It is a compliment to hear so many positive reports coming from the community, parents and visitors to our school about our wonderful students. The students continually do themselves, the staff and their families proud every time they come to school and whenever they venture out on excursions.

This week the students completed units of work with their teachers, attempted assessments and rehearsed for the concert next week. All school reports will be sent home with students to parents next Friday, 11 December, 2015. Student workbooks, artworks and projects will be sent home throughout next week. The semester two reports are detailed with results recorded and comments included for all six Key Learning Areas, plus a general comment section at the end. All teaching staff who have taught the students this semester have contributed to the reports.

Our swim school program will commence next week. This year the students will complete two lessons per day. Lesson one will run from 11:20 to 12:00. The students will have a break from 12 to 12:20 for fruit and water. Session two will run from 12:20 until 1pm. The students will get changed at the pool from 1pm and then have lunch at the pool from 1:15pm. This program will run over the five days. Please ensure that you have returned the permission note.

Our end of year concert will be held on Tuesday evening. We ask that students wear bright and festive clothing. The students will be presenting some instrumental, vocal and dance items. Some student artworks will also be on display. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Stephen Manser
Principal

Yesterday the stage 2/3 students attended Dorrroughby EEC's Garrima program. This is a new program exploring the traditional lifestyles, connection to place, plants, tools, land uses and sustainability practices of the Widjabul/ Wiyabul people.

The students started the day with a circle around the camp fire set on the edge of the little forest glen. The students listened to a Dreamtime story and were asked to visualise life as a Bundjalung person pre-colonisation. Glen Rhodes and Tamlin McKenzie were astounded by the extensive prior knowledge, wisdom, empathy and maturity of all students.

The DEEC teach over 1000 local students annually and The Channon students blew the staff away with their knowledge of local Bundjalung culture and their understanding of sustainability. They showed Garrima (Bundjalung word for respect) for the learning, the teachers and each other. I was proud and inspired to work with our children.

Tamlin McKenzie
School Christmas Concert

Our annual school Christmas concert will be held next week at The Channon Hall. Students need to meet their teachers at the hall at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start. Students are asked to wear bright festive clothes. We ask that all families bring a plate of food to share for supper at the conclusion of the Concert. We look forward to seeing you all there! The program will be as follows;

5:15pm Arrive
5.30pm Acknowledgment of Country
Principal opens concert
Performances
P&C President - book awards
Dancing
Shared Supper
Tidy up

Special Swimming Scheme

The special Swimming Scheme starts next week. All students will be participating. The students will be having 2 lessons each day.

The students will be having their recess at school from 10:20am next week. The bus will leave school at 10:40am and return by 2.30pm each day. The children will be accompanied by Mr Manser, Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Shipard and Rena. All students will require swimmers, towel, sunscreen and a rash shirt/ or light shirt. Goggles are optional. Please label all belongings.

The students will take their bags to the pool, including their lunch and drink each day, (no lunch orders at the shop next week), and change into their swimmers at the pool (unless they are wearing them under their school uniform) and back into their dry uniforms once they have finished their second lesson. The students will eat their lunch at the pool once they have changed back into their dry school uniform and then return by bus to return to school by 2:30.

Year 6 Dinner

The Year 6 dinner will be held on Monday, 14 December, 2015, commencing at 6pm. The dinner will be held under the COLA and meals will be provided by the Year 5 students and their parents. Please return your invitation by next Wednesday, 9 December. 2015.
Year 6 Surf School

On Monday, 14 December Year 6 students will participate in the Year 6 Surf Day at Byron Bay. This should be a wonderful day for our Year 6 students to finish off the year. The cost is $25.00 per student. Transport is by private car. 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. The Surf School will have rash shirts for students on the day and may ask them to wear them instead of their own. They will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks.

Please fill out the Medical Consent form and permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school with money by Friday, 11 December, 2015. Parents please note that medical consent forms must be completed and signed by you or students will not be able to participate.

Leaders Report

This week we have had a relaxing week. On Thursday years 3/4/5 went to Dorroughby Environmental centre to learn about Aboriginal Culture and what the environment means to us. This day was very active and exciting. Also the Year 6 students had their second orientation day at Richmond River High School. Congratulation to the year 6 students who got in for the High Achievers class. Today we went down to the hall for Musica Viva which was very fun. We learnt tango and listened to some funky jazz. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Malaika & Melody
STUDENT AWARDS

K/1/2
Bella - For working well in Maths!
Pania - For working well in Maths!

Oliver - For showing improvement in Spelling!
Elke - For excellent work in Writing!

3/4/5/6
Audrey - Writing a descriptive procedure detailing how to make a fruit smoothie

Djaun - Demonstrated improvement and neatness with his handwriting

Zara - Pleasing progress in Music, especially in learning the guitar.

Students performing at Musica Viva
Christmas Concert

The Channon Public School would like to invite all families & community members to our School Concert to be held on Tuesday, 8 December, 2015.

This will be held at The Channon Hall commencing 5.30pm

Students need to arrive by 5.15pm

Please bring a plate of food to share for supper
Community Announcements

The Channon Village Christmas Carols and Bush-dance by Sunset - Friday 11th December at The Channon Tavern from 5:30pm

Join ‘The Ragged Blossoms’ and your local community at The Channon Butter-Factory Tavern from 5:30pm Friday 11th December for an evening to celebrate the festive season with friends, carol-singing and bush-dancing. Relax on a rug on the grass, sing with gusto or dance the night away. Santa will be there just after local kids perform a well-rehearsed set of contemporary and traditional Christmas carols.

See you there!