

Newsletter



The Channon Public School



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I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter and a relaxing long weekend.

This week we had four students attend the ArtSmart workshops at Clunes Public School with Jamie Hoile. The final workshop was held today and the students all stated that it was a great experience and they really enjoyed it. We look forward to seeing some of the artworks tomorrow when the students return to school.

Today seven students attended the PSSA Football Knockouts in Lismore in an attempt to be selected for the Northern Rivers Teams. Football is a very popular sport at our school and this will be an opportunity for these six students to display and improve their skills while having fun and meeting students from other schools. Thank you to the parents who were able to transport the students to and from Lismore. We wish these students the very best.

The April meeting for the P&C was held on Wednesday afternoon and once again we had a very strong turnout. There were quite a few items on the agenda and I would like to credit Laila (President) for keeping the meeting flowing in order to get through these items. Further information about these agenda items are within this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to once again thank the students, parents and staff for supporting my family and I. This Sunday will mark 11 months since my wife Naomi was admitted to hospital. Naomi still remains in Brisbane and is currently being cared for at the Leukemia Foundation. She attends regular visits to the hospital for blood tests and treatment. Naomi has endured nine rounds of chemotherapy, emergency surgery and a stem cell transplant. We hope that Naomi will be well enough to return home soon. Naomi was filmed in November of 2015 as part of the series 'Keeping Australia Alive' on the ABC. If you are interested in hearing about part of Naomi's journey you can watch it on ABC iView at <http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/keeping-australia-alive-extras/DC1502H001S00> and click on the Mater Chemo Ward.

Stephen Manser - Principal

Reminder: Daylight saving ends this Sunday so turn your clocks back one hour. Enjoy the sleep in!

Week 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					Last day of Term Out of Uniform Day

School Sandpit

A new sandpit will be created in our school play area over the next month. The positioning of the sandpit has been discussed over the last three weeks. This sandpit is for the students and will replace the one that was removed due to lack of shade at the end of last year. The new sandpit will be installed on the top side of the retaining wall on the southern side of the large mango tree. This area receives full natural shade all day which will mean we will not need to install shade sails. Neva's dad Corey, and Andrew Shepherd, have been able to view the site and price materials. If you are able to help prepare and install the sandpit, please contact me prior to the holidays. We will also planning to paint or place a mural on the sandpit wall to make it bright, fun and exciting.



Leaders Report

This week has been a shorter week due to the long weekend. Last week we had the Easter Hat Parade and this event was a lot of fun. The hats were all very amazing and creative. The winners of the hat prizes were Cooper from Preschool, Jai, Jeremy, Lillyana and Rain.

On Friday we are getting a Buddy Bench which is sponsored by Bunnings. The Buddy Bench will help the students who may be feeling lonely to wait for a friend to join them. They can have a sit down and some of the older students can come and help them out and involve them in a game or just have a chat.

Have a lovely weekend!

Zara and Melody

Happy Birthday

Felix Browne 1/4/16

From Mrs Cantrell

This week we have been learning about how to collect data and make bar graphs. We've also been learning about chance and probability and what the words 'possible', 'impossible' and 'certain' mean. We've also been writing shape poems together. So far we've written one about clouds and one about the sun. I was amazed by how much the kindies already know about the sun! We have also been learning about how our ears work and what the structure of the ear looks like. Don't forget to send in any old magazines you have.

Rain

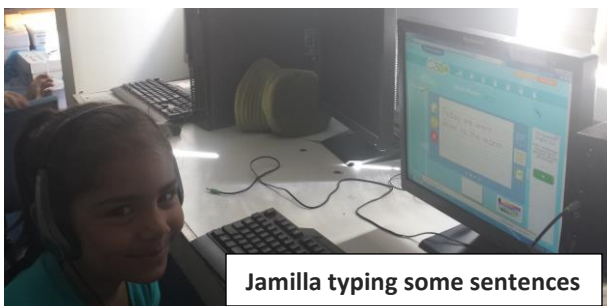
By Hunter

'Rain is dark and wet it
comes from big and black
clouds when it is dark and windy'

Rain Drops

By Jeremy

'Small and wet
it falls from the sky
it's see through
it falls into the creeks
and dams
and then it evaporates
I love it"



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

Felix Browne - for working hard in Reading!

Jai Khamkoed – Interesting contributions in class discussion!

Pania Saunders – Good progress in Reading!

3/4

Audrey Singer – Outstanding bookwork and handwriting.

Albert Webster – Displaying confidence and enthusiasm when responding to challenging questions during Maths.

Tahj Herman-Bromley – Writing a comprehensive History narrative.

Ethan Monks – Demonstrating leadership in Maths.

Milaya Mackenzie – Being an eager learner.

5/6

Zara Bruce – Applying proof reading strategies when spelling and writing that has led to excellent results in English.

Djuan Pawson – Placing more care and effort when handwriting and improving the overall presentation of his bookwork.

Mufti Day

We would like to invite students to wear casual clothes to school next Friday, 8th April to raise money for the P&C. The money raised will be put back into programs or projects for the students in the future. We ask that participating students donate a gold coin. When selecting casual clothes, please ensure that items are sun safe, so no singlet tops etc. Finally, please wear enclosed shoes, not thongs.

School Canteen

The students, parents and staff are keen to get the canteen facilities up and running again, however since its refurbishment the canteen is in desperate need of a tidy up. If you are able to volunteer some of your time, we will be cleaning and tidying up the canteen next Friday, 8th April. If you are able to help, please contact Peach or the school. Many hands make light work!

School Foyer Area

The school foyer area will be painted over the holiday break. The aim is to make the entry space a comfortable and presentable environment for parents, community members and visitors to our school. This area will also be designed in order to effectively display student work.

Furniture will be removed from the foyer from Tuesday onwards.

The P&C are seeking volunteers to assist in the preparation of the area by cleaning down walls and painting an undercoat.

If you are available to help out, most work will occur from Friday, 8th April until Monday, 11th April (first weekend of the holidays). Please contact Laila, Rena or Terri if you are able to help.

School ANZAC Service

Our school ANZAC service will be held on Friday, 29th April, at The Channon Hall starting at 10am.

Major Excursion

This year Mr Manser has proposed that the major excursion will be in Brisbane. He presented a draft itinerary to the March P&C meeting.

Yesterday the proposal was accepted at the April P&C Meeting for year 4/6 students to be given the opportunity to attend. They also agreed that the excursion could occur in week 10, term 2, rather than in semester two, as term three is very busy with Athletics Carnivals, Team's Day, Market Sunday, Writer's Festival, Education Week, Performing Arts Festival and much more. Term four is just as busy with the swim school, Lismore Show, Student Reports, Christmas Concert and the Year 6 Dinner.

The proposed duration for the excursion would be 3 consecutive days in week 10. The draft proposal outlined activities that may include some of the following: Australia Zoo, Outback Spectacular, Lego Education Learning Centre, St Helena Island, Science Centre, Art Gallery, Maritime Museum and a show at the QPAC Theatre.

Once the venues are booked, information will be sent out to parents of students in year 4 to 6 that will include an itinerary, cost, accommodation and travel. I hope to get this information out to families next week.

Depending on how we staff the excursion, there may be an opportunity for a parent or parents to attend as support representatives.

I organised this excursion in 2014 for 70 grade 5/6 students and it was extremely successful.

School Uniform

During the 'meet the parent' interviews I conducted with families last April, there were quite a few parents who expressed an interest in changing our school shirts. I brought this to the first P&C meeting this year after I was provided with some information about a primary school in Sydney that adopted a new uniform that was produced under Fair Trade conditions and that used recycled plastic bottles.

The P&C are only in the discussion phase for this proposal and no decisions have been made about any changes. The P&C asked me to provide families with some website links so that this can be researched more and discussed at the meeting next term.

The school that did this is Hazelbrook Public School and they have a lot of information on their school's website at <http://www.hazelbrook-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

<http://www.changethreads.com.au/>

Art Supplies Needed

Mrs. Shipard is in need of some Styrofoam trays that you may have sitting at home that could be recycled and used as art pallets etc. Please send any in to school.

Easter Hat Parade Photos



Community Announcements

Build Create Play Enjoy

**Lismore and
Goonellabah Libraries**

host a free
Lego® activity
for kids with their carers
every Friday afternoon.

Come along and play Lego®
any time between
3.15pm - 4.45pm



Friday Afternoons

3.15pm - 4.45pm

**Richmond Tweed
Regional Library**
Connect. Discover. Escape.

Lismore Library
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110 Magellan Street
Lismore NSW 2480

Goonellabah Library
02 6625 1235
27 Oliver Avenue
Goonellabah NSW 2480