

Channel Soundings

Term 2 - 15 May 2019

From the Principal

It is always great to have discussions around what it means to be a Christian school.

We had one of those in our staff meeting this week, and looked at how a Christian school stresses restorative power of God's grace in individual lives and within community.

God's grace exceeds the balance-sheet approach to life where everything is done with an expectation of equal return. At Channel we teach that cooperation comes before competition, service before self-interest and we also look at pursuing peace. Students are encouraged to treat all people as image-bearers of God and to see the world as God's creation. They are taught to care for it for future generations, not selfish gains.

Our own sense of worth and success in life should never be at the expense of others. The way we view Naplan tests is a great example of this. Students are encouraged to use the Naplan tests as an opportunity to show what they know. The results are used to celebrate their own progress and that of their peers, but not used to measure against others.

Please join us in sending this message clearly to our students.

God bless,

Margaret Louw
Principal



Events Coming Up

- * School Banking - **Tuesdays**
- * NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 - **14-17 May**
- * Biggest Morning Tea - **Friday 24 May**
10:00am-12:00pm One Way Church, Margate
- * Photo Day - **Mon 24 June**
- * Hoodwinked - **Thur 27 June & Fri 28 June**

SharpReading

School Council recently provided us with a generous amount of funds to purchase new book sets to support our *SharpReading* groups in the early years.

Teachers and students are very happy to have excellent new books to read. Thank you School Council!



Cancer Council - Biggest Morning Tea

One Way Church in Endeavour Ave, Margate are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea from 10:00am - 12:00pm on Friday 24 May.

Cost \$5.00 entry for morning tea.

There will also be a trade table, guessing competition and mystery prizes.

Contact Linelle on 0404 002 961 if you would like to join in so they can provide plenty of food.



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CEN National Conference

This week Mrs Louw will be attending a "New principals retreat" as well as the Christian Education National (CEN) national conference in Canberra. She is looking forward to networking with other principals and to be challenged in this new role.

Winter

It is that time of year again when the germs start thriving at school. We would like to protect all our students from these nasties, and ask for your assistance in this.

If your child is unwell and is contagious, the best action to take is to keep them home for a day or two to recover and let the office know that your child is ill. This will reduce the spread of germs to the rest of the school community.

Thank you for being considerate in this.

Mother's Day Assembly

Last Friday we celebrated our Mums in our assembly.

It was great to see all the Mums and Grandmothers come and enjoy the presentations.



Gymnastics

In the coming weeks, students from Kinder to Year 6 will be heading the State Gymnastic Centre in Kingston to learn gymnastics. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop gross motor skills and other important skills such as balance co-ordination.



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From School Council

Council has recently given funds for a number of projects around the school. A new lunch table has been purchased for the Prep/1 class, and the kids are enjoying it immensely!

We have also invested in new readers across the school, to complement and extend the *SharpReading* program that has been launched at Channel this year. It has been such a privilege to contribute to the school and to the children's learning experience in these ways, and we look forward to seeing the benefits of these purchases in the coming months and years.

We farewell Ali Richardson as she steps down from council to give more time and energy to her growing family. We will miss her input and her presence at council meetings, but are excited for her and her family as they prepare for another chapter in their family life. May God's hand be upon you all!

Meg Riley
Chairperson

PRAYER POINTS

Thankful for:

Mr Harrison who looks after our beautiful school grounds.

Our two soccer teams who have started off so well and for the parents willing to coach and train.

Pray for:

The right person to fill the chaplaincy position as well as a maternity replacement for Jess Vandervelde.

Perseverance for the Yr 3 and 5 students during Naplan week.