

This is a free six-week program that gives parents the tools they need to strengthen their relationships with their children.

It will assist parents to:

- meet other parents
- learn ways to help manage emotions such as anger/frustration
- strengthen relationships with their children, creating a longer lasting bond
- gain new ideas on managing their children's tricky behaviour
- increase play and fun activities with their children
- reduce stress from parenting

**Fridays - 10:00am – 1:00pm
7th August - 11th September**

**Venue: Interrelate
5 Market st
Lismore**

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