

Channel Soundings

Term 3 - 28 August 2019

From the Principal

Last weekend I was able to witness the marriage vows of our son and now daughter in law. We were blessed to celebrate this with family and friends from interstate.

Looking back at some photos we can see some strong family resemblances amongst the boys, their father and grandfather. This week the children at school have been busy working on Father's Day gifts and cards. Events like Father's Day and Mother's Day make us think about family and the changes in society around family. Even in our school community there are many different and acceptable types of family.

Family gives us identity, people we belong to and have a connection with. I see children in our school who reflect their identity to their father or mother very strongly in physical features, and others reflect their parents in the way they speak, walk or act. There are some children who's guardians are not related to them at all in a biological sense, but who are cared for and loved. **But ALL of us have a Father who cares deeply for us**, we are children of God and therefore reflect His character to others around us so that it is easy to see who we belong to.

Every child in our school is able to celebrate Father's Day because they are God's son or daughter.

They have an identity:

"See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God. And that's what we really are". 1 John 3:1

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Events Coming Up

- Hot Lunch - **Hot Dogs** - Thurs 29 Aug
- Father's Day Assembly - Fri 30 Aug
- Grandparent's Day - Tue 17 Sept
- Jump Rope for Heart - Tue 17 Sept
- AFL Footy Fun Day - Fri 27 Sept

Enrolments for 2020

Places at Channel are filling up quickly for 2020! If you know of anyone considering joining our community, could you please ask them to contact our office soon so that they don't miss out.

Overcomer

I don't often go to the movies, but my brother-in-law brought the movie "Overcomer" to our attention last week, and we went to see it at Eastlands. Without giving away the whole story line,



it is a powerful story about a young girl who struggles with her own identity because of family situations.

She finds God and begins to understand that He loves her and wants to be her Father.

This knowledge helps her in her daily struggles. It is a powerful story and an affirmation of the importance of teaching our students who they are. When we ask our students who they are, they can articulate that they are children of God. The theme song of the movie is: "Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong. Worth listening to.

Father's Day

We would love to acknowledge the important role a "father" has in our students' (their children's) lives. Therefore we will have two opportunities to thank our fathers for the contribution they make to our school community. One opportunity will be this Friday in our whole school assembly (2:15pm) and the second is the last day of term, September 27th, during a Footy Fun breakfast. Both events are open to all parents of course.



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Soccer Teams

Over the last 12 weeks or so we have had two soccer teams represent Channel Christian School on Saturday mornings on the soccer field. This hasn't just happened. I would like to thank Gys (and Ilza) Basson, Nigel Swarts, Tom Smith and Cameron Banks for organising, coaching and managing the two teams.

A parent wrote this about the teams:

"The U7's have represented Channel so beautifully every single game, their sportsmanship and the way they encourage each other has been so positive.

I feel so blessed to have my son apart of the Channel team".

Can't wait to see more students join up next year.



Well done both teams!

Gymnastics Timetable - Next 4 Weeks

| Tue 3/9 | Tue 10/9 | Tue 17/9 | Tue 24/9 |
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| Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm | Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm | Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm | Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm |

Farewell to Zachary and Family

Today we farewell the Thompson family. Zachary and his family have been part of our school community for a few years. We thank them for their commitment to Channel. Our prayer is that they will settle quickly and find a church and school community that they will feel part of socially and spiritually. May God bless you all.



Book Week and Book Covering Party

What a great Book Week we had this year!

We had outstanding participation in our book parade with Unicorns, Apples, Robots, Rocketships, Fancy Nancy, a Boy Band, Super Heroes, and so much more.

We were the first school up on the Mercury website.

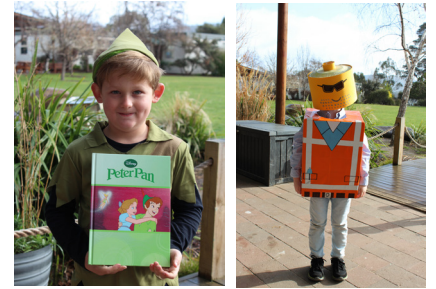
Our RIBIT (Reading In Bed Is Terrific) day was great. Pyjamas galore and hot chocolate in the Library. We had silent reading time and some interesting stories.

The Bookfair was very successful as well.

We raised over \$300 for more books for the Library. Thank you!

And our Book Covering party was a relaxing evening of fun, food, movies and productivity. We covered 92 books and enjoyed some great laughs. Thanks to all who came. This was a great week, and it would have been impossible without the support of such amazing and committed parents.

I want to extend my thanks to you all for making such an enjoyable week for your children, encouraging them in the amazing power and skill of reading.



School Buses

Just a friendly reminder to be aware of the buses leaving our school grounds at the end of the school day. The drivers have mentioned they are having difficulty using the road if car doors are open.

Prayer Points

That we will all know that we are a child of God.

A number of our staff are struggling with illness. Please pray for healing and energy needed to do their jobs whole heartedly.

Praise Points

Families! Be thankful that God has called us into His family.