

Channel Soundings

Term 1 - 13 March 2019

From the Principal

This week is a big week for the Channel School community. After weeks of preparation the fair is happening this Friday afternoon. I think it appropriate to mention the hard work our Fair Committee have put in so far to make this event happen. They are ordinary people with families and jobs who volunteer their time to organise this event.

My question is "What drives them to volunteer hours and weeks of their time?" I believe it is their passion for their school community. To see it thrive and a desire to share this with as many people as they can. The fair is a great opportunity to do this. It is so much more than raising funds for the school. It is about community and celebrating who we are.

Volunteering allows us to discover what it is that God has placed on our lives. It allows us to use and grow in these gifts, in order to glorify God, and help serve people as we build His community.

So, a big Thank you to our Fair Committee. Let us support them by volunteering our time on Friday to make the Twilight Fair a reflection of true Christian Community. See you on Friday!

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



*"This is the day the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it."*

Events Coming Up

- * Twilight Fair - 15 March
- * Ride your Bike to School - 22 March
- * CST Cross Country - 5 April
- * Last day of Term - 12 April

**Please note - there will be no assembly this week
due to our School Fair.*

Sharp Reading

Students might have come home by now talking about our newest program called "Sharp Reading". All students (Prep-Yr6) have been formally assessed for their reading and comprehension level, and grouped accordingly. They get together in their groupings 3 times a week for a 45 minute intense reading session. Teachers are participating in an online training program about how to teach reading and comprehension more effectively and efficiently.

Brian Parker from New Zealand will join us in the first week of April to observe and guide the teachers in their training.

As the sessions start at 9:00am, it is important for all students to arrive on time so that they are ready to participate in their activity. Late students could potentially miss out on their intense teaching block, or are not ready to join in due to being unprepared physically and emotionally. Could you please help us in this for the benefit of student learning.



**BUY, BURST &
WIN STALL!**

CHANNEL TWILIGHT FAIR

Please help 3/4 & Kinder to raise
money for the school by donating
prizes worth \$5 and under.

**BRING DONATIONS
TO KINDER OR 3/4
CLASSROOMS By
14/03/19**



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Swimming Programme

Over the past fortnight, students from Prep to Year 6 have been travelling to the Kingston Pool for swimming lessons. It has been a blast and it is so encouraging to see the fear of water evaporate, confidence grow in student's swimming ability and see students push themselves in their swimming.

Our students have been respectful of their swimming teachers and are eager to listen and practice their newly learned skills. **All students; Thursday will be survival day where they will need to bring shorts and a t-shirt to swim in.** They will be learning about how to survive in the water when things go wrong.

This Friday will be the final swimming lesson for students. Year 3 to Year 6 students will be heading to Kingston Beach and, weather permitting, will have the option to swim in the ocean. Students from Prep to Year 2 will be back at Kingston Pool, celebrating their progress over the past fortnight with their swimming teachers.



Ride to School

Join us for ride to school **22nd of March.**
7:45 at 32 Derwent Ave, Margate.

We'll ride to school together.

Anyone that can ride a bike 5 km with no training wheels is welcome. Decorate your helmet for extra fun.



Channel Twilight Fair – 15 March 2019
4.30pm-7.30pm

The fair is almost here!

The weather is looking great and it's shaping up to be a fantastic evening!

A final roster has now been distributed. Please swap with someone else if you can't make the time allocated to you.

Now is also the time to bring in all those donations!

Pre loved clothes, games and books need to be at school by **Thursday afternoon** if possible. A huge thank you for all the donations that have already been brought in!

Please bring **cakes to the staffroom on Thursday or Friday**. The ingredients should be clearly written on your baked goods and remember no fresh cream or custard.

Plants and produce and jams, chutneys and relishes and craft can be brought in now. Please label any ingredients.

Thank you for your support and see you at the fair with your friends and family!

For those who are able, we would appreciate help with the pack up. Many hands make light work!!

We can be contacted at fair@channel.tas.edu.au if you would like to put your name on the roster.

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Anita Reynolds
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PRAYER POINTS

Prayer:

Pray for opportunities for us to have a real impact on the lives of the people who have chosen Channel to be their home.

Pray for a successful fair, both as a community event as well as fundraising.

Praise:

Praise God for the positive vibe around the school and the interest shown in our community by the locals.

Praise God for the willingness of so many volunteers to make the fair a reality.

Praise God for a successful swimming program.