From The Principal

It has been a highly successful term at The Channon Public School. The students have been provided with quality learning opportunities both in the classroom and out within the district. This term we commenced with 42 enrolments and I am anticipating that we should have 49 students enrolled as of next term. I am also happy to say that our demountable building will remain at the school for the remainder of the year. Another review may occur after our census numbers are submitted next February.

This term we were visited by Healthy Harold and The Life Education Van. The programs addressed many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum. We also saw the demountable converted into a performing arts area where a variety of musical instruments are used by the students including acoustic guitars, marimbas, percussion instruments and recorders. The Dunoon PSSA Athletics Carnival was held on Friday, 31 July, at Riverview Park. The whole school attended the athletics carnival with a special mention to Djuan who was runner up Junior Champion. Djuan, Beanie, Miriam, Morgan, Izaiah and Zara also competed at the NRPSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Riverview Park. On Tuesday, 4 August, students in years 4-6 attended the Byron Bay Writers Festival at the Lismore City Hall. The authors’ this year were Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Our year 6 students were selected to attend The Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre’s Artist In Residence Camp. Last week Tamlin presented Talia with an award for her video clip that she created at the camp. All students attended four MILO in2CRICKET sessions with Luke at the school. The program allowed students to improve basic motor and cricket skill development. This week the students were able to put their skills into practise when they played a modified version of the game against a number of other schools down at Lismore. The Community Partnerships program commenced back in week 8 and it has been highly engaging for the participating students and a successful alternative to computer games. The annual public speaking competition was held at school with Miriam, Malaika, Melody and Tajira being selected for their spoken presentations. Miriam was selected to move onto the final as a result of the four girls competing at Jiggi. The NAPLAN results were handed out to students in years 3 and 5. The results overall were very impressive with The Channon Public School performing above the National Average in all four curriculum areas. The Performing Arts Festival saw all of our students’ present two exceptional performances. We certainly showed that we are an inclusive school as all 46 students had a significant role and responsibility in the item. Students in years 5 and 6 participated in Personal Development workshops such as Minding Me and Moving into teens. Feedback from the students was positive and I believe that the content was relevant and beneficial. We had 12 selected students participate in a chess competition at Kadina High School. This was a wonderful day for our Chess enthusiasts, where they were able to play chess with their peers throughout the Lismore region. Teams Day was a great experience for the students, spectators and organisers. It was so pleasing to see so many parents helping out on the day and supporting the school and the students. This week we had a visit from The Taronga Park Zoo. Next week we have a jam packed interest day as well as workshops from Bunnings who will also be installing our new shed. Thank you to every one for your continued support and I hope that everyone has a wonderful final week and a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Stephen Manser

Principal
**New Bus Service**

A new bus service will commence on Tuesday, 6 October, 2015. This is the first day of term 4 for all students.

This new service is a result of a proposal from the Department of Education, M & C Quinn Buses, The NSW Department of Transport and The Channon Public School. The proposal was put forward back in May and reviews have been held over the past few months. Quinn’s sent a final proposal through in August and this was accepted by the NSW Department of Transport and The Channon Public School.

The reason for the change is due to the time that the bus is arriving of a morning and departing of an afternoon. The Channon Public School operates with supervision from 8:30am until 3:30pm. These are the supervision times for students and the employment hours for the staff. With students arriving at school from 8:10am and departing in the afternoon at 4:10pm this meant work hours and supervision times were being extended beyond the schools operating hours in accordance with the Department of Education.

I contacted all families that access the bus in week 2 of term 2 and provided information to each family about possible changes. The feedback I gained from the families was extremely positive, especially as many families were putting their child/ren on a bus very early of a morning and in the winter months it was approaching dark by the time their child/ren arrived home in the afternoon.

This new service will provide families with an extra thirty minutes in the mornings to get ready and of an afternoon, students will arrive home approximately one hour earlier than the current service.

The Community Partnerships program commenced two weeks ago and according to feedback from parents, students and staff it has been successful. I have been contacted by many parents and community members willing to run workshops next term and even next year. I would like the program to continue next term, but only on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The reason for these selected days is that many students are being picked up earlier on a Thursday and Friday rather than accessing the buses, or attending after school activities such as circus or sports training away from the school. On average there are only about 3 to 4 students catching the 4:10pm bus service on a Thursday and Friday, and I believe that these students would now catch the new earlier service at 3:15pm.

If students were to attend the Monday to Wednesday Community Partnerships program then they would be able to still catch the existing bus service at 4:10pm. In addition any students that attend circus on a Wednesday or Thursday with Rena would still be able to access the same bus from the hall. However, relevant bus students not attending the after school workshops should be catching this new service at 3:15pm.

Once again, this new service will commence next term to align with school operating hours. If you have any questions about the bus service, please contact Michael and Cathy Quinn. If the question is more relevant to school then please contact me at school or direct on 0401 035 291 or stephen.manser3@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

**Stephen Manser**

Principal
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 three 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 demonstrates 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.
From Mrs Cantrell

Once more, another term is flying by! This week in Maths I did a simple introduction to algebra for Year 1 and 2. Quite a few of the students were absolutely fascinated by the formula and asked for a copy to take home to wow their parents. This week we will be learning about data and in Literacy we will focus on writing.

Homework…I’ve had a few parents say that because of PAF and other commitments would it be okay if their child didn’t focus too much on homework. My answer is of course! Homework should never be something to stress over, particularly not in the junior grades. Our children do so many extra-curricular activities such as circus, soccer, music and dancing that it can be hard to fit in extra schoolwork as well! Having raised three children of my own, I know exactly what it’s like!

Thankyou

Thankyou to Mr Cameron and JJ Bruce for marking out the fields for Teams Day last week. This is a huge task which is undertaken each year and we greatly appreciate it.

Thankyou to Jeremy Harland for preparing our cement slab for our new sport shed this week. This has been a big task and your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by the staff and students of The Channon School.

Book Week Parade and Book Fair

Next Tuesday, 15 September, 2015 we will be holding our Book Week Parade at 11.30am here at school. Students and Pre-schooler's 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.
**Lake Ainsworth Major Excursion**

For parents of students who will be attending the Sport and Recreation school camp at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre from Monday 8, November until Friday, 13 November, 2015. Prior to the camp all students must complete a Medical and Consent Form.

The information that Sport and Recreation needs about your child includes:

- medical conditions
- food related allergies
- special diets
- medication
- emergency contact details.

Sport and Recreation needs you to complete this form on behalf of your child. The form is available online and is easy to complete. Once you submit the form it is sent directly to the Centre so the staff can prepare for your child's visit.

It is vital that you enter the following details to complete the online form:

- Booking Number 0464394
- Booking Start Date 8/11/2015
- Booking Venue Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

Please complete the Medical and Consent Form at sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/medicalandconsentform by 19/10/2015.

Parents please note if you do not have access to the internet see Mr Manser at school and we will help you submit information from school.

**New Bus Run Terania Creek Road**

Yesterday your child was given a new bus form, a timetable and a letter from Mr Manser for the new bus run for Terania Creek Road. This bus run will commence on Tuesday 6 October, first day back next term. Please fill in the new bus form and return to school by next Tuesday, 15 September, 2015.

**Community Partnerships**

Thankyou to Dave Ellemor-Collins, JJ Bruce and Dennis Monks for running these workshops this term. All the students participating have really enjoyed the activities provided. The program will not run next Friday as this is the last day of term 3.
MILO CRICKET
WE REALLY ENJOYED PLAYING CRICKET WITH OUR FELLOW STUDENTS FROM THE SURROUNDING LISMORE AREA!
TODAY TARONGA ZOO CAME TO SCHOOL

It was wonderful to see the animals up close. Thank you to Kate from the Taronga Zoo for sharing her knowledge and for Tamlin for organising this event. We certainly will share some special memories of this day!
**Leaders Report**

This week has been an exciting! On Tuesday we had our school photos. We had individual photos, family photos, school photos, class photos, staff photos and a Year 6 photo.

On Wednesday 3/4/5/6 class went to an oval in Lismore for a ‘Milo Cricket’ day. We had lots of fun playing cricket with lots of other schools. On Thursday we had Kate from Taronga Zoo in Sydney come and talk to us about the animals that she brought in. Kate brought an echidna, a spotted python, a ringed tale possum, a white lipped tree frog, a stick insect and a shingle backed lizard. We would all like to thank Tamlin for organising this for the school.

We had lots of fun!

Talia and Mitchell
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 yars 7th annual

Pirate Day Boat Race

Saturday 19th of September

163 Terania Ck Rd, The Channon
(Tahl, 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 jovialty.

What be I competin’ for?
A treasure chest for the winning Captain & crew. Prizes for Best Dressed Pirate & Best Boat Design.
That'll be pirate tug-o-war, relays and more...

What need I?
A vessel ye daft bunoon, if ye wish to race! An’ yar swimmin’ gear.
Or all the food and drink ye need if Picnicin’ yar thing. Captain Barrr B.Q. will ave’ the plates hot for yar grub. And bring somethin’ for yar posterior if ye fancy a little comfort. An’ 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.

95th ANNIVERSARY of the Nimbin Annual Country Show

Drawing by Frewiln Bawne

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September, 2015

Musical Interludes. Reptile Awareness Displays
Alpaca Display Saturday. Champion Dog Show Saturday. Mick Davis Dog and Duck Show.
Lismore City Council Exhibition Market (Saturday).

Showground 0458 372 228
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ADMISSION
Family Day Passes $15.
Camping 1 person $10 per night.