

# Channel Soundings

**Term 1 - 5 February 2020**

## **From the Principal**

Welcome to our first Channel Soundings newsletter for Channel Christian School 2020. Let me start by saying what a positive start we have had to the year. On Monday morning, the school came alive with excited students, many first timers (18 kinders and 14 new students in the other grades), starting their learning journey with us. For others it was a day filled with eager anticipation as to what the year may bring. Parents, grandparents and other supportive people were there to reassure their child, shed a few tears of joy and leave for a quiet day at home, knowing that their child would be happy and safe in our school environment.

A lot of work has gone into making this day the success it was. Staff, including the learning support staff, groundsman, admin staff, IT people, librarian, have been busy for a week (or more) before hand. They participated in some deep thinking and goal setting for the school year, faced the challenges that major building works have brought, and spent hours ensuring the learning spaces were welcoming and inviting for students and parents alike.

All staff wrote a 'Deep Hope' for the school and students for this year. As I read them there was a strong theme running through - a deep hope that each student will know that they are loved by God, parents and school community, and feel a deep sense of belonging. May this be true throughout the year. The 'Deep Hopes' will be on display in the office on Thursday during the Welcome BBQ. Come in and read them, and share in the joy of knowing that teachers have a genuine heart for each student helping them love to learn and learn to love.

God bless,  
Margaret Louw  
Principal



## **Events Coming Up**

- Welcome BBQ - *Thur 6 Feb, 5.30pm*
- Regatta Day - *Mon 10 Feb (no school)*
- Cyber Safety Evening- *Tue 11 Feb*
- Year 3/4 Camp - *Wed 19 - Fri 21 Feb*
- Twilight Fair - *Fri 13 Mar*

## **Celebrate Safer Internet Day at Channel with your school community:**

Next **Tuesday, 11 February at 7.00pm**, parents are warmly invited to come and share some supper (courtesy of the School Council) and listen to Mr Tim Innes-Brown share vital information and answer questions regarding the safety of our students on the internet. Owen Wilson, IT Manager at CST, will also be available to answer any questions about our school set up. Internet safety is a family affair and it is critical we as parents are skilled up with the strategies to help our children negotiate the waves of new technology and the risks that come alongside the amazing benefits. Along with the celebration evening our students will all be chatting and doing activities during the school day aimed at ways to keep themselves safe with the technology they use and observe in their homes and school.

Further information is available at the website listed below. We look forward to seeing you there.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

**Start the chat before someone else does**



Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

### Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety. You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at [esafety.gov.au/sid](https://www.esafety.gov.au/sid) and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

### Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our [parents and carers](#) pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our [Parents guide to online safety booklet](#) (available in 5 languages). Look through [eSafety Kids](#) with your family or get familiar with our [step by step advice](#) for reporting different types of online abuse. Find out more at [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

### Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

### Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT) 14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT) Register now at [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

eSafety Commissioner

[esafety.gov.au/sid](https://www.esafety.gov.au/sid)



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## **Parent Helpers**

As a school community we would love parents, grandparents or any other willing person to come and help out at school in many different capacities. Classroom help, baking, covering books and helping out with swimming are just a few ways. We also take child safety extremely seriously. For this reason we require ALL helpers to come into the office first and provide a copy of their Working With Vulnerable People card. If you do not have one, you can apply for one online [here](#).

### **Welcome BBQ and Meet the Teacher**

All families are invited to join us for a **Welcome BBQ on Thursday 6 February, commencing 5.30pm** at the school. This is a free event, all food and drinks are supplied by our School Council.

During this time parents have an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' as a whole class group in your child's classroom.

Meeting times are as follows:

Kinder and Prep - 6.30 - 7.00pm

Years 1/2 - 7.00 - 7.30pm

Year 3/4 - 7.30 - 8.00pm

Year 5/6 - 8.00 - 8.30pm

Music, Art, Sport and Library information sessions will be held in the Library at 6.30 - 7.00pm and again at 7.30 - 8.00pm.

We hope you can make this fun evening of meeting up with old friends or making new ones as we welcome many new families into our school community.

## **Change in days for Chaplain and Counsellor**

Lindy Bailey (Chaplain) will be available at school on Monday and Tuesdays.



Julie Weeks (Counsellor) will be available on Thursdays this year.



They are both available to students and parents.

## **Channel Twilight Fair - 13 March 4.30 - 7.30pm**

Our school **Twilight Fair** is on again! This is the main fundraiser event for our school and is a great evening with delicious food stalls and kids activities.

Please put **Friday 13 March** in your calendar now and keep the afternoon and evening free in order to help out and enjoy the fair. Let your family, friends and neighbours know too! The fair is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful school and what we can achieve when we all work together! More details will follow in the coming weeks but here are some ways to help that you can start thinking about now:

- **Craft** - Our craft stall is very popular and any handmade items you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. Think jewellery, woodwork, painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc...
- **Cakes, slices, jams, chutneys, produce** - Donations of these items are also greatly appreciated as these items sell out very quickly on our Cake/Plant/Produce stalls.
- **Roster** - The Fair cannot happen without every family doing an hour or two on The Roster. For new families, this is a great way to meet other members of the school community.
- One cool helper job is working on our scrumptious Wood-Fired Pizza stall. YUM.

Stay tuned for a link to this year's roster, and keep in mind helpers are needed for set up and pack down on the day, as well as during official Fair hours. Many hands make light and enjoyable work!

Class donations - class teachers will soon advise on specific items needed for their stalls, eg. Buy-Burst-Win, Tombolas and The Chocolate Game.

If you just can't wait for more information or to flag your interest in helping in a particular way, please contact the Fair Committee at [fair@channel.tas.edu.au](mailto:fair@channel.tas.edu.au)

Mel Molano     Anita Reynolds  
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### **Prayer Points**

Pray for all the students this year, for the ability to learn and retain all that is needed.

### **Praise Points**

The amazingly positive start to the year, with many news faces to welcome into the school community.

All staff at Channel who have a genuine heart for others.



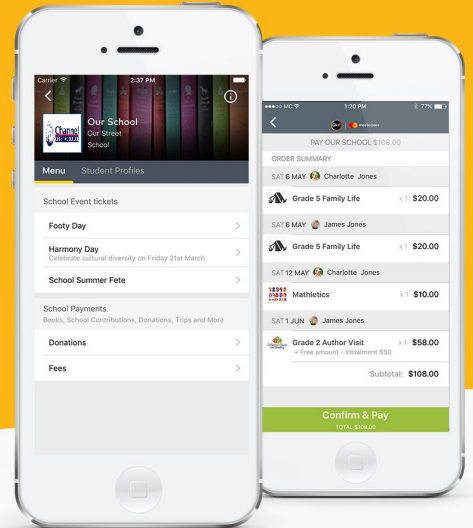
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