

Channel Soundings

Term 1 - 13 February 2019

From the Principal

Last Thursday we held our annual 'Welcome Back to School BBQ' and 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. It was a great time for all with the sunshine coming through just in time. It was encouraging to see that people were beginning to "love their neighbour" by introducing themselves to people they did not yet know or are new to our school community, starting conversations and sharing food together. Our school community consists of a range of people with different cultural, ethical or religious backgrounds. The big question is "How can we love the stranger, and pursue a common life together this year?"

This morning, in devotion time, the teachers discussed the difference between love and tolerance. Tolerance is a willingness to let someone be but not a willingness to go out of ones way on their behalf. Love is a commitment to some-one else's well-being. Let us work together in teaching our children to truly love to learn and learn to love, even the strangers amongst us.

"I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other." John 13:34-35

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Events Coming Up

- * Assembly every Friday from 2:15pm
- * Year 3/4 Camp - **20 - 22 Feb**
- * Swimming Programme (P-6) - **4 - 15 March**
- * Twilight Fair - **15 March**

Newsletter

The newsletter will be emailed to all families on Wednesdays, a paper copy of the Newsletter will be available from the office on Thursdays.

Extra-curricular Activities

Every year Channel offers free after school activities for our students to enjoy. They include but are not restricted to lego, coding, art, dance and board games.

They will start next week. Please collect permission forms from the office if you would like your child to attend.

Every Monday - Lego/coding - 3:00 - 4:30pm -
Mr Marc Mumford (Year 3 - 6 students only)

Every Thursday - Board games - 3:00 - 4:00pm -
Mrs Elissa Goodfellow (prep - Year 6 students)



Parent - Talk Sessions

To continue to build our partnership for the benefit of the education of our students we offer 10 minute timeslots for parents to meet with the classroom teacher.

This time is for the parents to inform the teacher about their child, sharing strengths or concerns they may have for the year to come.

You will receive a questionnaire as well as a Parent Talk session form which needs to be completed to allocate a preferred time. **Please return to the office by Wednesday 20th February.**

We have allocated two days for these sessions to allow all parents an opportunity to attend.

The dates are:

Tuesday 26th Feb (3:00pm-5:00pm)

Wednesday 27th Feb (3:00-8:00 pm)



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Year 3/4 Camp

Students in Years 3 and 4 are excited to be heading off to camp on **February 20-22 at Blue Lagoon Camp and Conference Centre at Dodges Ferry**. We look forward to exciting activities like swimming at the beach, surfing, learning archery, using the games room, mega slides and the playground. It will be great to share meals together and be able to share special experiences like devotion time, campfire and marshmallow roasting, movie night and other games. If you're interested in seeing where we are going, please check out the [Blue Lagoon website](#).

This year the theme of our camp is 'Friendship'. School camps are a pivotal experience for building peer and student-teacher relationships. This is the primary reason we schedule the camp so soon after school goes back – to get our relationships off to a good start! Making special memories, sharing new experiences and spending time together outside of the school and classroom environment is very important to building positive and productive relationships in our classroom.

Please join with us in praying for God's protection over us while we are away and for great friendship building. Please also give thanks that we have the opportunity and resources to do fun and different things in our beautiful state.

Dealing with School Anxiety - Powerful Things That Adults Can Do

[School Anxiety - what can you do about it?](#)

Easter Egg Competition

Guess the number of eggs - \$1.00 per guess. You can find the jar in the school office.

School Banking

School banking day is Tuesday. Stop by the office to drop off your bank books.

Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.
Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money* and here's how they manage it:


- Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong - the amount should suit your family situation.
- Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.
- On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.
The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour**. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spem, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmite token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.


Polar Savers Rewards:
Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Ice Slide Stapband Ruler
Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
Term 4: Water Slime (Bounce Ball), Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.
Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children (6-11s), School Banking Research, conducted by Ffytffiv6s, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



KIDCITY After-School Fridays

KidCity Fridays is an energetic, fun-filled program held at CityLight Church, 150 Redwood Road, Kingston. It's for Grade 3-6, \$2, 3:30-5pm, some Fridays. The first event for the year is the KidCity Kick-off on Friday the 22nd Feb. Permission forms can be filled out by adults at the door, or can be sent with students the first time they come. Please email Jono (below) if you would like any further information.

Future Events:

22nd Feb – KidCity Kick-off

15th March – "Night Games"

29th March – Easter Extravaganza

Contact:

Jono Laning, kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au, 6229 1944, or 0437 990 584



Channel Twilight Fair – 15 March 2019

4.30pm-7.30pm

Our school Twilight Fair is on again! This is the main fundraiser event for our school and is a great evening with delicious food stalls and kids activities. This year we even have the Royal Australian Navy band performing!

So put **Friday 15th of March** in your calendar now and keep the afternoon and evening free to help out and enjoy the fair. Let your family, friends and neighbours know too! We love to show the wider community our great school and what we can do!

More details will follow in the coming weeks but here are some ways to help that you can start thinking about now:

Craft - Our craft stall is very popular and any handmade items you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. Think jewellery, woodwork, painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc...



Cakes, slices, jams, chutneys, produce - Donations of these items are also greatly appreciated as these items sell out very quickly on our cake and plant and produce stalls.



Roster - the fair cannot happen without every family doing an hour or two on the roster. For new families, this is a great way to meet other members of the school community. Please choose a timeslot and add your name or contact Anita Reynolds for any further information. It would be great if we could also have some helpers for setting up and packing up on the day of the fair. These are two of the biggest jobs and many hands make light work!

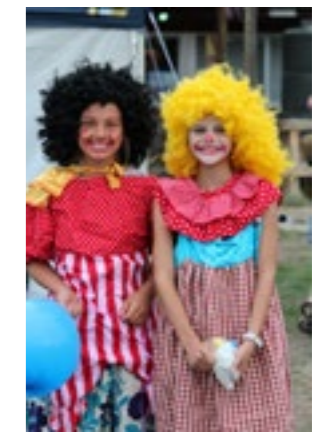
Link for Fair Roster: [Fair Roster Signup](#)

Class donations - class teachers will soon advise on specific items needed for buy-burst-win, tombolas and the chocolate game.

Stay tuned for more info next week!

Contact the Fair Committee at: fair@channel.tas.edu.au

Mel Molano
Anita Reynolds
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PRAYER POINTS

Be thankful for a great start to Little Learners with lots of children and parents enjoying the activities prepared by Michelle Woolford.

Be thankful for the rains which have reduced the bushfires and allowed families and staff to return to a normal life.

Pray for some of our youngest students who find the change to full time schooling quite challenging both physically and emotionally.

Pray for our fair committee as they meet and plan for the biggest fund raising event of the year.