

# Channel Soundings

Term 1 - 20 March 2019

## From the Principal

I've been reading the book "The Christian School as Community" the ideas and insights of Dr Stuart Fowler, edited by Martin Hanscamp.

In it he says "God created us each with distinctive individuality and he equally created us in community. People cannot achieve fulfilment if individuality is suppressed, but neither can personal fulfilment be achieved without a vigorous and authentic communal life".

We have just experienced both the individuality and community part of our school in united action at the school fair. Many individuals contributed to this community event, adding their own personal touches to it. I'm thinking of Mrs Evenhuis and her passion for gardening which she was able to express in the gardening stall, Mr Bosker and his competitive spirit at the chocolate trailer, and Mrs Basson with her gifting of connecting with people and putting together the silent auction. Each individual worked, knowing they belonged to something bigger than only themselves, as part of the school community. The feedback we received was first and foremost about the great atmosphere felt by all on the night.

Thank you to the Fair Committee for being the behind the scene people who put in a lot of the hard work.

Ps 66 *"To God be the Glory for great things He has done"*.

God bless,  
Margaret Louw  
Principal



## Events Coming Up

- \* Ride your Bike to School - 22 March  
**THIS FRIDAY**
- \* Assembly - 22 March  
**Prep/1 and 5/6 will perform**
- \* Little Learners Outing - 3 April
- \* CST Cross Country - 5 April
- \* Last day of Term - 12 April

## Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival

On Monday, 10 students travelled to Huonville Pool to compete in the Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to swim in a larger pool than our Learn to Swim program. Some notable performances were Erin Oudman and Wesley Verdouw who finished second in the 50 metre freestyle, Abby Dolliver who won the 50 metre freestyle, Ava Townsend and Zara Taylor who finished second in the 50 metre backstroke and Ruby Sutherland who finished second in the 50 metre breaststroke.

A special mention must be made to Zara, Abby and Ruby who finished third in the Year 4 relay despite only having 3 team members and 2 of the members being in Year 3!

A big **thank you** to Anita Reynolds who came along and helped as a marshall all day. Events like this do not happen without generous volunteers. The importance of our swimming program was highlighted in the improvements made from last year, as last year 50 metres was a massive task as the carnival was before swimming practice. This year however, 50 metres was completed with relative ease, with the relevant skills necessary for the relevant stroke being maintained to a high level.



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## Music Performances in Assembly

Over the next 2 weeks in assembly, our music classes will be performing some of the pieces we have been learning in music class. Our focus for this term has been Music from around the world. Throughout this unit we have been discovering some of the different styles of music from around the world as well as the instruments that are used and how they have developed over time. Here are the scheduled dates for each class:

**Friday 22nd March - Prep/1 and 5/6 will perform**

**Friday 29th March - 1/2 and 3/4 will perform**

Please come along if you are able to and see what we've been up to in the music room! **Assembly commences at 2:15 each Friday.**

Nathaniel Richardson - Music Teacher



## 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 – Wrap up*

Sadly the fair is done and dusted for another year but **what a great night it was!** It wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our school community whether it be donating goods, coordinating or volunteering on a stall, helping with set up or pack up or even just promoting the fair to family and friends and coming along on the day. Every bit helps, so **THANK YOU!**

There are a few jams etc left over from the fair that can be purchased for a small donation from the school office. We also have some plants left to sell, come and take a look and make an offer, see Rose Evenhuis.

The following items were unsold at the silent auction and can also be purchased from the office. Make an offer!

- *Buffalo Print*
- *Mini Golf - Tamar Valley Resort Launceston*
- *Jewellery Pieces (1 necklace and 1 bracelet)*

Finally, we would love to hear your feedback! What worked well? What can we improve on next year? Do you have an idea for a new stall you'd like to run with? Let us know!

You can email us [fair@channel.tas.edu.au](mailto:fair@channel.tas.edu.au) or catch one of us at school in person.

***We would also love to have some more committee members.*** It's not a huge commitment and is a great way to get involved with the school community. Please let us know if you are interested.

Mel Molano  
Anita Reynolds  
Bil Heit

### A Note from School Council

Thank you to the Fair Committee for organising yet another fun and successful School Fair last weekend! The weather was perfect, the crowd buzzed with excitement, and we sold out of Oliebollen again! It takes a lot of time and effort to organise something this big, so we are very grateful to Anita Reynolds, Mel Molano, and Bil Heit for their commitment and organisational skills. Thanks guys! And thanks to all the parents and teachers who organised stalls and volunteered to be on a roster. It's wonderful to see us all working together to make the fair an exciting and vibrant community event.

Council met for the first time this year in early March. It was great to catch up, talk about our wonderful school, and begin to plan out the year. We have suggestions from teachers and parents coming in already for improving the infrastructure and learning environment, and we are excited to begin looking into these great ideas!

Let's thank God for another successful fair, and pray that He will give School Council wisdom in using the funds raised to best support and improve our school!

Meg Riley, Chairperson

### **PRAYER POINTS**

#### **Prayer:**

Please pray for the Day and Tyson families. Last week Mrs Day's father passed away after a time of illness, he was also Mrs Tyson's brother in-law. Pray for peace, hope and comfort in this time.

#### **Praise:**

A successful fair, both as a community event as well as funds raised (an update will be published later)