

Channel Soundings

Term 4 - 8 November 2018

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

How many people have answered the question "How are you?" with: Busy!

Planning for holidays, Christmas, work, study, end of year gatherings and planning for the year to come are just a few of the things that keep us crazy busy.

Does all this busyness come at a cost? Stress, anxiety, short tempers or even the fear of missing out if we are not busy!

This week I reminded staff that being busy is sometimes part of our job. However to do our work well throughout this time we need to constantly ask ourselves: What is driving our busyness? Is it the need to prove ourselves? The need to reach other's expectations of us? Or even because we want to make the most out of this life? All these things distract us from the life God has saved us for; seeking His kingdom and His righteousness. The fruit of our busyness ought to be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (the fruits of the spirit).

Matthew 6:30-33 (The Message, Bible translation)

"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?"

What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way He works fuss over these things. You know both God *and* how He works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

God bless,
Margaret Louw



MEMORY VERSE

Nehemiah 8:10 "For the Joy of the Lord is your strength".

EVENTS COMING UP

- * Huon Channel Athletics - 14 November
- * Thank You Assembly - 16 November
- * Huon Show - 17 November
- * Musical Evening - 22 November
- * Triathlon - 23 November
- * Bike Week - 26 November

All term dates can be found on the web page calendar.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Last Friday Kim Miller from Samaritan's Purse, came to assembly to receive the Operation Christmas Child Boxes our school community put together. Our target was 50 boxes; roughly 1 box per family. The generous spirit amongst our families was evident once again when we could hand over 54 Boxes! We pray that the process of putting a box together was a blessing to you and your family, as we know that the box received will be a blessing to the child. Thank You.



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BIKE WEEK

Bike week is coming up again from **26-30 of November!!!**

For those of you who don't know what bike week is, its a week of riding bikes!

Ride or bring your bike (and helmet) to school on the Monday 26 November, we'll store it in the Gym Shed overnight, and there will be lots of riding during the week.

Make sure the gears and brakes work.

Don't worry if you're still on training wheels or even on a trike, you might be on just two wheels by the end of the week!

Parents feel free to talk to your Child's teacher, they might like some help on rides throughout the week.

On **Monday 26 November** we're also doing a group ride to school again, **meeting 7:50am at 32 Derwent Ave.**

Bring your bike, and your helmet (bonus if you can bring a parent!).

This bike week we're doing something new, an evening **Dads mountain bike ride on Thursday 29 November, 7:00pm at the school carpark.** Mr Mumford has a couple of sets of lights, so if you don't have any, but you'd still like to come let him know by leaving a message at the office.

Don't forget our usual longer ride is on Friday morning, and we'd love some parent help for it.



LARGE WOODEN APPLE CRATE NEEDED

Year 3/4 are planning a school-wide composting program as part of our unit on rubbish reduction. We need a large wooden apple crate that we can turn into a compost bin.

Do you have one lying around that you are willing to donate to the school? If so, please contact elynch@channel.tas.edu.au



Applications are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the following position:

Groundsman/Bus Driver

Full time, permanent, commencing in Term 4
Medium rigid licence and current first aid certificate desirable

*For enquiries or an application package contact
Mrs Angela Gurney, Compliance & Resources Manager
on 6224 8300 or agurney@cst.tas.edu.au*

Applications close: Monday 17 September 2018

Christian Schools Tasmania operates four schools in southern Tasmania:

Calvin Christian School - Channel Christian School

Emmanuel Christian School - Northern Christian School

HUON SHOW

The Huon show is coming up on the **17th of November**. Every year we run a very successful Oliebollen stall, but we can't do this without your help! Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help out, you don't need any previous experience; you don't need to be Dutch! You just need to be keen to get to know some people over the deep fryer, or while selling these treats to the community. **Please contact Ingrid Tiemens on 0407728720** or let the office know when you can help out.

PRAYER POINTS

The families who have been for a "walk and talk" and are considering partnering with us at Channel as their school of choice.

The people who help make our school a safe place to be, such as Mike Harrison and Angela Gurney, our OHS officer.

Our sponsor child, Anderson Kioko Ndumi from Kenya.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the whole school competed in the annual Athletics Carnival.

Fresh off a victory last year, Adventure was keen to keep their mantle as top dog, while Discovery endeavoured to see themselves as the victors. Races began with a bang with some seriously close finishes in the 100 metre sprints. It is amazing the difference that a supportive crowd makes, with all students smashing their best times achieved in practice.

The 200 metres was next and once more, all students ran hard in the gruelling sprint. The Kinders were hugely impressive, going from struggling in the 100 metres a few weeks ago to dominating the 200. What an effort!

Unfortunately the field events and Early Childhood carnival were postponed until next Tuesday due to rain. As it stands, there is a 15 point gap between the two houses. This is extremely close and is reeling in the closest ever carnival which was separated by a mere 8 points. Thanks to all parents who attended and showed their support. It helps create the positive and loving atmosphere that we strive for at our carnivals.



A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

Only 2 weeks to go until the Huon Show and the big Oliebollen fry up! If you can make it for an hour please let Ingrid Tiemens, Leah Verdouw or the office know. It would be really great to have some of our new families along.

Council was able to give all of our support staff a gift hamper last week, which was a real encouragement to them and a great way for our school to thank them for all their hard work.

Clancy Hartman, Chair

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

This week I received a letter from a concerned parent about the well-being of our students and others. I have included a summary as a good reminder for us all. If there is anything we can do as a school to make pick up in the afternoon a safer process, please give us your suggestions. Thank You

Hi All.

I am writing as a concerned parent regarding the seemingly increasing practice of leaving our younger children in the car unsupervised while picking up our kids. I have often been tempted to leave our sleeping 1 year old, or obstinate 4 year old, in the car and just duck in and grab the other one quickly.

The other day I found a car with 2 children, aged 4 and 1, and a dog locked inside a car while their parent was in the shop. I called the police after a concerning amount of time passed and they had two police units there in less than three minutes. They were very interested to speak with the 'responsible' parent. The police informed them that it was **ILLEGAL** to leave children in a car where you could not see or hear them. The incident is **automatically** referred to the Department of Child Safety for follow up and a record made by the Police.

As an emergency services worker I have seen what heat exposure can do to a child in 10 minutes. What is horrifyingly worse is when individuals have abused the trusting innocence of children.

These may seem distant concepts that are a world away from our school community, but please believe me, that is an uninformed assumption. Sure, if you can team up with someone you trust to stay behind and watch them, go for it. But, please, just take a moment to consider what would be worse, having a cranky child, or returning to something that you will never forgive yourself for.

Kind regards.

MUSICAL EVENING

Musical evening - Thursday 22 November from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Channel Library

In music classes we have been busy preparing for this concert.

Each class - Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 will be performing a piece or two as a whole class.

The school choir will be performing, and students that have private instrumental lessons will be performing some solo pieces.

It's shaping up to be a great evening and we are looking forward to sharing the music with as many people as possible.

Please remember to get your forms back to the office to indicate whether your child will be able to make it on the night. Attendance isn't compulsory, but we'd love as many children as possible to come along and join in the music making!

Many thanks, Nathaniel Richardson - Music Teacher

