

Newsletter



The Channon Public School



THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016.

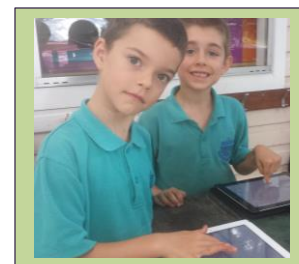
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This week I was invited to attend the Principal Induction Conference in Sydney. I was one of 170 Principals across NSW who attended the conference. The focus of the three day conference was to provide principals with current information around Department of Education (DoE) Reforms as well as workshops about the management of schools. I was able to work with a group of experienced principals and departmental officers to review and refine The Channon Public School's "Strategic Directions" from 2015 and establish a school vision for 2016 to 2018 that include:

- Enhancing the quality of student learning and engagement;
- Fostering quality teaching and leadership; and
- Building strategic community learning partnerships.

The DoE reforms support and guide all stake holders with the tools to improve practice for greater impact. Adopting new initiatives and adapting to change is not about taking risks, it's about being innovative to improve student outcomes. As stated above, the third strategic direction for our school is about building community partnerships. Next week all families will receive information about future initiatives about providing parents with opportunities to work closer with the school and be a part of the decision making process, so together we can promote positive contributions for all.

Stephen Manser – Principal



2016 P&C AGM

Wednesday, 9th
March

The Channon School
Starting at 3:45pm

All Welcome

Calendar - There are no extra curricular activities or meetings in week 5 (next week)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week6			K/1/2 Excursion 3/4/5/6 Excursion AGM P&C – 3:45pm		

Macadamia Castle K/1/2 Excursion

On Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, the K/1/2 class will be travelling by bus to the Macadamia Castle. The students need to be at school by 8.50am as the bus will be leaving at 9am. This will be a wonderful day for the students where they will meet all the animals, be able to participate in rabbit petting and be provided with two bags of food each to feed the animals as well as get to go on the train ride. The school is subsidising this excursion from \$34.00 to now \$15.00 per student.

Notes went home last week.

Minjunbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre & Margaret Olley Art Exhibition 3/4/5/6 Excursion

On Wednesday, 9 March, 2016; the students in 3/4/5/6 will travel to the Minjunbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Murwillumbah. Our students will be given a guided tour by an Indigenous guide of the centre with a focus on Aboriginal culture and the influence of British settlement on the Indigenous way of life.

The students will then go the Tweed Heads Art Centre to view the Margaret Olley Exhibition. All travel will be by bus. The cost has now been reduced from \$25.70 to \$15.00 per student which covers part cost of bus, entrance and guided tour of the Minjunbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

The bus will return to school by 3pm. Please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return it to school with the money by Friday, 4 March, 2016.



Exploring the element of tension during Drama!

From Mrs Shipard

In Science this term, Grade Three and Four are examining Earth and Space.

We will be exploring our solar system, and looking at both natural and human impact on environment. We will be delving into how technological and scientific discoveries help us understand and solve problems that face modern society.

We have created a miniature eco-system in our room (fish tank terrarium), and yesterday, it looked like Utopia. A city has sprung up behind it this morning, and I have a dreadful premonition that something is about to go awfully wrong.

Ask your child about the ongoing saga over the next few weeks!



If anyone could donate clean styrene meat trays for Art lessons, we would greatly appreciate it.

Carol Shipard

Class Teacher

Library

Library is now on each Friday. Please ensure that books are returned on this day. Students are able to borrow 2 books at a time.



Assembly Awards

The following students will be receiving awards at tomorrow's school assembly at 9am. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

K/1/2

Jamilla Cox- *Settling well into her new school!.*

Jeremy Ellemor-Collins- *Being helpful with the Kinders!*

Hunter Smith- *Being helpful with the Kinders!*

3/4

Lillyana Smith – *Demonstrating perseverance during maths.*

Milaya McKenzie – *Wonderful scientific research skills.*

Tajira Taylor – *Striving for accuracy in Maths.*

5/6

Bodhi McKenzie – *Putting more time and effort into his written work which has increased his depth of understanding*

Sofia Alfonso – *Demonstrated improvement in mathematics, especially in addition and subtraction*

Pierce Singer – *Demonstrating enthusiasm and speed when participating in Maths times-tables challenges.*

Leaders Report

This week we have been learning how to play 'Zombie' by the Cranberries on the guitar whilst other students are learning to sing this song.

Later in the term the Year 6 class are going to "Art Smart" and we cannot wait, because last year the year students told us how good it was.

We have been learning about the colonisation of Australia with Mr Manser. We have learnt about other explorers such as the Dutch and Chinese who explored the coastlines well before the British.

Today the Zone Swimming Carnival was held; good luck to all students participating!

In a few weeks we have the P&C Meeting, so don't forget to come!

Charolette, Malaika & Rain

Sun Safe Hats

Last week a number of students were given a new school hat. Each student has their name both on and inside the hat. This hat is to be kept at school and each afternoon the students will leave their hat on their chair in the classroom. The hats can be worn outside of school during excursions, but not taken home. If your child/ren currently own a hat, if required in the future they will also be given a hat. This means all students will be provided with a hat to wear at some stage.

Any lost hats will not be replaced at the expense of the school and parents will be expected to purchase a replacement. This initiative supports all students and families as well as provides sun safety for all students.

3/6 Homework

Mr Manser's homework program will commence next week and run for the duration of the year. Homework will be relevant and distributed each Wednesday unless major disruptions occur such as excursions. Mr Manser asks that homework be returned by the following Tuesday.



School and Community Announcements

The Channon Children Centre's FUN-Raising

TRIVIAL NIGHT

Much more than just trivia! This is a night of hilarity, games, a little brain athletics and lots of fun community spirit!!!

On Saturday 12th March

At The Channon Hall

6pm

\$15 per person, includes a light 2 course dinner

8 to a table

Child-free event. Limited child minding is available on the night by pre-booking.

Phone 66886330 for more info.

Bar and dessert available.

Tickets at The Channon Shop.

Hello,

The Channon Hall is about to become the focus for a major artwork. Whether The Channon Hall is one from your past or the hall down the road, you are invited to Show & Tell to share your stories, objects and memorabilia of the hall.

Visual artist Craig Walsh will be working with your community to create a work inspired by the stories and people of the Channon Hall and its surrounds.

Walsh is renowned internationally for his site-responsive public art works, particularly his video projections onto landscapes and buildings.

Craig will be joining Show & Tell to tell you a bit about who he is, his work and any ideas he has for the project.

There will also be a BBQ and some tunes throughout the day.

WHEN: Sunday 6 March 2016

SHOW & TELL: 11 - 2 pm

WHERE: The Channon Hall

BRING: stories, news clippings, photographs, objects or anything that tells the story of The Channon Hall.

Hope to see you there

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