From The Principal

I would like to welcome back Mrs Cantrell from two weeks leave to help prepare for and attend her daughter's wedding. The staff have returned back to normal timetabling since her return. I would also like to thank Mrs Carol Shipard for relieving as principal at the end of last week while I attended a Principals' Conference in Coffs Harbour. The weather was beautiful and sunny, but unfortunately my days were spent inside an auditorium.

I came away from the conference with an improved knowledge and understanding of up to date information regarding the Department of Education (DoE). One of the keynote speakers was Olympic gold medallist and former world champion skier, Alisa Camplin OAM. Alisa was Australia's first female Winter Olympic Gold Medallist. I was amazed to hear that she only took up skiing at the age of 19. She has broken nearly every bone in her body, had multiple concussions and two knee reconstructions. Alisa gained skills and confidence by jumping of a ski ramp into a swimming pool, but her first jump onto a snow slope resulted in a broken rib. On her second jump she lost control and hit a tree. She never gave up though, and after 7 years, she went from a non-skier to be number world number one.

We as educators set short and long term goals for ourselves. We go home each afternoon knowing that we have made a difference. An example is a child reading with Mrs Shipard and using expression, tone and fluency. I know this because this student came into my office yesterday morning so very proud of her achievements. We encourage our students each day to try and achieve new things. Our students should be getting home each day and sharing their day with you. It could be learning new information, or what improvement they made in a particular area. I encourage you to ask your child/ren when they arrive home, what is one thing that you now know that you didn't know this morning? And secondly, what is one improvement you made today? It is here that we as teachers and parents can respond with interest, appreciation and a sense of pride and fill them with confidence, enthusiasm to reinforce the child’s experiences at school in a positive manner.

During the seven years when Alisa was training she was faced with negativity. "Started too late", "Can't ski", "Too short". She still reached number one. Imagine if she listened to her critics. Her life would be very different. Instead she listened and focussed on the positive influences in her life, her family, friends, role models, but just as important, her coaches, i.e. us as teachers.

I hope that I am a positive influence in your child's life. I know that the staff at The Channon Public School play an integral role in encouraging your child, as positive role models. You as parents get to inspire your children away from school as positive role models. I know this because when I see how happy our students are, how happy our community is, I get to share and experience the culture of what The Channon Public School offers to help our students and your children achieve their dreams too!

Stephen Manser

Principal
NRPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Today Djuan, Beanie, Miriam, Morgan, Izaiah and Zara will be competing in the NRPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Riverview Park. We wish them all the best! Mr Manser will be team manager for the Dunoon PSSA Team on this day. Transport will be by private car.

Performing Arts Festival

The Lismore Performing Arts Festival will be held on Monday, 24 August to Thursday, 28 August at the Lismore Workers Club. All students will be travelling by bus to the Rehearsal at The Lismore Workers Club on Wednesday, 26 August at 10.30am. The rehearsal commences at 11.30am. This year we will be performing in the matinee on Thursday, 28 August. Travel will be by bus and we will be leaving at 9.30am and staying for the whole performance. The cost $11.30 per student for both of these events.

Students will also be performing on Wednesday night 26 August. Parents are asked to have their children at the club at 6.00pm. Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Shipard and I will meet them in the foyer. The performance commences at 6.30pm in the main auditorium and should conclude by 8.30pm. Children will be escorted to the main entrance at the conclusion of the concert.

Parents please note that you will need to purchase your tickets on line at www.lismoreworkersclub.com.au and print them off at home. Tickets go on sale on Monday, 10 August, 2015. Tickets are Adults $14.00/ each / Child $6.00 each.

For your child/ren to participate you must return the ‘Festival Guidelines Parent / Student Agreement 2015’ form for your child/ren to participate. Whilst it is a huge undertaking for organisers, and can be problematic getting all students to the evening performance, I believe this event is a wonderful experience for children. They receive the rare opportunity to perform with quality sound and lighting for a large audience. Please sign permission notes attached and return to school with money by Thursday, 20 August 2015. Any queries please see Mr Manser at school.

Costumes for Performing Arts Festival

Please let us know if you have trouble sourcing these, so we can find a solution. Once you have collected the costume items, please send them to school in a named pillow case by next Monday, 17 August, 2015.

No shoes will be worn during the performance.

T-shirts can be turned inside out so prints do not show.

Koalas: grey pants and shirt (any shades.)

Tree (circus or band/choir): green clothes (any shades.)

Woodchoppers: baseball style cap, jeans (preferably blue) and a checked flannelette shirt.

Children: bushwalking clothes (preferably bright patterned fabrics.) Please avoid shirts with product logos, and green and grey.
Full Dress Rehearsal for Performing Arts Festival

We will be having a full dress rehearsal for PAF at school on Thursday 20 August and Monday, 24 August, 2015. These rehearsals will take place from 2pm on both days.

Performing Arts Festival Soloists

On behalf of Michal Coleman, I would like to acknowledge all students who auditioned as soloists for PAF. He is happy to confirm that the following students have been accepted for soloist places at this year's PAF.

Talia Osborne - The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow (Tuesday August 25)
Talia Osborne & Melody Osborne - Rainbow Connection (Wednesday August 26th)

From Mrs Cantrell

Well, it’s good to be back to a normal routine again! I had a great time attending my lovely daughter Caroline’s wedding down in Ulladulla. It was held in a beautiful vineyard and the clouds cleared away and the sun shone on a very happy couple. After driving back to Koonorigan I then drove my Mum back to Toowoomba, so I’ve spent a LOT of time behind the wheel. Now it’s time to get back into the happy daily routine of teaching and learning. For the next couple of weeks the K/1/2 class will be learning about how to write an Information Report. In Maths, we are currently focussing on 3D shapes and addition. Thanks to Mrs Shipard for all your great teaching and support!!

From Mrs Shipard

During maths this week Kindergarten found 3D shapes in our environment.
Seniors Science with Mrs Shipard

This week we demonstrated how fusion works in a nuclear reaction.

STUDENT AWARDS
Lilyana– Independent Reader!

Happy Birthday

Rain
19.08.15
**Teams Day**

This year Teams Day will be held on Friday, 4 September, 2015. This is a major fundraiser for The Channon P&C and we need all families to help in some way, whether doing a roster or donating goods.

Thank you to those families who have already handed in rosters. We still need more families to help out in some way. Please fill in the Roster attached to this newsletter and return to school A.S.A.P.

Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Art Supplies Need**

If anyone has any black styrene meat trays at home that you could donate it would be greatly appreciated.

**School Photos**

This year our school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 1 September, 2015. If you would like to purchase photos please return envelopes with correct money inside on this day which will be given to the photographer. All students will be required to wear full school uniform for these photos.

**Leader’s Report**

This week has been a fun week for the year 6 students. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the year 6 students went to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre to do art and science. We learnt lots of new ways to do photography. We made lots of new friends and hope to see them in high school.

Ayla and Mitchell

**Public Speaking Competition**

Students in years 3/4/5/6 need to have their speeches ready for next Tuesday, 18 August 2015.

On this day they will be presenting their speeches. Students selected to represent our school will go onto the next level at Jiggi Public School later in the term.

Mr Manser will send information home to those students who have been selected.
Local group The Ragged Blossoms present ‘A Village Dance’ this Saturday 15th August at The Channon Hall. Nepalese food by Bir Sunda Ban available from 6pm. Fully instructed community dancing plus a demonstration by the Celtic Circle Dance Group. Deserts and warm drinks also available. All proceeds from the food will go to the reconstruction of Bir Sunda’s family village in Nepal. Any donations of cakes gratefully accepted.

Entry $10 per adult, wee bairns free. Bring your friends and family and join the Village revelry.

Dunoon Sports Club
MEGA RAFFLES
Friday 28th August 2015
Donated by Farm Moto
40 + Prizes (not just meat trays)
We are raising funds so that we can sponsor local schools’ Learn To Swim Classes
Come along and buy some tickets - you may win some fabulous prizes as well as support your club’s endeavour