

Channel Soundings

Term 4 - 11 December 2019

From the Principal

This will be the last newsletter for 2019. When I contemplated what to write, I arrived at two choices - a reflection on the year that has been or my anticipation of Christmas. But upon deeper thinking I concluded that the Gospel story of Christmas is, in a way, a reflection of the past year. This year we have consistently been celebrating blessings received from God; provision of new life, new staff, new students, new families and new buildings. Students have experienced growth in their learning, but also growth in relationship with God and each other. This is very evident as I read through comments teachers have written about the children. Even though the formal part of learning is done we continue to celebrate. Our focus at school is shifting to Christmas. We are celebrating God's greatest blessing to us, the gift of His Son, Jesus. The Saviour who made it possible for us to say "We are children of God" and because God loves us so much to give His only Son to die for us, in response we are loving to learn and learning to love others. We wait with eager anticipation to see how God will bless and use our school community in 2020.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

"For God so loved the World, He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not die, but live for ever and ever." John 3:16

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Events Coming Up

- Christmas Assembly - Fri 13 Dec at 1.45pm
- Year 6 Mystery Fun Day - Mon 16 Dec
- Big Splash Hobart Aquatic Centre (P- Year6) - Tue 17 Dec
- Kinder Picnic Caldrew Park - Tue 17 Dec
- Year 6 Farewell Assembly - Wed 1.30pm

Future Assemblies

Friday 13 December - Christmas Assembly at **1:45pm** - All welcome

Wednesday 18 December - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at **1:30pm** - All welcome

Reports

You will receive your child's report on Friday. I encourage you to read it with your child, rejoice with them in all they have achieved academically and in their attitude towards learning.

Remind them that "C" means they are achieving exactly as they ought to for their age/year group. ***It means that they have moved forward a whole year in their learning.*** Next week every family will receive the 2019 Channel Yearbook, which is a synopsis of everything we have achieved this year as students, teachers and a community.

We trust you will enjoy reminiscing on the year we have had through the photos. A BIG THANK you to Kylie Townsend, our in house school photographer, who has been busy all year ensuring that each event is recorded through picture for us to enjoy.

Big Splash - Tuesday 17 December

For our whole school 'End of Year Picnic' the Prep-Year 6 class go to the Aquatic Centre for most of the day.

Date: Tuesday 17 December

We will leave school by bus at 9:15am to be at the pool from 10:00am - 1:30pm.

Students can come in **free dress**.

What to bring: bathers, towel, plastic bag to put wet gear in afterwards, drink bottle, own food or money to buy lunch at the kiosk. ***The kiosk will only be open from 11:30am - 1:00pm.***

Parents are invited to come for some or all of the time, but will need to provide their own transport. If you are taking your children straight to the pool or taking them home from the pool, please inform their teacher.

The staff at the Aquatic Centre will have extra life guards on duty while we are there.

You will receive a Consent2Go message soon asking for your permission.



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Celebrating our Volunteers

Last Thursday we were able to celebrate our volunteers with an assembly and morning tea provided by the staff. We were reminded that this school exists because of volunteers who served on a committee, went out looking for land and built the first buildings. Tom Smith, a School Council member, reminded the students of the importance of investing time into things that are important. The volunteers who come to our school do just that. They understand the importance of giving their most valuable resource, time, and investing it into the wellbeing of their children and grandchildren, as well as into a school which provides a Christ-centred education. **Thank You.**



Kinder Christmas Play and Sausage Sizzle

Last night I was able to witness our youngest students rise to the occasion of being on stage in front of an audience made up of siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. They joyfully enacted the Christmas story as if it might have happened today in our Aussie backyard. Afterwards they enjoyed family time together with a sausage sizzle. Mrs Day and Mrs Goodfellow were two very proud 'teachers'.



Library

It's that time of year again. Please return your library books!



Triathlon

It was a huge day for Channel Christian School, at the Primary Schools Triathlon Challenge. Students from Year 3 to 6 took part in swim, bike and run legs of a triathlon. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and doing their best.



FAMILY CAROLS
FRI 13th DEC | 7 PM
& SAT 14th DEC | 5 PM
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
17 Denison St, Kingston

FREE FOOD MARKET
with lots of Christmas treats on offer

Prayer Points

A safe holiday period.

Families that are leaving or joining our community, that they will find God's guidance in decisions that are best for them as a family.

Praise Points

Christmas and all that it brings; A message of hope through the Gospel.

A time to recharge, reconnect with family and friends and sunshine!