From The Principal

It is hard to believe that we are moving into week 9. It has been a very busy term, but more importantly it has been a successful term. We have not had any new enrolments over the past few weeks, but I have had some positive phone calls and meetings with parents of potential enrolments. I believe that there are still children within our community or living on surrounding farms that may be participating in home schooling or attending another school away from The Channon. If you know any people in this situation, please let me know.

Next week we will commence work on Child Protection. Education has an important role to support children and young people and to identify where problems arise that may put their safety, welfare or wellbeing at risk. Roles and responsibilities of staff in relation to child protection including training, reporting on safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns, supporting children and young people, as well as monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements are set out in the Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People Policy and related procedures. Each Monday we will dedicate lessons to child protection education across K/6. There are three main aspects that the students will be learning about, these being; Recognising Abuse, Power in Relationships, and Protective Strategies. Child protection education aims to assist students to develop skills in;

- Recognising and responding to unsafe situations;
- Seeking assistance effectively; and
- Establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

If you would like to discuss the program with me further, or if you do not wish for your child/ren to attend and participate in these lessons, please contact me.

Tomorrow will be a very busy day for everyone involved in the Team’s Day. School times and buses will be as normal. Rena and Carol will be at school and will walk students down to the oval, departing at 9:05am. Please ensure that your child/ren are at school by 9am. Alternatively, students can arrive at the oval with their parent/s or carer/s. If you are taking your child/ren home at the end of the day please ensure that you sign your child out by seeing a teacher from The Channon. I would like to thank all parent and community helpers in advance for dedicating some time to prepare the oval and work at the canteen on the day.

Stephen Manser
Principal
We had fun playing chess at Kadina High School!
Term 3 Interest Day

Featuring:

- Rory Close (Cultural & Community Projects Officer)
- Peter Jaggle — Japanese Taiko drums
- Jesse Blackadder (Author)
- The Rivers P-12 Learning Community Dance Workshops

This day also includes:

- Kindergarten Transition
- Visit from Tunttable Creek Public School
- Book Parade
- Book Fair

On Tuesday, 15 September (week 10), our school will host an interest day. We will be joined by Tunttable Creek Public School as well as our pre-schoolers.

The day will commence with an Acknowledgement to Country by Rory Close, Cultural & Community projects officer. Rory will also teach the students about indigenous perspectives through a 30 minute workshop. The workshop is split up into a 3 part 10 minute slots that consist of art and story-telling in the first 10 minutes. The next 10 minutes consist of music which includes didgeridoo, clapsticks and a woomera or bullroarer. The last 10 minutes conducts local corroboree movements or traditional dancing.

After Rory’s workshop the students will break up into three groups; Pre-School & K/1/2, Year 3/4 and finally Year 5/6.

The students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character, but please ensure that the clothes are comfortable as the students will be drumming and dancing in them, so comfortable shoes will be necessary.

The book parade will coincide with recess and will commence after 11:30am. There will be a few book prizes for the best dressed students.

Further information will be in next week’s newsletter.
**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. Thank you to those who have returned their permission notes. Please send notes in BY next Tuesday, 8, September 2015.

**Book Week Parade and Book Fair**

On Tuesday, 15 September, 2015 we will be holding our Book Week Parade at 11.30am here at school. Students and Pre-schoolers are able to dress up as their favourite book character.

We will be also be holding a book fair in the Library on this day where families will be able to purchase books from Preschool to Year 8. Parents please note that you will need to bring in the money on this day to pay for these books. Cheques are to written out to The Channon School.

**Leaders Report**

Hi everyone. Today we had public speaking. Congratulations to Miriam, Malaika, Melody and Tajira! Tomorrow we will be having Teams Day. It will be a very fun day! A big thanks to the P&C and all the parent who helped with the BBQ and canteen. Next week on Monday 5 & 6 will have their last Minding Me and Moving Into Teens sessions. We also have the Milo Cricket Gala day which will be a lot of fun and a happy Fathers day on Sunday.

**Raphael and Izaiah**

We would like to wish all of our Fathers and Grandfathers a very happy Fathers Day for this coming Sunday 6 September, 2015.
**Opera House Choir**

All students involved in the Opera House Choir need to have money and forms in by next week. The organisers request the form ‘Information for Administering Medication’ if your child has special medication needs. Complete this and return it to your school by **Friday 11th September 2015**. Bring your child’s medication on Wednesday 28th October. Steve Clough will be responsible for medications. If your child has asthma or a severe allergy, please send in an Action Plan from your doctor before Friday 11th September as we will need to collate a summary of students with special needs.

**Ram Allocation Model (RAM) Loading**

Each year schools seek information about each families socio-economic status, including their employment. A form was sent out at the beginning of the year for each family to complete. I would like to update our school information as we are allocated funds based on socio-economic status. We need to ensure the data is correct and current. I will be contacting all families over the next two weeks to discuss this. All information will remain confidential.

**New Bus Service**

A third bus may commence as of next term. The bus service would be specific for our school. The bus service does not replace the current services. They will still run as normal. In adding the new service from Terania Creek to The Channon Public School (only for students from The Channon Public School) there will be no change to current route of the N2551 service – and it will continue to pick up children at The Channon PS.

M & C Quinn put forward a proposal, for the new route which will now depart Franchies Gate (Terania Creek Road) at 8.15am and arrive at The Channon Public School at 8.45am. The current service that the children utilise currently leaves Franchies Gate at 7.35am – therefore the new service is timetabled 40 minutes later than the current N2551 service (this will be 40 minutes later for each child along the route).

In the afternoon the bus will depart The Channon Public School at 3.15pm and arrive at Franchies Gate at 3.45pm (the current timetabled arrival time is 4.46pm – this is an hour earlier than current timetable).

Families associated with the service will be contacted in the coming weeks if this is to go ahead. Once again, the current bus services will not change, this is an alternative service that does a later pick-up in the mornings and an earlier pick-up in the afternoon. If passed, the new third bus will commence next term.

**Public Speaking**
New Sports Shed

Bunnings Lismore have donated a 3m x 3m shed to our school. The shed will house our sports equipment which will be moved out and away from the toilet block. The new shed will be located behind the canteen. This shed will be constructed on Friday, 18 September (which is the last day of term). A slab will be poured next week.

In addition to this generous donation, Bunnings will also bring a team of representatives out to do some woodwork with all students on the same day. They will provide a BBQ lunch as well, free of charge.

Mr Manser will be working with some students on the day to move the sports equipment across to the new shed. They will also complete an audit of the current sports equipment and then purchase any much needed equipment early next term.

He is also in the process of organising new soccer nets for our soccer field.

Community Partnerships

The community partnerships program commenced on Monday and so far been very successful. Thankyou to David, JJ and Dennis for their work this week. The program will not run this Friday due to Team’s Day.
TEAMS DAY – FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 2015

This is a whole school event;

Parents are asked to co-ordinate transport to and from The Channon Oval.

However, bus children will be escorted to and from the oval;

Students need to be there by 9.15am. and report to the marshalling area;

Students need to be in full uniform, hat, joggers and sunscreen applied;

There will be no supervision at school throughout the day;

First game commences at 9.45am and last game concludes at 2.15pm;

Program, canteen list and the final canteen roster is attached.

Canteen is operated all day – roster for canteen will be displayed in the
canteen on the day.

*This is a fun day for all the students where they play team sports against their fellow students in the surrounding district’s schools.*

*Enjoy the day!*

Stephen Manser
Principal
School Photos

The school photos will be held next Tuesday from 11:30.

Please ensure that your child/ren come dressed in full school uniform. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. Please return your photos envelopes with correct money inside to hand to the photographer on the day.

Miriam Won Public Speaking (Stage 3)

Congratulation to Miriam who has won the stage 3 section at Public Speaking. She will be presented with a shield. The grand final is on 4th November at the City Hall.

From the P&C:

The Teams Day roster for this Friday 4th September is pretty much full, thank you to everyone who has volunteered.

After school activities have commenced, a big thank you to all parents and community members that are running these activities

Next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October

Thanks,
Kind regards,
Zoe

Water Watch

Water Watch will be on Monday, 7 September (next week). This program is for students in grades 3/6. It will commence after lunch. The students will be in one group. All students need to wear boots because of the long grass.

Monitoring + Action = Healthy Waterways
TERM 3 2015

Week 9

Monday 7th September
Minding Me
Moving Into Teens
Water Watch 3/6
After School Workshop

Tuesday 8th September 2015
School Photos
After School Workshop

Wednesday 9th September
Milo Cricket Gala Day 3/4/5/6
After School Workshop

Friday 11th September
After School Workshop

Week 10

Monday 14th September
After School Workshop

Tuesday 15th September
Interest Day & Book Parade and Book Fair
After School Workshop

Wednesday 16th September
After School Workshop

Friday 18th September
Bunnings Workshop
After School Workshop
Last Day of Term 3
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!
School and Community Announcements

A warm welcome to all families and friends to come to this year's 7th annual Pirate Day Boat Race

Pirate Day Boat Race

Saturday 19th of September

163 Terania Ck Rd, The Channon

(Tahlo, Elwood & Jett’s folks place - look for the pirate flag)

Races start at high noon

First Race – no capsizing (for the kiddies)

Second Race – anything goes (full sabotage)

Best ye note: Only home-crafted vessels can win the treasure chest, but kayaks and the like be most welcome anyway

Musical folks will be busting out the sea shanties

Who be welcome?

Any folks of any age, willing to race and picnic with consideration and joviality.

What be I competin’ for?

A treasure chest for the winning Captain & crew. Prizes for Best Dressed Pirate & Best Boast Design. Thar’ll be pirate tug-o-war, relays and more…

What need I?

A vessel ye daft buffoon, if ye wish to race! An’ yar swimmyn’ gear.

Or all the food and drink ye need if Picnicing’s yar thing. Captain Barrrr B.Q. will ave’ the plates hot for yar grub. And bring somethin’ for yar posterior if ye fancy a little comfort. And yar costume! Ain’t no Pirate if ye don’t look like one! An’ musical instruments too.

Questions? Then best ye call Captain Rumball (aka Donovan) on 0438 234 800.
Pirate Day Boat Race

Sat 19th Sep - High Noon

If Pirate Day comes once a year, ye’d best get ready now,
And if ye want a speedy ship, it best then ‘ave a bow!
For if ye ‘ave a simple raft, speed won’t be an option,
And if ye end up in the lead, ye best proceed with caution!
For Pirates young and oldly, are thar to be contestin’
And if ye end up in the lead, be ready for capsizin’!

Round the buoy and to the line, the Captains and thar vessel,
Whilst on the bank the Picnicers, they wildly cheer and whistle!

And when the treasure chest be found a BBQ begins,
And those assembled soon realise, its everyone who wins…
Ivy and Abby’s babysitting

Ivy and Abby are two responsible local high school students who are available to babysit in The Channon area for $10 an hour, or 4 hours for $30. Please call us on:

6688 6268 or 0401 503 280