It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces return from our two class excursions yesterday, staff and parent helpers included. I heard so many recounts of what the students did and what they saw. Every student had a highlight and experiences that they will remember for years to come. Excursions provide students with hands on and visual learning experiences away from the classroom. It places them in a learning environment that enhances their learning. Further information about the excursions are within this newsletter from our students.

Stephen Manser - Principal

Garden Working Bee

Everyone is invited to come and upgrade our school garden. Working Bee begins at 3 pm on the 11th of March 2016. Children, grandparents, neighbours and babies are always welcome. Come and get your hands dirty for a good cause. BBQ after the upgrade. Any ideas you have about the garden please call Rena: 0421 255 982
Macadamia Castle K/1/2 Excursion

Yesterday the K/1/2 class went on a wonderful excursion to the Macadamia Castle. We had such a great time! We met a baby Crocodile, a beautiful snake, blue-tongued lizard and even Minnie the Wombat! We fed the ducks and the sheep and the goats and saw a very exciting bird show. Mrs Luce and I were very impressed with how well-behaved all our students were. When we got back to school, we discovered a huge carpet snake having a quiet read in the classroom! It seems we don’t have to go far to interact with our amazing wildlife. What a great end to a fabulous day!
Minjunbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre & Margaret Olley Art Exhibition 3/4/5/6 Excursion

On Tuesday we went to Minjunbal Cultural Centre and we got to see a sacred Bora Ring and go on a board walk above water. There was tonnes of aboriginal artifacts!

Afterwards we went to the Margaret Olley Art Exhibition. At the exhibition I was surprised at the amount of unique things in her house.

My Favourite thing was the board walk.

Aslan

Yesterday 3/4/5/6 went on an hour and 20 minute bus drive to Murwillumbah. The bus drive was long and hot. The sound was too loud for me. At the Tweed Regional Gallery we saw Margaret Olley paintings. They were amazing!

At the museum I learned you can lick the salt off Mangrove Leaves and on the way back some people fell asleep.

Milaya
Harmony Day, Monday 21st March

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s a day to recognise our individual and cultural strengths, and to embrace what we have in common.

Our school will be celebrating by sharing dishes from other countries; some cooked by our families, and some prepared by Grades 3 and 4. Children are required to bring their normal lunch and recess, as we will be having just a taste of international cuisine.

Lunch will begin at 1pm. After lunch, at 1.40pm, we will play international games. Everyone in the community is invited to join us. We ask that you return the RSVP slip by Friday 19th March for catering purposes if you would like to come for lunch. If you are able to prepare an international dish for our school to share, please fill in the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to Mrs Shipard by next Friday 18 March, 2016.

Leaders Report

This week has a busy week. We had Rain, Melody, Zara and Lily go to the North Coast Swimming Carnival in Kempsey and we had the K/1/2/3 and 3/4/5/6 excursions.

The K/1/2 students went to the Macadamia Castle and 3/4/5/6 Students went to the Margaret Olley Exhibition and they went to the Minjungbal Cultural Centre at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

Rain and Kaj

PSSA Swimming Report

On Tuesday Zara, Melody, Rain and Lily went to Kempsey to compete in the PP5 relay. On Tuesday they camped in Kempsey overnight and went to the swimming carnival in the morning.

There were two heats for the relay, and in one heat we came 7th. Unfortunately we did not make it to state, but everyone had an excellent time. On the way home we stopped at the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour and had lunch there!

Overall it was an exciting experience!

Melody & Zara
EASTER HAT PARADE

We would like to invite all families, caregivers, preschool students & their teachers to our Easter Hat Parade at The Channon Public School on Thursday, 24 March, 2016.

The Parade will commence at 11.45am.

We encourage participants to make a hat at home. There will be prizes for the best hat in the following categories: Preschool, K/1/2, 3/4, 5/6 and adult.

We look forward to seeing you all at the parade.
HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION 2016
‘our diversity is our strength’
FREE MULTICULTURAL FAMILY EVENT!!!

WHERE: HERITAGE PARK
WHEN: FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2016,
3pm-6pm
- Multicultural music & dance performances
- Participate in multicultural activities & crafts for families
- Circus performances
- Face painting & jumping castle
- Light meal provided
And much more...

For more information contact Zoe Dodd at YWCA NSW
Goonellabah:
6625 5809 or 0425 366 979

The Channon Children's Centre
TRIVIAL NIGHT
A CHILD-FREE NIGHT OF GAMES, TRIVIA, LAUGHS
AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT !!

This Saturday, 6pm @ The Hall
TABLES OF 8. BOOK @ THE SHOP.
(Don’t worry if you don’t have a full
Table, you’ll likely make some
new friends!

* $15, includes a light 2
course dinner *

Limited child-minding @ preschool
available. Txt 0421954176 to book.