

06/02/2020

Term 1—Week 2



The Channon News



I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. This year we have 4 new students who have commenced kindergarten. They were all very excited to start their first day last week and have been supported by their peers and teachers.

We will continue to have two classes in 2020 as a K/1/2 and 3/4/5/6. **Our 2020 Team of Staff**



Pauline Luce will continue as School Administration Officer and can be found in the front office from Monday to Wednesday, and on a Thursday every even week on the school calendar.

Alan Cameron is our General Assistant and looks after the school grounds each Tuesday.

We welcome back Rose Smith and Sam Beard (School Learning Support Officers) who assist the classroom teachers as well as some of our students that require additional academic and social support. Sam will work each day and Rose works in the 3-6 classroom each Wednesday and Thursday.

Diana Cantrell has reduced her work days in 2020. She is the permanent K-1-2 classroom teacher and will work a total of 3.5 days per week on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, as well as Thursday mornings. Rena and Steve will then teach the class for the remainder of the week.

Rena Woolbank will once again work in the role of RFF Teacher for both classes as well as leading technology initiatives across the school from Tuesday through to Friday each week.

Mim Burgess has commenced a new role as a Literacy & Numeracy support teacher. Mim will be working each Thursday with Steve Manser to lead student centred school initiatives.

I will continue as Principal and Teacher running programs across both classrooms.

Stephen Manser—Principal

February

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<i>Week 3</i>	10th	11th P&C Meeting & AGM	12th	13th	14th K/6 District PSSA Swimming Carnival
<i>Week 4</i>	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st Year 3/6 Excursion to Dunoon Public School
<i>Week 5</i>	24th	25th Zone Swimming Carnival (Selected Students)	26th	27th	28th

INTEGRITY

CARE

RESPECT

DUNOON PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday, 14 February, 2020, all students K-6 will travel to the Alstonville Swimming pool to compete in the annual District PSSA Swimming Carnival. This will commence at 10am. This event is only open to swimmers 8 years and up, however there will be activities prepared and available for the 5, 6 and 7 year old students in the shallow pool. Students are able to compete in 25 metres & 50 metres events in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Relays in Junior and Seniors will also be held. Parents please note, there will be no supervision at school whilst the students and staff are at this event.

Bus Transport—The cost is \$8.00 one way or \$16.00 both ways.

Pool Admission—cost is \$5.00 per student (pay as you enter the pool)

Spectators—pool entry is also \$5.00 per person (pay as you enter the pool)

The students will need swimmers, a towel, sunscreen as well as goggles and a swimming cap if they have them. There will be a canteen at the pool operating on the day.

Private Transport—Students being dropped off by car will need to be at the pool by 10am. The carnival will conclude at 2pm. Parents picking up students must be at the pool by 2pm.

If you would like your child/ren to attend this excursion then please fill in the permission slip attached and return it to school by Wednesday 12th February 2020. Students travelling by bus must enclose this with the note on return.

PERMISSION TO WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE / AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Throughout the year students will be required to participate in activities within The Channon Village such as The Channon Hall, Coronation Park, the creek, tennis courts and pre-school. There is a note attached to this newsletter that provides a blanket cover for the year. Please fill out the permission note attached and return to school by next Wednesday, 12th February, 2020.

Furthermore, your child/ren's safety is very important to us. Could you please read and complete the After School Arrangements note and return to school by next Wednesday, 12 February, 2020. This information is extremely important as it provides all staff with an understanding of how your child/ren will be departing school each afternoon of the school week. Any change to the arrangements for your child/ren on a particular day, must be communicated to the school by 2pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/EMERGENCY CONTACT

If you have changed your address./ phone number or emergency contact details over the holiday break, could you please complete the note attached to this newsletter and return to school by ASAP. This information is vital as we need to have the correct information in order to get in contact with a child's parents or emergency contacts.

SCHOOL LIBRARY & BORROWING

This year we would like to provide all students with the opportunity to borrow books more often from our school library. Our library will now be open during lunch times on a Tuesday and Wednesday (between 1:15 and 1:40) as well as each Thursday at 2:30pm. Students are able to borrow two books (unless they have pre-borrowed or overdue books). We encourage each student to bring a library bag to school if they are intending to borrow books.

BOOKCLUB in 2020

If you would like your child/ren to receive the Book Club magazines in 2020 could you please complete and return the slip attached to this newsletter. Book Club is produced by Scholastic and is a service that families can utilise in order to purchase books. We also encourage our families to support local bookshops as well. Reading is a very important part of each and every child's education. All interested families will receive the first Book Club magazine for the year next week, so if interested, please return the slip by Wednesday, 12 February, 2020.

SeeSaw App

In 2020, our school staff would like to improve the way in which we communicate student achievement and participation in learning using a media platform.



Seesaw is a platform for student engagement that inspires students of all ages to do their best. Students use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos, and as a result capture individual learning in an electronic portfolio.

The tool has restricted privacy between the school and the parent.

Each student has been provided with a unique QR Code that has been set up by each teacher. The teacher and student can then connect with their child's parent/s to communicate some of the learning that takes place at school. SeeSaw can be accessed via your smart phone or from your computer.

A set of instructions has been sent home to each family today. We hope that this provides a better connection between you and your child at school.

Mrs Cantrell (K/1/2 Teacher)

It was so lovely to start back at school for a fresh new year, saying hello to the students from last year and greeting the bright new faces of our delightful new Kindergarten students. They are all so eager to learn and I'm very impressed with how much knowledge they have already acquired. Thank you, all you parents and care-givers who have already taught your children so many skills! I hope it's a wonderful year full of fun and learning.

NEW K/1/2 Wet Area

We would like to thank Nick Blum (parent/carpenter) and Ian Hardie (parent/plumber) for the installation of the brand new K/1/2 wet area. It has been custom designed by these two highly skilled dads so that the kids find it easy to use. This is a great addition to the classroom and very much appreciated by all! This project was made possible due to the great fundraising efforts of the P&C committee in 2019.

HOMEWORK

Each class will commence their home-reading program next week. Homework will commence in week 4. The teachers are in the process of benchmarking each student's reading ability, assessing their knowledge of maths and determining spelling groups. Homework is not a requirement of your child, however we as teachers do ensure that it is relevant to the learning occurring in the class and not too onerous. If you do not want your child to receive homework, please discuss this with Mrs Cantrell (K-1-2) and/or Mr Manser (3/6).

SCHOOL SECURITY

There has been a number of break-ins to schools over the past 2 weeks. Unfortunately our General Assistance shed has been targeted over the past 2 weekends. Our main school building and canteen were not accessed. Some equipment was stolen from the GA shed. Police are investigating this matter and will let us know if this equipment is found. At this stage at least 6 other neighbouring schools have been targeted. Please keep a close eye on your own homes, sheds and equipment that you might carry around in your trucks and utes. If you or anyone you know have noticed anyone on school grounds over the past few weekends that are not known to the school or area, please contact Mr Manser.



Keiren Pawson 13/02/20

Grace Hardie 15/02/20

Rhett Tisdall 27/02/20

Frankie Bellmaine 28/02/20

P&C MEETING & AGM

Our first P&C meeting for 2020 will be our Annual General Meeting. This year we are calling out for more support from the parents of our students to join the committee. We meet twice a term and meetings generally no longer than an hour. We meet straight after school meaning that your child/ren can stay at school.

The P&C is an open forum where you are provided with the opportunity to contribute to agenda items, vote on decisions, as well as share ideas during general business. Fundraising is only a small part of our meetings as we only have two major events each year. The Markets and Team's Day. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and initiatives.

This is also a great platform to share with the school staff your ideas for future school directions. I encourage a member from each family to attend our meetings.

We will be seeking nominations for positions at this meeting, but we do not pressure anyone to nominate or accept positions if they are not interested, however it is important that we value the contributions and voice of a P&C by forming a committee for 2020.

2020 P&C AGM

(elect new committee)

at The Channon Public School.

Tuesday, 11 February

Time: 3:20pm

This will be followed by a general meeting

2020 MAJOR EXCURSION

This year the Major Excursion will be to the Northern Tablelands and Coffs Harbour. The students will learn about the history of Tenterfield and surrounding districts, visit museums, national parks and participate in tours. While in Coffs Harbour, the students will be challenged with various activities at the Adventure Centre, learn to surf and ice-skate as well as take in some of the natural attractions in the rainforests that surround Coffs Harbour.

This year we will be joined by the students and staff from Jiggi Public School. We have temporarily set aside the final 4 days of term 3, 22nd to 25th September. Further discussions will take place at the P&C meeting.

TERM 1 CLUBS

This term the students will have the opportunity to attend intensive 1 hour creative sessions at school in a small group setting (4-5 students) each Thursday from 12noon to 1pm. There will be 5 activities being presented by staff with students attending in 2 week cycles. This means that each student will have participated in each club by the end of the term. This term we are offering Visual Arts, Pottery Making, Board Game Making, OSMO Ipads, Music and Fundamental Movement. This is a great initiative and a chance for our staff to showcase their skills that will rub off on the students. It is also an opportunity for students to work with peers of various ages across K to 6.

CAR & BUS LINES

The street outside the school of an afternoon is quite narrow and can be very busy between 2:55pm and 3:20pm. In an attempt to improve road safety and the safety of our students / your children, we request that all parents of children in K/1/2 that pick their child up by car to please park and walk up to the COLA and collect your child.

All parents will children in years 3/6 that are picking up by car, please either come up to the COLA or meet your child at the single gate. Please do not park in staff carparks or in the bus zone.

BOOK CLUB SLIP

My child/ren _____ would like to receive the Scholastic Book Club Magazines.

Signed _____ (parent/carer) _____ / 2 / 2020.

(Please return this slip to school by Wednesday, 12 February, 2020.)

SCHOOL TIMES—DROP OFF & PICK-UP

Our daily school times are:

8:30—Morning Play

9:00—Morning Assembly, Fitness & Fruit Break

9:40—Morning Classes

11am—Recess

11:30—Middle Lessons

1pm—Lunch

1:40pm—Afternoon Lessons

3pm—Car & Bus Lines

We recognise that there are some parents that may need to drop their child/ren off to school due to unique circumstances, or that may be late after 3:30pm in being able to get to school to pick-up. In these situations it is vital that you contact the school or Stephen Manser (Principal) to ensure there will be supervision available.

Any changes to the afternoon pick-up arrangement must be communicated by a child's parent to the school by 2pm.

Emergency Procedures

In the case of an emergency or sudden change in weather conditions, we will contact parents via **text**, update information on our **Facebook** page and send information using the **SchoolStream** APP. If we are notified by Quinn's bus service that there are any changes such as road closures, flooding, fires etc, we, along with Quinn's will notify parents. If you believe that your road may flood, please contact the school to pick your child/ren.

We are proud to introduce our new Kindergarten students for 2020



Congratulations to Mrs Pauline Luce for 20 years of service with the Department of Education.

*This was presented by Mr Manser
(Principal) and Mrs Rebecca Langdon
(Director, Richmond Network)*

