

Newsletter



The Channon Public School



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I would like to welcome the students back to a brand new year, especially our four kindergarten students Jai, Felix, Koen and Elwood. I would also like to welcome some new students who have chosen to further their education and schooling at The Channon Public School including Jamilla (year 1), Kaj (Year 4) and Rahlegha (Year 4).

We also welcome back Mrs Luce, Mr Cameron, Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Shipard and Rena. Our dedicated staff enjoyed a well-earned holiday after a very busy 2015.

This term we welcome two new staff members including Mrs Kirsty Langdon who will work with the year 5/6 students each Tuesday morning and target the areas of writing, grammar and science. We also welcome Mr Doug Andrews who is a Student Learning and Support Officer. Mr Andrews will work at the school a few hours each day and support student transition and social development.

I am excited to commence a brand new year at The Channon Public School and I hope that 2016 is a very special year for everyone.

Stephen Manser - Principal



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Swimming Carnival Alstonville Pool	Life Education Van 'Healthy Harold'		Janelle Jeffery School Counsellor Visit
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Student Leaders Report

This week has been a very relaxing first week. We would like to welcome all of our new students and we hope that they have had a fun start. We have been very lucky to have a new teacher working on a Tuesday. Mrs Langdon teaches science to year 5/6. We have already started a science experiment.

We have a busy week next week with the Dunoon District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. We also have the Life Education Van visiting on Wednesday and running three sessions for K/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. Don't forget to bring in your permission notes.

We hope that you have a great weekend.



2015 Surf School

Our year 6 students of 2015 attended a surf school in Byron Bay at the end of last year. Ayla-Mae, Miriam, Talia, Izaiah and Mitchell were joined by year 6 students from Caniaba, Larnook and Eltham Public Schools'.

The weather provided great surf conditions and the instructors provided the students with some safety instructions and techniques before the students entered the water. The students worked with a partner for all activities.

The students were given opportunities to use a surf and boogie board on many occasions to refine their skills.

The program was extremely well organized and run. Thanks to Scott and Sarah for providing transport.



Sun Safety

The students have been reminded every morning about the importance of wearing a suitable sun safe hat. Some students have returned to school this year with no hat, or wearing a baseball cap.

A sun safe blue hat is part of our school uniform and will provide far more protection from the summer sun than a baseball cap will.

School sun safe hats are available to purchase for just \$4.00 from the office.

We encourage parents to send their child/ren to school with adequate sun protection to ensure their safety from the sun's elements.



Dunoon PSSA Swimming Carnival

The Dunoon PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday, 9 February, at the Alstonville Swimming Pool commencing at 10am. The cost for the bus and entry is \$9.40 per student. If parents wish to drive the cost for entry is \$3.50 per person to be paid as you enter the pool. Students need to be at school by 9am. There will be a canteen available, or children should bring morning tea, a water bottle and lunch.

Students from 8 years of age who can competently swim 25m are eligible to compete. Events include Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and relays. All K/1/2 students will remain at school with Mrs Cantrell and Mrs Shipard will be working with those students in 3/6 not attending the carnival but coming to school instead.

Please let Mr Manser know if you are taking your child prior to the end of the carnival which will conclude at around 2.00pm. Please return permission note to school with money by tomorrow, Friday, 5 February, 2016 if your child/children are competing. Notes went home last week. All students participating need to wear swimmers and sunscreen. A rash shirt and goggles are advisable. They will need a change of clothes and towel. A program of events is attached to this newsletter.

Life Education Van



The Life Education Van will be visiting our school next Wednesday, 10 February 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 attached permission note and return to school with money by Tuesday, 9 February, 2016.

Voluntary Contribution

This year the cost for this is \$30 single student or \$45.00 per family. These funds are used to help buy text books, pens, pencils and other stationery items for your children.

Change of Newsletter

The Newsletter will now be sent home each Thursday instead of Friday. Permission notes are printed on blue paper that needs to be returned to school.

From Mrs Cantrell

It's great to see all our new shining faces in K/1/2! Everyone is already working hard, especially our new Kindies. School is so different to pre-school and I'm sure they're all going home pretty tuckered out! For the next couple of weeks we are learning about recounts. We're reading 'Wombat Stew' and recalling all the 'ingredients' those cunning animals put in the stew. We're also learning a chant called 'Alligator Stew'. You've probably heard it quite a lot by now. We are looking at 'Families and Personal Histories' in HSIE, and we're about to start studying our senses as part of our Science unit, 'Staying Alive'. I will start to send homework home at the end of the week. If you would prefer your child not to have homework, please let me know.

Walk Around the Village 2016 and Change of Student Details

From time to time students will have school activities where they will need to walk to The Channon Oval, Preschool and Hall throughout the year. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by next week.

If your family details have changed, please fill in the note attached to this newsletter and return to school by next Friday, 12 February, 2016.

School Uniforms

- Our school shirts are available at a cost of \$15.00 each.
- Year 6 shirts at a cost of \$20.00 each.
- Broad brimmed hats are sold for \$8.00 each.
- School jackets cost \$25.00 each.
- Please enquire at the office if you would like to purchase any items.

Technology and Human Society and It's Culture

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will be doing a project called 'Family and Personal Histories'. As part of this project they will need to bring in photos of themselves at different times of their life. It would be great if they could bring in 10 photos, either digital or hard copy.

Environmental Science with Rena

Rena will be teaching the students about Environmental Science every Thursday. As the students will be working outdoors and mainly in the garden areas, could you please send your child/ren to school with an old pair of shoes to garden in. The K/1/2 class will have their lessons in the morning so the K/1/2 students could wear their gardening shoes to school and then change into their good shoes once finished. This is to try and reduce the amount of mud brought in onto the carpets.