From Mrs Cantrell

Today was our last Kindergarten Orientation! Congratulations to all the pre-schoolers who came to our school and did such lovely work. They were all beautifully behaved and so grown up! We all had lots of fun listening to stories, painting and cutting out, singing songs and playing games. I was so impressed with the way the current Kindies and Year Ones looked after our little visitors. We are very lucky at this school that we have such caring, kind and nurturing children. They are a credit to their parents! We look forward to welcoming all our pre-schoolers to big school next year. Well done, everyone!!

Active After Schools

Next Friday is the last Active After Schools for the year. We would like to thank Rena, JJ and Clay for coaching this year.
Dear parents and carers of our wonderful students,

What a busy and exciting term we are having! Swimming scheme was a great success and we saw improvement in swimming for all the students. What impressed me the most was the great attitude every child had to having a go, trying their best, and supporting each other to face challenges.

We have also benefitted from the energetic involvement of Dennis Monks who has been teaching the children sculpture. I’m amazed at how much they got through in just one day (which reflects the thorough preparation Dennis put in beforehand). I can’t wait to see the finished products, they are all looking spectacular!

Thanks also to Julie Wattus for teaching the children performance and dance and especially for bringing back “The Nutbush”! I’m sure we’ll all be breaking it out at the various end-of-year parties we will all be going to! Julie will be working with the staff to help put together the end-of-year concert which is going to be held on Wednesday, 10th December. Rena is the school’s coordinator of the concert so if you have any ideas or would like to assist, please let her know.

At this week’s P&C meeting, we decided to run the concert from 5:30 pm for pre-show nibbles and show/ceremonies starting at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a shared dinner. If everyone could bring a plate to share, we would much appreciate it. At the meeting, we also decided to create a hamper of non-perishable food to donate to charity. You can donate the food to the school over the next few weeks or bring food along to concert night (there will be a basket in the hall that you can put food donations in).

Next Tuesday afternoon/evening, staff will be working at school instead of Friday, 19th December. We will be undertaking mandatory training in health and safety issues and student well-being. On that note, you will be receiving a note today asking for updated contact details. This is very important as our school is identified as a “High Risk” Bush Fire Prone school. We therefore need to be able to contact all parents/carers in the event of a school closure. Please return the note ASAP.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held Tuesday, 2nd December. This special event is for Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers only. I am really looking forward to sharing this evening with them as they take the time to reflect on the friendships and achievements gained during their years at The Channon Public School and look forward to their exciting futures.

See you at the concert (if not before),

Heather
**Environmental Day Excursion**

On Friday 5th December the whole school will be travelling to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre to participate in the Environmental Day Excursion. This will be a wonderful day for the students where they will see a performance by internationally acclaimed Storyteller Jenni Cargill-Strong from The Story Tree Company and participate in environmental workshops. The school is covering the cost of this excursion so there is no cost to students. The bus will be leaving school at 9.30am and will return by 3.00pm.

All students need to be in full school uniform, wear school hat and must have covered footwear suitable for walking. They also need to have an environmentally friendly recess, lunch and water bottle. Please note that there is no supervision at school whilst on this excursion. Please return permission note attached to this newsletter by Friday 28th November 2014.

**Golf Day**

On Friday 12th December the whole school will be travelling to the Lismore Golf Course by bus to participate in a Golf lesson by experienced coaches. The Department of Sport and Recreation have sponsored this so there is no cost to students. Please note that there is no supervision at school whilst on this excursion. Please return permission note attached to this newsletter by Friday 28th November 2014.

**Year 6 Surf Day**

On Monday 15th December Year 6 students will participate in the Year 6 Surf Day at Byron Bay. This should be a wonderful way for our Year 6 students to finish off the year. The cost is $28.00 per student. The Dunoon Sports Club has allowed us to use the courtesy bus to transport students to this event this year.

The surf school will run from 10.30am until 2.00pm. All students must bring and wear board shorts on the day. They will need to wear swimmers, rash shirt and sunscreen. They will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks. Please fill out permission note and medical form and return to school with money by Monday 8th December 2014.

**Canteen**

As you know we have purchased the paint for the Canteen and if any parents are able to help paint it would greatly appreciated. Please contact Heather at school.

**School Photos**

School photos have arrived today and will be sent home with your child/ren today. Children who are away can collect photos next week.
Leaders Report

During this week we have been lucky enough to have Dennis Monks come in to the school to do some paper mache with us. We had Chewa and Peter come in to do some very fun and interesting work with electricity. Today was the last day of Kinder Orientation so we hope to sell you all next year!

Zachie, Jarah, Ruby, Ivy & Abby

Orientation Year 7 Richmond River High School Recount

I went to Richmond River High School on Tuesday. Mr Yates made fire in science. I made chocolate fudge in cooking. I had a fun day!

Ruby

Look at the great sharks that we made today in class!

From The P&C

Bunnings Barbeque

The Channon Public School has been fortunate enough to be allocated a Bunnings Barbecue Fundraiser on Saturday, December 13 2014. This is a great fundraiser that will help us pay for improved resources for the children, and also go towards subsidising excursions.

Please put your name down on the roster attached to this newsletter in a two-hour time-slot that suits you and return this roster to school by early next week. We will need as many hands on deck as possible! Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Farwell

We are asking a Year 5 parent to co-ordinate the Year 6 Farwell. We will need year 5 parents to sort and prepare the shared meal, decorate the area and order and collect the cake. If you are able to help please contact Heather at school.
CAROLS BY GLOW LIGHT

Please come and be a part of Carols by Glow Light.

Featuring student performances and Children’s Choir.

AT...... A HILLBILLY CHRISTMAS with the BlueSkillet Rovers .

We would love families to join us on the green, in HILL BILLY COSTUME for a community Christmas celebration at the Channon Tavern, on Saturday the 6th of December at 6.30pm.

Students’ from local schools have been working on some Christmas Carols using Recorders, Guitar, Ukuleles and Voice and this will be a great opportunity to share these skills with the community.

There is no obligation to attend as this is not a school event, but a family event hosted by the Channon Tavern. I will be there to guide student performances.

This year Dunoon Sports Club will be holding a special Children’s Christmas Carols event and is calling out for any children interested in performing approx. 10 Carols to an audience on the 6th of December. The evening will coincide with the annual Pantomime and we thought it would be a fantastic inclusion to have local children perform Carols by Glow Sticks.

If your child would love to be a part of this fun evening please email Michelle Fitness - michellefitness@bigpond.com
Stacey Andrews - anastasia1978@bigpond.com
Matt Hill - mattsound22@gmail.com
or call the Club on 66895444

We will email the list of songs so your child can start practicing and any info on rehearsals etc.
The Channon Public School
Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10th December 2014
Commencing 6.00pm
Students need to be there by 5.30pm
Bring a plate to share for supper
Looking forward to seeing you all there!