Channel Soundings

Term 3 - 31 July 2019

From the Principal

Welcome back to school.

It was wonderful to see the students and their families back at school on Monday. I trust that the holidays allowed all our families a time to recharge physically and emotionally, and rest from the daily routines and demands of school life.

All teachers had an opportunity to attend ITEC2019 (International Transforming Education Conference) during the second week of the holidays. The aim of the conference was to bring glory to God by actively seeking to engage staff of all Christian schools across Australia into transformational experiences that enabled them to re-imagine the practice of their teaching, supporting, leading or governing.

The feedback I have received from teachers is that they were all challenged personally and professionally and have a renewed understanding of how their faith and personal journey with God impacts their role at school. Thank you to our school board who made it possible for all our teachers to attend this conference. Two big themes that came out of the conference for me were:

Identity - what story are we telling our students and what is their place in the story?

Re-imagine our practice of school routines and the importance of establishing patterns in our school life, just as there are patterns in the created world.

In the third week, staff refreshed their first aide skills, brainstormed and planned around reimagining their teaching practice, improved skills in SEQTA, and attended another Visible Learning Into Action day.

From all these opportunities we decided that a strong focus on "Developing a heart for others" would underline all we do over the next two terms. To do this we first need to know who we are.

For this reason we have started a lineup tradition where we ask the question:

Who are we?

And the children answer:
We are students of Channel Christian School.
We are children of God.
Because He loves us;
We are loving to learn and
Learning to love others.

Our prayer is that this will not be just something we say, but something we actively believe and pursue throughout our time at Channel Christian School.

God bless, Margaret Louw Principal

Welcome new Staff and Families

Our community keeps growing! God is good. We would like to welcome three new staff members this term:

Mrs Theresa Stephenson: The Year 1/2 teacher to take over from Mrs J VanderVelde who will go on maternity leave soon.

Mrs Libby Hudson: Learning Support Aid for the Kinder classroom.

Mrs Lindy Bailey: Our school Chaplain, who will be available Thursday's and Friday's.

We also welcome two new students and their families into our community, leasha in Year 3 and Albie in Kinder.

We look forward to getting to know you better over the next few weeks and pray that you all feel part of our community quickly.



Lantern Walk

What a great night we had, finishing up Term 2.

Even though it was a cold evening we had a great turnout, with very excited children carrying their home/school made lanterns.

A big thank you to school council for organising this activity especially the delicious soups and desserts. Thank you also to the Conry family, who entertained us with their story telling talent.



















NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

At Channel Christian School we read stories, played games and learned about Aboriginal culture both past and present.

We recognised that the land we live and learn on has been lived and learned on for thousands of years.







Gymnastics Timetable

This term the students will attend the Kingborough Sports Centre to participate in Gymnastics.

The timetable is as follows:

Mon 5/8	Mon 12/8	Mon 19/8	Mon 26/8
Year 5/6 1:30-2:50	Year 5/6 1:30-2:50	Year 5/6 1:30-2:50	Year 5/6 1:30-2:50
Tue 6/8	Tue 13/8	Tue 20/8	Tue 27/8
Year 1/2 10:30-12:00	Kinder 12:30-1:30	Year 1/2 9:00-10:30	Year 1/2 10:30-12:00
Kinder 12:30-1:30	Prep/1 1:30-2:50	Kinder 10:30-11:30	Kinder 12:30-1:30
Prep/1 1:30-2:50		Prep/1 1:30-2:50	Prep/1 1:30-2:50
Tue 3/9	Tue 10/9	Tue 17/9	Tue 24/9
Year 3/4 1:30-2:50	Year 3/4 1:30-2:50	Year 3/4 1:30-2:50	Year 3/4 1:30-2:50

Prayer points

Our new staff, families and students, that they will form new relationships quickly.

Praise points

A growing school community.

Renewed enthusiasm in our teachers.

World Share

If you can recall we had students ask for donations as you entered our Hoodwinked production. The donations were taken for World Share and in particular for the child exportation/labour cause. We raised a total of \$460.90. Thank you for your genorosity.

Hoodwinked

A hearty thank-you to parents who contributed props and costume items to our production of HOODWINKED. If you have yet to collect items that were 'loan only' they can be collected from the office.

If there is something specific you are missing please contact Bil on 0438 636 504.

Uniform - Long Sleeve Polo

Long sleeve polo tops have arrived! We have a limited number in stock for purchase.

If you placed an order for these, they are ready for payment and/or collection from the school office.

Events Coming Up

- NAIDOC Week Mon 29 July Fri 2 Aug
- Start Smart Programme Mon 12 Aug
- Book Week Parade Mon 19 Aug
- Book Week RIBIT Day Tue 20 Aug
- · Grandparents Day Tue 17 Sept
- Jump Rope for Heart Tue 17 Sept
- AFL Footy Fun Day Fri 27 Sept





