# Channel Soundings

# Term 1 - 6 February 2019

## From The Principal

Welcome to the first official school newsletter for 2019.

It has been a week of many firsts, first day of school for kinders, first day of the last year of school for our year 6's, first day for the 21 new families that have joined us this year, first day for me as your principal (officially), first day for Mrs Hall our prep/1 teacher.

There were many mixed emotions visible on the first day, excitement, nervousness, apprehension, relief, eager anticipation of seeing friends again what the day may bring, even some sadness at the realisation that little children are growing up. All these emotions combined created an electric atmosphere filled with positivity, looking forward to what God has planned for us as a school community in 2019. It was good to be reminded that whilst all these emotions are good and ought to be recognised, all we need to do to help us through them is to trust in the Lord with all our heart, as our school verse says. He will carry us through. What a great God we have!

Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. IN all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight".

It was a very special first day for us all. Let us acknowledge Him in all we plan to do this year.

God bless,

Margaret Louw Principal

### **Events Coming Up**

- \* Welcome back to School BBO 7 Feb
- \* Assembly every Friday from 2:15pm
- \* Public Holiday 11 Feb (Regatta Day)
- \* Year 3/4 Camp 20 22 Feb
- \* Swimming Programme (P-6) 4-15 March
- \* Twilight Fair 15 March

#### Newsletter

The newsletter will be emailed to all families on Wednesdays, a paper copy of the Newsletter will be available from the office on Thursdays.

# Welcome Back to School BBO

#### This Thursday, 7th Feb at 5pm.

The school council members aim to have food ready for eating just after 5 pm so that we can fellowship together before the first group of parents go to Mrs Day's room to listen to her class expectations for students and parents. The evening will run quite informally and parents often ask other parents to keep an eye on their children whilst they are meeting with the teachers.

Please keep an eye on the time as we run quite a tight schedule on the night. The following schedule has been put together for classroom teachers:

Mrs Day 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Mr Bosker/ Mrs Wyllie 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Mrs Hall/Mrs Tyson 6:30 - 7:00pm
Mrs Vandervelde 7:00 - 7:30pm
Mrs Lynch 7:30 - 8:00pm

There will also be an opportunity to meet with our teachers of specialised subjects. They will be in the library from **6:40 - 7:00pm** and again from **7:40 - 8:00pm**. This will give all parents an opportunity to meet them and hear what they have planned for the year.







This is our new secure online system which gathers information from parents which the school requires to have to ensure clear and accurate communication and contact details.

By now you should have received an email asking you to check your contact details and change them if need be. Could I ask you to check carefully as human error (a missing digit in the mobile or a misspelled email address) can cause our communication to break down easily.

Thank You.

#### Anna Richardson

Our cleaner will finish up this Friday. She has faithfully served our school community for the last 8 years. We are thankful for the job she has done, consistently giving over and above than what was required from her. Nothing compares with coming into the classroom in the morning and seeing it clean and fresh after you left it the night in a rather messy state. Thank you Anna, you have been a great blessing to our school community and wish you all the best.

#### Little Learners

Little Learners is starting up again on Wednesday13 February at 9:15am - see you there



# First Day Back to School













#### School Emails and Gmail

The School has become aware of a problem with some school emails being diverted to peoples Spam folders. This seems to disproportionally affect Gmail accounts.

We apologise for the inconvenience and while we have made every effort address this issue, it's still possible that school email is being diverted to your spam folder because of factors that are outside of our control.

If you could please check your spam folder and mark any school emails as "safe". To do this go to your email program. Open your Spam folder and locate Channel's email and mark it as "Not Spam" or "Safe".

If you're still concerned that you aren't receiving our emails any of our School office staff are happy to help you with this. Once again we apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. Thank you - I.T. Department

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

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Give thanks for:

A positive start to the new school year

The 21 new families that have joined us in all grades across the school

Pray for:

Safety and protection for our staff and families who live in the Huon valley and are effected by the recent bush fires.