Mr Peter Campbell (Director) visited our school yesterday and was very pleased with the progress that we were making in providing all students with quality learning opportunities. The students have all displayed academic growth over the past 12 months and this is evident in their day to day work and their ongoing results. Our school will continue to strive for excellence throughout 2016.

Last year, Rena applied for a grant called ‘Reaping Reward – Anything is possible’. Yesterday Rena received confirmation that her application was successful. This grant will support and promote student learning across literacy and numeracy while utilising technology and the support of the community along the way. We are very proud of Rena and we look forward to supporting her with this project.

We have also had confirmation that our school has been successful in gaining Sporting and Schools Funding. These funds will go towards the purchase of new sporting equipment including new soccer goals/nets and athletics programs and carnivals.

Finally, I would like to thank Indi Cohen-Whiting for contributing so much to this school. We will miss her vibrant personality, friendly and caring nature and we wish Indi and her family all the very best in the future.

Stephen Manser - Principal

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Leaders Report

This week has not been so busy. Last week we had the Dunoon District Swimming Carnival and all students who attended had a great time, with some getting through to zone level. Only two days later the Life Education Van visited our school. We learnt about the terrible effects of smoking. We enjoyed playing with Healthy Harold the giraffe. We hope that you have a very nice and sun safe weekend.

Tameeka & Tahlo

NRPPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Next Thursday, 25 February, 2016, Lily, Malaika, Zara, Melody, Jeremy and Rain will be representing our school in NRPPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival in Lismore at the Lismore Memorial Baths. Transport will be by private car. Signed consent forms were sent home today. Parents please take this form on the day and give to Ryan Swift who will be the teacher in charge of the Dunoon PSSA swimming team. We wish you all the best on the day!

‘Art Smart’

The students in Year 6 are able to participate in ‘Art Smart’ which will be held at Clunes Public School from Tuesday, 29 March through to Thursday 31 March, 2016. The cost is $75.00 per student. If you would like your child/ren to participate, please fill out the permission note attached to this newsletter and return it to school with money by Friday, 18 March, 2016.

Macadamia Castle K/1/2 Excursion

On Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, the K/1/2 class will be travelling by bus to the Macadamia Castle. The students need to be at school by 8.50am as the bus will be leaving at 9am. This will be a wonderful day for the students where they will meet all the animals, be able to participate in rabbit petting and be provided with two bags of food each to feed the animals as well as get to go on the train ride. The school is subsidising this excursion from $34.00 to now $15.00 per student.

Please fill in the permission note attached and return to school with money by Friday, 4 March, 2016.

From Mrs Cantrell

This week in the K/1/2 class we have been focussing on multiplication in Maths. We have been learning about making groups and repeated addition, such as $6 \times 4 = 24$ is the same as $6+6+6+6 = 24$.

In Science we are learning about ‘Our Senses’. We went for a sensory walk around the school and found some very interesting smells in our herb garden.

We are also learning about our personal history. It would be great if you could send in a picture of your child as a baby and a toddler. I will photocopy them and then each student can create their own personal timeline. Just a reminder that LIBRARY is on Friday.

Happy Birthday

Audrey 21/02/16
**Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal Grant for the P&C**

The P&C have successfully gained a FRRR grant to help create a richer learning environment for our students. The three focus projects will be Performing and Visual Arts, Environmental Science and Health. The proposal is for students to make a movie, open the canteen with food from the garden, improve the foyer of the school and create a school circus performance. The grant funds will purchase computers, PM Readers, gardening tool, gymnastic equipment, art supplies and workshops. A big thanks to all the people who wrote letters of support, this project could not have been successful without your time and energy. Parents/care givers and community members are invited to be part of this project. Thank you to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal for giving The Channon Public School the opportunity to enhance our students’ educational experience.

Please call Rena 0421255982 for more information.

**Fire Ants Investigation Project**

Today the students in years 5 and 6 participated in a video conference linked through Durroughby Environmental Centre in conjunction with the Department of Primary Industry. The video conference was about a Fire Ants Investigation project which is for NSW schools. The DPI In partnership with Botany Bay and Dorroughby EECs is running a series of video-conferences titled ‘What in the world are fire ants?’ A successful trial in 2015 ensured they would run again in 2016. The aim is to support and enhance students’ knowledge of this topic.

Thank you to Tamlin for working with the staff and providing The Channon Public school with the details about this program.
If These Halls Could Talk invite you to...

Show + Tell

Whether The Channon Hall is one from your past or the hall down the road, you are invited to Show + Tell to share your stories, objects and memorabilia of the Hall.

Visual artist Craig Walsh will be working with your community to create a work inspired by the stories and people of the Channon Hall and its surrounds.

Walsh is renowned internationally for his site-responsive public art works, particularly his video projections onto landscapes and buildings.

Craig will be joining Show + Tell to tell you a bit about who he is, his work and any ideas he has for the project.

There will also be a BBQ and some tunes throughout the day.

When: Sunday, 6 March 2016
Show + Tell: 11 - 2.00 pm
11am - Project Intro & meet the artist
11.30pm - Show + Tell
Also join us for a BBQ and some tunes

Where: The Channon Hall
Mill Street, The Channon

Bring: stories, news clippings, photographs, objects or anything that tells the story of The Channon Hall.

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