Dharmananda Excursion
(change of date)

Our excursion for next Monday 24th March has been postponed until the following Monday 31st March.

If you haven’t already, please return your permission note and money for the bus by Monday 24th March.

Students are reminded to bring their hat, recess, lunch, water bottle and to wear comfortable shoes for exploring the farm.

Save the Date!

Water Watch
Tuesday 25th March
Years 3-6 involved in water testing at The Junction
11:30-12:30am.

K-6 Excursion
Monday 31st March
All students will enjoy a wonderful excursion at Darmanunda Farm.

My Family Project
Tuesday 8th April
Year 6 students will enjoy an art session with Interrelate Lismore at school.
Our purpose:

To provide a comprehensive education, based on the principles of creative thinking, respect for each other, our environment and compassionate citizenship.

P&C Fundraising

Our P&C are currently searching for people to take on the coordination of specific fundraising days throughout 2014.

Our major fundraising events for this year include:

- The Channon Markets day
- Teams Day
- Bunnings BBQ

This year we are committed to purchasing:

- iPads
- an Interactive Whiteboard (Smartboard) for the library
- the upgrade of the canteen
- and, offsetting payments for excursions for each of our wonderful students.

If you are interested in being the key person for any of these events, please contact the school on 0266886236. Your details will then be passed on to the P&C.

Green Thumbs

Our Atlantic Pumpkin vine has started to grow and seems to be enjoying its sunny position at our school. Thank you to those families who have sent in supplies, feed and ideas about how to enhance the growth of this special plant.

We look forward to tracking the pumpkin’s growth and hopefully entering it in this year’s Small Schools Section of the Lismore Show.
Harmony Day
with Tunttable Creek Public School

Today our wonderful students and staff invited the students and staff of Tunttable Creek Public School to join us in celebrating Harmony day.

Students were involved in Lantern making and decorating workshops with staff from the Lismore Lantern Parade; a game of soccer, the world sport; Clay creations with Rena and Dennis, which will be used to develop totem poles to be used in our school garden and designing a harmony design to be used in a peace flag.

For more information about Harmony day:
http://www.harmony.gov.au
A love of learning

World Down Syndrome Day

Today is World Down Syndrome Day which takes place on March 21 every year. This date (21/3) represents the 3 copies of chromosome 21 which is unique to people with Down syndrome.

The aims of world Down syndrome day are to promote awareness and understanding, seek international support, and to achieve dignity, equal rights and a better life for people with Down syndrome everywhere.

A special thank you

To the wonderful Channon School community - we say thank you for embodying this spirit and showing the world just how wonderful life for someone with Down Syndrome can be. Our lives are richer for your inclusive hearts.

With love and gratitude - Lou, Matt, Ali, Mick and Ruby xxxxxx

Dazzling Drama

On Monday 17th March, Isabel and Ayla-Mae travelled to Corndale Public School for a Drama Enrichment day. Both girls had a wonderful time exploring their abilities in performance. “It was so much fun”, said Isabel. Ayla-Mae included “I really liked working with the other students.”

Easter Hamper Raffle & Hat Parade

Thank you to the families who have already donated items for the hampers, which will be raffled off on Wednesday 9th April during our Easter Hat Parade. Chocolates, easter eggs, non-perishable items and other goods and services can be dropped into Mrs Luce at our office, or sent in with your child/ren.

Raffle tickets were sent home with last week’s newsletter and should be sold for $2 per ticket or 3 tickets for $5. Raffle tickets and money should be returned to school by Friday 4th April.

All families are welcome to attend our Easter Hat Parade, which will commence at 11:30am. Parents please help your child/ren make a hat at home. See you there!
The Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Channon School has signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge. If you would like your child to participate, just go to the website, www.premiersreadingchallenge.com.au. Your child can use their school username and password to log on. Your child can include any books they read, including Home Readers, but they will also have to read some of the books from the set list. Happy reading!

More wonderful things to consider

Archery with Mr Shepherd

Next Friday Year 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in Archery with Mr Shepherd. Please fill out the attached permission slip and return to school by next Friday.

University of NSW School Competitions

If any parents would like your child/ren to participate in the University of NSW School Competitions please return notes and money by Friday the 4th April.

Community News

As many of you know I have worked on our local rag, The Terania Times, for many years now, mostly doing the layout. The editor, Fiona, has recently resigned and I am looking for 'new blood'.

If anyone can put in some time for a couple of days every second month it would be much appreciated. Possible positions include editing, layout, advertising, accounting, article writing or other skills you may think could be useful. Some training can be provided if necessary. e.g. anyone want to do a regular music album review - current or retro - for our music section?

Please put the word out to any friends you think may be interested.

Don't forget The Channon Folk Club Open Mic this Sunday 23rd March from 3pm. "Peter, Paul and Mandy" will open proceedings on the day. Come along and join the fun!

Hope to see you on Sunday. Cheers, Rayzor.
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW.

The day runs from 10 am-2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

*ft BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

LOCATION: Jack Julius Park, off Sutherland St, Kingscliff DATE: 22nd March 2014

BOOKING CLOSE: 21st March 2014

CONTACT: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange 0458 274 876 (please leave a message) milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Marist Brothers Junior Rugby League Club

“Come and try muster day
u7’s to u12’s”
Urgently requiring u10’s

St Mary's oval Lismore
BBQ on the day -
Free sausage sizzles & drinks

Enquiries please phone
Rick 0408-665-554
Grand Opening— Party
headspace Lismore is celebrating it’s official launch!
To be Opened by the Hon Peter Dutton MP.
Chat to staff, have a tour of the building and enjoy FREE food and activities. There’ll be
* Skate board demonstrations by Drawing Boards * Live local bands * A BBQ * Pedal Juice * Snow cones * and SO much more!

When
Thursday 10 April 2014 : 4pm til 9pm

Where
headspace Lismore
2A Carrington Street, Lismore

Contact
headspace Lismore
6625 0200
Leader’s Report

What a great way to end a wonderful week!

Today we were joined by the students from Tuntary Creek PS to celebrate Harmony Day, World Down Syndrome Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying! We had a great time making stars and decorating them and spheres in Lantern making workshops, Rena and Dennis led us to create interesting and beautiful clay rings which will be used in a totem garden within our school and we also enjoyed making individual designs on calico fabric to be used in a peace flag!

We hope everyone has a great weekend. See you on Monday!

Abby, Ruby, Ivy, Zachie & Jarrah

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