

18/02/2020

Term 1—Week 4



The Channon News



It was very positive to see so many parents attend the school P&C AGM last week. This was followed by the monthly meeting where we had some very productive conversations. We have already put plans in motion for school and community based activities and the P&C has a healthy budget to start 2020.

One of the first initiatives that the P&C and school will be doing is to survey the students, staff and parents to gather data to inform decision making and a direction for the teachers and P&C. We will also be holding a 'Welcome to The Channon School' afternoon where the classrooms will be opened up to showcase student work, where staff will be available to talk about programs and initiatives, and of course to socialise and meet new people and reacquaint with others. The P&C and Staff will be providing light finger-food and refreshments, but we invite all families to bring along food to share.

'Welcome to The Channon School' will be held on Thursday, 5th March from 5pm at the school. The P&C and Staff will distribute surveys on this evening as well.

I would like to acknowledge the 2019 P&C committee under the leadership of Angela, and take the opportunity to now welcome the new committee for 2020.

President: Trudy Crawley

Vice Presidents: Vanessa Morris & Zhiyana Buckley

Treasurer: Heidi Smith

Secretary: Sara McLoughry-Smith

Committee Members: Matt Smith, Angela Hardie, China Tisdall, Terri Nicholson, Ivy Young.

Note: We welcome any other committee members to join at our next meeting.

P&C Meetings: Held 1st Thursday of each month from 3:30pm (*excludes holidays*)

Next P&C Meeting: Thursday 5th March

Parent Helpers

We would like to invite parents and grandparents into our school as helpers. It could be just 30 minutes a week. You could utilise a specific skill that you have to offer, listen to a child read, help out in the library, contribute to our garden..... and much more! Please contact Mr Manser via school phone, or email stephen.manser3@det.nsw.edu.au to discuss a day and time.

Stephen Manser—Principal

February / March

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 4			19th	20th District PSSA Swimming Carnival	21st Year 3/6 Excursion to Dunoon PS
Week 5	24th	25th Zone Swimming Carnival (Selected Students)	26th	27th	28th
Week 6	2nd	3rd	4th	5th P&C Meeting & Welcome Evening	6th

INTEGRITY

CARE

RESPECT

DUNOON DISTRICT PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL (New Date)

The swimming carnival planned for last Friday was postponed due to the recent rain. Although the weather was fine on Friday, many families from across our 6 district schools were flooded in. The decision was made to postpone the carnival.

This Thursday, 20th February, 2020, students 8 years and above, who are interested in participating in the Dunoon District PSSA Swimming Carnival, will have the opportunity to compete. This carnival will now be held at Trinity Swimming Pool in Lismore, commencing at 10am. This event is **only open to swimmers 8 years and above**. All students 5-7 years will remain at school for normal lessons.

Students will be able to compete in 25metres & 50 metres events in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Relays in Junior and Seniors will also be held. We will follow the same program that was distributed last week, just at a new venue. There will not be any novelty events held. Transport is by private car and includes Mr Manser, Rose Smith and Heidi Smith.

Admission cost is \$5.00 per student to be paid to Mrs Luce at school by tomorrow, Wednesday, 19th February. Permission notes were given to relevant students yesterday.

Students competing will need swimmers, towel and goggles if they have them. There will **not be a canteen** at the pool operating on the day so the students will need food and drinks. Students need to arrive at school in the morning as usual. The carnival events will commence at 10:15am and should conclude around 1:30pm.

SWIMMING—EXCURSION REIMBURSEMENT

We recognise that many families paid either \$8 or \$16 to cover the cost of the bus. In addition, some families sent the pool entry fee of \$5 in to school. We would like to recommend that these funds be kept in credit for your child/ren to attend school excursions in the future. Our school banks all money that is paid and we do not keep money on the school premises. If you would prefer to get a refund, please be aware that our finances are processed through the Bathurst DoE office and any reimbursement would come in the form of a cheque and may take up to 3 weeks for you to receive. Please contact Mrs Luce if you would like any clarification or to discuss this further. We apologise for any inconvenience.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BORROWING & NEW HOME READING INITIATIVE

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 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (between 1:15 and 1:40). 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.

The school has also reviewed the Home Reading Program, and this year our wonderful School Learning & Support Officer's (SLSO's), Sam Beard and Rose Smith, will be coordinating this initiative. Each student K/5 has received a Reading Folder with a Reading Record Slip for parents to complete. Each student has the opportunity to change their home reading book up to 3 times per week. Please support your child/ren with reading. The year 6 students are participating in a separate reading program with Mr Manser.

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 below. 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. If you are interested in receiving the Bookclub Magazines, please return the completed slip below by Friday, 21 February.

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 Friday, 21 February.)

SeeSaw App

Last week, Mr Manser sent home a letter and QRCode which enables each individual parent to receive photos, work samples and videos of the great learning that is going on each day at The Channon Public School. The SeeSaw App is very similar to receiving a text message, as the image or video is directly sent to you, rather than being viewed by many. It is not like Facebook. 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 Mr Manser. 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.

If you are still interested in getting the SeeSaw app, but you have lost the QR Code unique to your child, please contact Mr Manser for a new one. If you are not interested in this initiative, we completely respect this decision and the staff are happy to discuss your child's progress over the course of their schooling.



KINDERGARTEN ABC BOOT CAMP

The students in Kindergarten has commenced an ABC Boot Camp. The students will work with Rose Smith (SLSO) twice a week as well as Mrs Cantrell (K/1/2 teacher) to learn 2 letters per week. The students will receive a new letter of the alphabet each Monday and Thursday. The letters are not taught in the order of a-z, but rather in a structured sequence that will help teach them sound and letter blends in preparation for learning how to spell. The students will graduate from the Boot Camp by the end of the semester.

SO MANY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!!!

The Channon Public School has implemented a lot of great initiatives in 2020. Your child will have the opportunity to learn individually, in small groups and in a small class setting. We can offer support that many schools only dream of because of the way in which we have allocated our funding and timetabled the staff. We are looking forward to sharing these initiatives with you at our 'Welcome to the Channon School' evening on Thursday, 5th March.



On Monday, we opened up the Library during lunchtime for students to read, construct lego, play chess or to illustrate.

School Library

Open—Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:15pm

Happy Birthday

Rhett Tisdall 27/02/20

Frankie Bellmaine 28/02/20