From the Principal

On Sunday, Mrs Shipard and I attended the first of 2 days at a ‘Visible Learning’ workshop held at Goonellabah Public School. Yes, Sunday! That’s why I keep thinking I’m a day ahead of myself. It was very interesting and is based on the research of Professor John Hattie. If you are interested, there is a lot of information online, but essentially, according to Professor Hattie, ‘Visible Learning and Teaching’ occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. This occurs when students show attributes that are most desirable for learners, such as self-monitoring, self-evaluation, self-assessment and self-teaching. This kind of behaviour doesn’t happen overnight, but involves a lot of research and planning on the part of teachers. Exciting stuff!

On Friday I met with other teachers at Caniaba Public School and we shared teaching ideas, resources and planning for our Interest Days. The theme of the Interest day to be held at The Channon Public School on Friday, 29th May, will be ‘Anti-Bullying’. More than 80 children from K-2 will be bussed to our school to take part in a range of anti-bullying activities.

On Thursday, Mrs Shipard and Miss Rena attended a Performing Arts workshop, where they came away with some great ideas to share with the school.

So you can see the teachers at our school have been very busy this week being learners themselves, which is an invaluable part of being a teacher.

Diana Cantrell
Relieving Principal
**Smart Futures Careers Day**

Next Tuesday 26th May students in Years 5 and 6 will travel to Nimbin Central School to attend the Smart Futures Careers Day. All students will need to be in full school uniform, (year 6 students to wear Year 6 shirt please), wear covered footwear and school hat. They will need to bring recess and a water bottle, Nimbin Central School is providing a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Students need to be at school by 8.45am as the bus is leaving at 8.50am.

The school is covering the cost of the bus so there is no cost to students. This should be a very rewarding day for the students.

The program is as follows:
- Demonstration of the skills of horse training;
- visit the expo in the hall;
- sports tableau; and
- barbeque lunch.

Please fill in permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by next Monday.

**Big Scrub Interest Day**

Next Friday, 29 May 2015 all students will participate in the Big Scrub Interest Day with their peers from our surrounding small schools. K/1/2 will stay at school with Mrs Cantrell, 3/4 will travel to Dunoon with Mrs Shipard and 5/6 will travel to Modanville with Ms Rena. The cost for students travelling to Dunoon and Modanville is $5.85 each. These students will need to be in full school uniform, wear covered footwear and school hat. They will need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. Please return permission notes and money to school by next Wednesday 20th May.

**Big Scrub/ First North Chess Challenge**

Congratulations to Tahlo, Robert, Djuan, Bodhi, Aslan, Albert, Tumahn and Ayla-Mae have been selected to represent our school at the Big Scrub/ First North Chess Challenge at Modanville Public School on Thursday 4th June 2015. These students were given notes this week. Parents will need to transport their child to and from this event. They have a canteen on the day or alternatively they will need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. The cost is $5.00 which they will take on the day and give to Mr Henderson at Modanville school.

**PSSA Soccer Knockout 2015**

On Wednesday 10 June a gala day will be held at Balzer Park Dunoon commencing at 9.20am. Students representing our school are Ayla-Mae Girls Team and Izaiah, Rain and Raphael in the Boys team. The cost is $5.00 per player and will need to be taken on the day and given to their team managers Ryan Swift from Modanville or Terry Currie from Dunoon. All students must wear shin pads and soccer boots whilst playing their games.

There will be a canteen on the day or they will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks. Transport is by private car. An Information sheet is attached for parents as well as canteen list and draw. Please direct any enquires to Ryan Swift on 66282234. Please return permission note to school
2/3 Class

We are looking at narratives for the rest of term. This week we started learning how to develop rounded characters. In these pictures, we are creating character profiles.

Home work will go home on Friday (today) this week. It will be due back next Friday.

Students who are not yet independent readers should be changing their home reader books when they are fluent with the one they have. Time is available every morning to do this. Each child should be reading at home every day. Here are some strategies for how to help if your child gets stuck with a word:

When your child makes an error within a sentence, do not interrupt. Let him/her read to the end, because the child will often go back and self-correct the errors. If not, you can help them by saying...

a. "You said_____. Does that sound right?"

b. "You said_____. Does that make sense?"

c. "You said_____. Does that look right?"

d. "If this word were_____, what letter would you see at the beginning?"

Carol Shipard
Class Teacher
Leaders Report

Today we had a mufti day and a gold coin donation which was raised for the survivors of the earthquake in Nepal. Thankyou to Bronwyn Mc Nulty for organising this fabulous day. We raised $57.40.

On Monday the 4/5/6 class made ice-cream in a bag for science. The Ingredients we used were: milk, sugar, vanilla essence, ice and salt. The result was not very good, so we are trying it again next Monday. On Wednesday we had art with Mrs. Shipard. A few weeks ago we drew a still life so this week we were colouring them in with water colour pencils.

We also had Ms. Eleftheriou on Thursday because Miss Rena was at a performing arts workshop. We hope you have a great weekend. See you next week!

Talia and Lily
Lost Property

We have acquired a lot of lost property this term. Please have a look next time you are in.

Child’s Car Seat

We have a child’s car seat in sickbay. If no one claims this by the end of this term we will donate it to charity.

From The P&C

Channon Markets

Thank to those families who have returned roster notes. An updated roster is attached to this newsletter. We also need volunteers to assist with organisation of this day. Please fill in the roster attached and return to school as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at school at 3.30pm on Wednesday 3rd June. We look forward to seeing you all there.
FUNDING FOR TYSON MARTIN-DURRINGTON AND DANIELLE SMITH

Tyson Martin-Durrington, (Greg our cleaners son) & Danielle Smith who are the Australian Champions have just made the Australian Team to go to ANAC in America in July to compete in Aerodance.

If anyone would like to contribute to help send them they could go to wwwgofunme.com and contribute to Tyson and Danielle.

Thanks Greg & Lynne