

Newsletter



The Channon Public School



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On Monday the year 3/4 students provided the students and staff with a taste of the world as a celebration of Harmony Day. Thank you to all families that baked, prepared and brought food in. The year 5/6 students set up some world games on the oval after lunch. The students attempted all seven activities in groups and they had a lot of fun. Harmony Day is held every year. It coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. I believe that we should recognise and respect all cultures each and every day. Thank you to Mrs. Shipard and the 3/6 students for preparing, organising and presenting Harmony Day activities on Monday.

P&C MEETING

Wednesday, 30th March

The Channon School

Starting at 3:45pm

All Welcome



On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. Students and staff return on Tuesday, 29 March, 2016.

Stephen Manser - Principal



Week9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Easter Monday	ArtSmart	ArtSmart P&C – 3:45pm	ArtSmart	Bunnings Buddy Bench

Application for High School 2017

'Moving Into Year 7' Application Forms were sent home four weeks ago with students in Year 6. Thank you to those families who have already returned these forms. Please return them to school at your earliest convenience. If you have any queries please contact Mr Manser at school.

ArtSmart

The ArtSmart visual art student workshops for 2016 will be held at Clunes Public School from next Tuesday, 29 March until Thursday 31 March, 2016. This workshop is run by Jamie Hoile.

The program will commence at 8.45am until 3.00pm. Each day parents will need to transport their child to and from this event. Our students will need to wear comfortable clothing, covered footwear and a hat. They need to have recess, lunch and must have a water bottle. If you have any queries please contact Jamie Hoile on 66291278.

Harmony Day



We had a delicious luncheon on Harmony Day and we had fun playing our international Games!

Thank you to all the families who contributed.

Leaders Report

This week has been a very fun week. On Monday we had Harmony Day, lots of people brought yummy food. The food was from different countries and we played games and activities from different countries too.

Today we had the Easter Hat Parade. There were lots of good hats. We have the long weekend. On Tuesday we have the first day of ArtSmart, which will run until Thursday. Have a Happy Easter.

Lily and Tameeka



The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that The Channon Public School, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Thursday, 31st March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Bunnings - Buddy Bench

Bunnings Lismore will be visiting our school next Friday to install a Buddy Bench.

The "Buddy Bench" is a great initiative for our school and works in developing social skills and building friendships. Its aim is to strengthen relationships with the students and will provide a space for those children who feel a little lost at times and need some extra help to find a friend at recess and lunch.

The "Buddy Bench" will be placed where students can easily see it and join a buddy for a friendly chat.

Week 7 Award Recipients

Congratulations Kaj, Tumahn, Morgan, Sofia
Manu and Bella



Milaya prepared and presented a well written report at last week's assembly.

From The P&C

The three items to plan before and be discussed at the next meeting are:

- A new uniform: (transitioned over the next 12 months) possibly through the following company <http://www.changethreads.com.au/about/our-story/>
- Major Excursion for 2016
- Planning and preparing the new sand pit.

If you would like to contribute to the planning and decision making about the three items above, you are welcome to attend the next P&C Meeting on Wednesday, 30 March, 2016. This will be the final meeting for the term.

Welcome Morning Tea

The Welcome to new families has been postponed to a later date. The P&C will discuss a new date for this event and invitations will be sent out. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Aboriginal

Budyeri kamaru! I am a Gadigal Aboriginal man.

One of my biggest jobs is making my gunyan which is a shelters out of bark and tree branches. I eat a wide range of plants and animals, insects and certain ants, grubs and beetles, fish and eels.

I remember when the white ghosts came. It was pretty scary. At first I didn't understand it. But then my mother told me what they are, men with white skin.

I remember when the white ghosts came near our tribe's hunting area. They spotted my grandfather. They chained him up and took him somewhere. We tried to free him but we just lost more of us because some of us were shot and some of us were captured.

The white ghosts came in the biggest canoes I had ever seen I have no idea how they make them.

The white ghosts brought a weird disease with them. They called it the small pox. It killed all of my tribe except 3 of us and I was one of the survivors.

Life isn't the best right now because I'm living with the white ghosts and most of my tribe is dead.

Some white ghosts are pretty silly they are scared of eating fruit and vegetables.

My master is pretty nice good to me. He sometimes takes me fishing or takes me on boat rides.

I hope that in the future I can still become a warrior.

Tahj



Convict

In England I became a convict because I stole a loaf of bread for my family. I got caught and had to sit in a prison boat for a year.

I had to go to New South Wales after that. On the way there I got scurvy because I didn't have enough fresh fruit. When we got to Sydney Cove, lots of convicts had died. Now I am in New South Wales, things are much better. I work for a farmer helping him grow crops. He doesn't give me money but I get meat and flour and a bit of salt to eat. I would like my own farm one day and I will breed horses to sell and cows for milk.

Ollie

The Easter hat Parade

Today we held our Annual Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to all the families, preschoolers and their teachers for attending. It was wonderful to see the bright and colourful hats that the children made. Everyone enjoyed the parade! Thank you to those parents who contributed to the morning tea.





Easter Hat Parade

We had so much fun marching in the Parade today!

