From The Principal — Let’s Work Together — Please Read!

Goal setting is a powerful process for thinking about your ideal future, and for motivating yourself to turn your vision of this future into reality. The process of setting goals helps you choose where you want to go in life. Begin with the end in mind!

Ideal Future: Increase enrolments and provide all students with quality learning experiences.

Motivation: Return to three classes in three classroom settings reducing class sizes.

Vision: Work cohesively and collaboratively with the community.

Provide opportunities for all students in a nurturing learning environment.

Offer programs that set us apart from other schools.

In reality, we are embracing and adhering to our vision each and every day. As we are;

- Motivated as teachers to embrace the potential in every student and continue to move each student forward; as well as;
- Providing students with educational opportunities that enrich their learning. And you will find these qualities in most schools.

So what are just some plans we have in place now and into the immediate future that makes The Channon Public School different from other schools. Well, we are able to provide opportunities;

1. To deliver an after school program where workshops offer extra learning opportunities for all students.
2. To learn a language one afternoon a week after school that is open to students and families.
3. To teach each student how to play at least one musical instrument such as the guitar.
4. To have a teacher that specifically teaches technology lessons to all students across three classes.
5. To have a teacher that specifically teaches mathematics to a small kindergarten class group of 5 students.
6. To have four teachers that teach maths simultaneously to four small groups to enhance learning.
7. To have gymnastics and circus classes that can be integrated into the curriculum, taught by a qualified teacher.
8. To have the ability and resources to provide all students with and expose all students to, quality and meaningful extra-curricular activities within the school, community or region at little to no cost.

We are currently delivering 6 out of the 8 plans now! Did you know this? If you didn’t, then our community and wider district wouldn’t know either. The other two are in the planning process to be rolled out in coming weeks.

Action Plan: Pay It Forward! Tell your friends about our eight plans. Tell your neighbours, Tell other parents at the shops, local events or carnivals. If they don’t believe you. Tell them to talk to me and I will show them how we offer these things, and together, we as a collaborative school and community partnership might just achieve that ideal future, our goal!

Stephen Manser
**NAPLAN Results**

The NAPLAN results were sent home today to families with a child or children in years 3 and 5.

The results overall are very impressive with The Channon Public School performing about the National Average in all four curriculum areas.

If you have any questions about your child’s results, or about the testing, please contact me at the school.

**Community Partnerships**

It has been so positive to have an overwhelming response to the after school community partnerships program.

I am hoping that workshops will commence in week 8 from 3:10—4pm.

This program will be open to all students, but we do ask that students travelling home by car are picked up by 4pm on the workshop days.

There will be a variety of workshops running four days a week, as Rena runs her main circus group on a Thursday afternoon.

I hope to have a timetable and a description of the workshops ready to send home next week.

**NRPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Zara who will be representing our school in the junior girls 800 metres race at Far North Coast Athletics Carnival at Riverview Park in Lismore on Friday, 28 August, 2015. We wish you all the best on the day!

**Lost Property**

We still have a lot of items in the lost property box. Parents please have a look next time you are in. Labelling clothing helps them to be returned to their rightful owner.
The Performing Arts Festival

The Lismore Performing Arts Festival will be held next week from 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 is $11.30 per student for both of these events. Notes went out last week.

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 all students 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.

From Mrs Cantrell

I would like to create a dress up box for my class, so on the weekend I went through my wardrobe and found all those items of clothing that, despite high levels of optimism, I will never fit into again. I also chose those strange things, (what was I thinking?) that seemed like a good idea at the time. I focussed on clothes that were brightly coloured, sparkly and some with feathers, (yes, feathers!). So if you could do the same, it would be greatly appreciated!

Year 7 Adviser for Richmond River High School 2016 Visit

Today Sally Ford the Year Adviser from Richmond River High Year 7 2016 visited our school to speak to the year 6 students. Information was given to your child today including applying for the high achievers class. Please ensure that you read this if you would like your child to apply. For any queries you can phone Richmond River High School on 66213456.
Minding Me & Moving Into Teens
Interrelate Family Centres will be offering a course for students in Year 6 to prepare them for High School called “Moving Into The Teen Years” which explores a range of adolescent issues. The program runs for 90 minutes over a two day period. This will be held at Modanville Public School on Monday, 31 August and Monday, 7 September, 2015. The program will run from 9.30am to 1.00pm each day. Parents will need to transport their child to and from this event. The cost is $36.00 per child which covers the cost of the course, work book and “100+ Questions Kids Have About Puberty”.

Interrelate Family Centres will also be offering a course for students in Year 5. This fun and informative program explores the value of good communication within families and relationships, as a way of better understanding each other and reducing conflict. The program runs for 90 minutes over a two day period. This will be held at Modanville Public School on Monday, 31 August and Monday, 7 September 2015. The program will run from 1.30pm to 3.15pm each day. Parents will need to transport their child to and from this event. The cost is $16.50 per child which covers the cost of the course and a work book.

If you would like your child to participate in either of these course please fill in permission note attached to this newsletter and money to school by Friday, 31 August, 2015.

Public Speaking
This week, the students in the year 3/6 class have been presenting their speeches as part of the public speaking competition. I was really proud of the efforts that most students put into their presentation and really impressed with the depth of knowledge the students had about their chosen topic.

This year, the next round will be held at Jiggi Public School on Thursday, 3 September.

The following students were successful in being selected to attend round two;
Tajira — Topic: Is it really that great being young?
Melody — Topic: Three things you do well.
Miriam — My Biggest concern for the future is….
Malaika — Why are manners important.

Students selected to participate in the Semi Finals Public Speaking Competition have been issued a permission note today. This event will be held at Jiggi Public school on Thursday 3, September 2015. Students will need to be there by 9am. Transport is by private car. Please return permission note by Tuesday, 1 September 2015.
Apology From Mrs Shipard

We have been painting in Art for the last couple of sessions. In our Fish and Sea Creatures unit, we are looking at ways of portraying the sea, and what can found within.

All children were doing a great job yesterday of staying paint free, whilst we were straw blowing coloured inks to make coral, and hand painting paper that will be transformed into colourful chunks in our finished artworks; until we went to wash up our hands and palettes. I was horrified to see the amount of paint that should have gone down the drain that had transferred itself to their clothes.

On the positive side – we had great fun mixing warm primary colours into secondary colours and creating all sorts of wild patterns with our fingers.

If you would like to send an art smock to school, an old t-shirt of mum or dad’s that is a bit too big for your child is perfect. Please be sure to label with your child’s name.

Kindergarten Maths

Each Kindergarten maths session with Mrs Shipard (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) we count, play TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) games aimed at individual levels of learning, experience a guided class learning session and complete individual tasks. Having one teacher work with such a small group allows for explicit one to one instruction, and students are moving forward in their learning with great success.

Maude leading our daily Kindergarten counting!
Leaders Report
This week we have been working on fractions and division with Mr Manser. In H.S.I.E we have been learning about our Government and national emblems. We also watched a BTN on the speaker and their role. In science we have been learning about fusion and fission. In art we have drawn Dragon fly zentagles.

Coming up we have public speaking, Teams Day, Minding Me and Moving into Teens. Next week we have the Performing Arts Festival. We hope to see you all there. We hope you have a good weekend!

Raphael & Izaiah

Library
Library has been changed from Wednesday to Friday from this term. Please ensure your child brings in their library bag or a bag to protect the books. If an event is on Friday they will be able to borrow during the week.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday, 26 August, 2015 at 3.30pm here at school. We look forward to seeing you all there!
MILO Cricket Gala Day

All students in years 3/4/5/6 will participate in the ‘Milo Cricket Gala Day’ to be held in Lismore on Wednesday, 9 September, 2015. This will be a fun day where they will play cricket with their peers across the Lismore Area. The ‘Sporting In Schools Program’ is paying for the bus so there is no cost to students. The bus will be leaving at 9am. Students need to be in full school uniform, wear covered shoes and school hat. They will need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. Please fill in permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school by Tuesday, 8 September, 2015.

Assembly Award Winners

Do You Recognise This Room?

This room is located at the back of the library. It was a cluttered area for storage. It is now a new section within the library.
**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.

**School Photos Change of Date**

The school photos will now be take on **Tuesday, 8 September**, as some staff will be away on of Tuesday 1. 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.

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**TERM 3 2015**

**Week 7**

**Wednesday 26th August**

P&C Meeting  3.30pm at school

Performing Arts Rehearsal

Performing Arts night time performance

**Thursday 27th August**

Performing Arts matinee performance

**Friday 28th August**

MILO in2CRICKET program (Final lessons)

**Week 8**

**Monday 31st August**

Minding Me

Moving Into Teens

**Thursday 3rd September**

Public Speaking Competition at Jiggi

**Friday 4th September**

Teams Day
WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF OUR FAMILIES, PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR TEACHERS TO OUR BOOK WEEK PARADE HERE AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 2015 COMMENCING AT 11.30AM

WE WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE BOOKS FROM PRESCHOOL AGE TO YEAR 8 PLEASE BRING MONEY ON THE DAY FOR THESE BOOKS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!
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