

Channel Soundings

Term 3 - 7 August 2019

From the Principal

During the ITEC conference I attended a session run by Darren Spyksma, Director of Learning, at the Society of Christian Schools, BC Canada.

He talked about *Minutia*, a word I had never heard of.

Minutia means the small, precise, or trivial details of something. Darren challenged those in the room to maximize the *minutia* in their schools, to make small pedagogical changes which will lead to big results in the formation of our students.

So what does *minutia* look like?

They are the small things teachers and parents do sometimes intentionally but often unplanned. Things like, smiling at a student, noticing how a student is feeling as they come to school and acknowledging that. It's a gentle comment, "I can see you are trying really hard even though it is difficult", it's asking about and remembering special events in the students life outside of school.

As I am writing this list I am reminded of people in my life who have done just that, noticed the little things, which are important. It is the *minutia* throughout the day which forms our students more so than the knowledge we teach them. This concept of *minutia* helps us to re-imagine what we do at Channel. Is the way we 'do school' forming our students to become active members in a selfish individualistic world? Or are we as adults, teaching our students to be more Christ like, to have a heart for others?

This has to come from and be genuinely modelled by the adults in a child's life.

I pray that we all may be more intentional in maximising the *minutia* in our days.

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Baby News

Congratulations to Jess and Justin Vander Velde (Year 1/2 Teacher). They are proud to announce the safe but early arrival of a healthy baby girl, Madeline Hope Vander Velde. Born on 6 August weighing 2.49kg.

Congratulations also to the Richardson family. Nathaniel (Music Teacher) and Ali are proud to announce the safe arrival of a healthy baby boy, Micah Jacobi Richardson. Born on 6 August weighing 3.5kg.

Praise God for the miracle of new life.

Events Coming Up

- 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

Hoodwinked

The video of Thursday nights performance is now available from the office. Just bring along a flash drive and the admin staff will download it for you. The file is approximately 4 GB.

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.

Gymnastics Timtable - Next Week

Mon 12/8	Tue 13/8
Year 5/6 1:30-2:50	Kinder 12:30-1:30
	Prep/1 1:30-2:50

Assembly

There will be **no assembly** this Friday 9 August.



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Book Week

Yay, it's Book Week again!

THEME - Reading is my super power.

Our school is celebrating Book Week again from the
19-23 of August.

We're having our **Dress-up Parade on Monday 19 August** come dressed up as a character from a book, or write your own book with your own character! There will be a prize for each class plus one for people that write their own book, one for Years 3-6 and one for Kinder-Year 2.



We're also celebrating the whole school completing the Premier's Reading Challenge by having our **RIBIT day (Reading In Bed Is Terrific) on Tuesday 20 August**, you get to wear your pajamas to school! We will have the opportunity to watch videos on libraries, writing books, and reading while drinking hot chocolates!



And finally, we'll be having the **Book Fair** that week as well. This is a great opportunity to celebrate Book Week by purchasing books for your children and to support the school library, a large percentage of every purchase is returned to the school library to buy more books.



And for all you parents out there, come along to our fantastic **Book Covering Party on Thursday 22 August 7pm School Library**. We will watch Wonder Woman, cover books and eat yummy desserts. (PS bring a plate to share).



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could make a
lifetime of difference?**

Do you know a child in care in your school or church community?
Could you become their respite carer?

Respite care is for everyone! You just need to be willing to invest in a child's life.

Come and find out what is involved in being a respite carer and begin the process!

**Wednesday 28 August, 2019
6 - 8 PM**

Wellspring Anglican Church
Corner Lord St. and Grosvenor St. Sandy Bay

Presented by:

   

For more information contact mary@fosteringhope.community or 6240 4834



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*Emmanuel Christian School is a growing K-10 school
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Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising
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Year 2 Teacher

Part-time, 0.5 FTE until the end of the 2019
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For information visit cst.tas.edu.au/employment
To apply email hr@cst.tas.edu.au

Applications close Wednesday 14 August 2019

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Prayer and Praise points

Please pray for the Vander Velde and Richardson families as they celebrate the arrival of their new babies into their families.