

The Challis Community

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Term Three

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TERM 3 has been a fantastic term for student behaviour and academic progress, parent involvement, sporting and musical achievements and whole of school community support.

THE LEARNING JOURNEY on Tuesday afternoon was well attended by parents with most teachers welcoming between half and three quarters of their parents in to their classrooms. I'd like to make special mention of, and thank our Education Assistants who are not obliged to attend these events but do because of their professionalism and commitment to the school and children.

BOTH SPORTS CARNIVALS last week plus the day of jumps and throws were marked by good behaviour and multiple demonstrations of children being resilient, which has been our focus this term. Thanks to all parents who prepared their children for the carnival with words of encouragement, positive attitudes and faction t-shirts. Your attitude towards school events is copied by your children so your positivity and resilience when things doesn't always go according to plan is an excellent model for your children.

THE CHALLIS ANGELS have contributed countless hours of voluntary time to the school in term 3 and have saved teachers and assistants hundreds of hours of preparation time. We are very, very grateful for the time you have committed and we would very much

like to see you back again in Term 4. There is even more to do in preparation for the start of 2018!

EXCURSIONS that were attended last week by various year levels resulted in very positive feedback from teachers, parents and other community members. It has been confirmed that our behaviour when on excursions is matching the improved behaviour we are seeing at school. There is still room for improvement but we have come a long way in a short time.

During the holidays, **PLANNING FOR 2018 CLASSES** will continue. It is important that if you are not returning to Challis in 2018 that you notify the office so that you are not included in class lists. Student numbers determine how many classes of each year level we need to create therefore it is important to have accurate numbers for planning purposes.

Children, staff (and parents) have earned a break from school for a couple of weeks so that we can return in Term 4 with more energy and focus on teaching what matters most. I hope you enjoy the break with your family and that everyday includes reading with or to your child.

Stay safe and happy,
Lee Musumeci
Principal

Friday is a regular school day and children should attend as usual

• School returns for children on Tuesday 10th October



Our amazing **CLASSICAL GUITAR** students performed for the first time at the end of term. They performed three pieces called "Songs Of The Aztecs", "Super Blue" and "Serenade" in front of all their Year 6 peers and teachers.

We are all so proud not only of their beautiful playing but the courage, resilience and effort they have shown.

The classical guitar program is conducted through the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS), through the Department of Education.

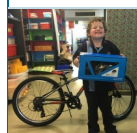


MORNING TEA THURSDAY **ALL WELCOME.**

Held in Parenting Centre Thursday Mornings.

MORNING TEA FOR THE WORLD **FRIDAY 9-11**

Please come along to our weekly "parents group" to establish relationships with other parents from all over the world.



WINNER OF THE P & C
BICYCLE RAFFLE CONGRATULATIONS RICKY
(SEE INSIDE)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will be closed on the last day of term Friday 22nd September



SPORTS DAY

Last week saw the 2017 Challis Athletics Week play out in spectacular fashion. Not only were we lucky enough to have beautiful days and an excuse to sit out and enjoy the sunshine but were also treated to some amazing athletics performances by our students.

The week kicked off with the 400m, jumps and throws events on Wednesday. The training the children had been doing throughout the term was evident, particularly in the tricky triple jump event, and the support the children showed each other was something to be proud of.

On Thursday children from kindy, pre-primary, year 1 and year 2 took part in their carnival with individual races in the morning and team games after lunch. On a day where there is any number of distractions the children were extraordinarily well behaved and equally well organised for their events. One of the harder things for these young children to do is run straight down their lane but we had an impressive number manage not only that but to demonstrate a great running technique. Their concentration in the team games was also evident as they worked together to earn as many points as possible for their faction. At the end of the junior carnival, the points stood as follows:

DALE	STIRLING	CANNING	FORREST
195	206	253	267

Friday brought with it a whole new level of excitement and we saw children absolutely flying down the race track to the explosive cheers of their factions and parents alike. After lunch the children kept the energy up through the organised chaos of the team games while parents mingled and cheered on their children. The only time during the day that the children stopped cheering for a moment was at the end of the day as we announced the year group champions and the winning faction and at that point you could have heard a pin drop. After adding together the results from the jumps and throws and the junior carnival to the senior's efforts, the scores stood as follows:

DALE	FORREST	STIRLING	CANNING
713	776	900	1084

BOYS			GIRLS		
	Champion	Runner Up		Champion	Runner Up
3	Joypreet Jabbal	Daniel Niyonkuru	3	Chevelle Atkinson	Rhiana Manahi
4	Ryleigh Harris	Blut Blay	4	Georgia Rowell	Poe Naw
5	Ashley Wilson	Daniel Chitombo Dale Kickett	5	Waipuna Rajasekar	Wah Eh Paw
6	Cody Hopkins	Gnana Sundaram	6	Mireyah Arago	Tyasia Tonihi

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to support their children and add to the atmosphere of the day. Also, thank you to those who stuck around to help pack up and tidy away at the end of the day. Finally, congratulations to everyone who didn't give up, gave the days everything they had and helped their faction to earn points.

FIRST® LEGO® LEAGUE

The last few weeks the senior robotics club has been a buzz of excitement as 10 Year 4-6 students prepare to compete in the First Lego League Competition. We have been very lucky to have received a Google grant that covered our competition entry fee and provide use with our competition Lego kit and EV 3 robot.

FIRST® LEGO® League is a competition catering for upper-primary and lower-secondary school students. Every year, teams of up to 10 students build, program and compete with a robot, while also learning about a modern problem in science and engineering and developing solutions for it.

Our Team the Lego Legends will be competing in November and will be assessed on 3 elements

The Robot

Teams design, build and program a LEGO® robot to complete a series of challenges. The robot has to operate on pre-programmed instructions, and complete as many tasks as possible in only 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

A project

Every year, teams study the years theme and develop solutions to problems they have identified in society. Through the project, teams learn more about the competition theme and present their ideas to a panel of judges. Working on the project teaches students to research, think critically, work as a team and speak publicly.

Core values

Throughout the competition, teams are judged on their adherence to the FIRST® LEGO® League core values, including teamwork, Cooperation®, and Gracious Professionalism®. This aspect of FIRST® LEGO® League is designed to develop the students of today into the responsible citizens of tomorrow.



HELLO, MY NAME IS GARY BUTCHER AND I AM THE NEW YOUTHCARE CHAPLAIN AT CHALLIS.



I will be working on Thursdays and Fridays. I have been a YouthCARE Chaplain for over 20 years, and during this time have served in many schools including Armadale Senior High School and Cecil Andrews Senior High School. Currently, I am working three days a week at East Maddington Primary School, and recently concluded a two day per week position at Boddington District High School to begin at Challis. I am well aware of the AMAZING work that Diane Thoomes has done at Challis for the past 9 years, and I consider it a privilege to follow in her footsteps. I am looking forward to working with staff, students and parents, and learning how I can best serve the Challis school community.

WINNER OF THE P & C BICYCLE RAFFLE



Ricky (J10) is the proud winner of the P & C bicycle Raffle which was kindly donated to Challis by Dr Tony Buti MLA. Ricky is pictured here with his brother Jacob and his sister Delta.

SENIOR CHOIR DALE FEST



The Challis Senior Choir On Friday 8th September attended the Dale Choral Festival at the Kelmscott Hall. It's a wonderful opportunity to see what other School Choir's in our area are learning and about coming together as a community. After the visit from Gina William and Guy Ghouse at NADOIC week, the Senior Choir chose to sing Gina William song "Iggy's Lullaby". Gina composed this song for when her son was a baby to help him drift off to sleep. The song "Iggy's Lullaby" is composed in and sung in Noongar and English. The Senior Choir did a most understanding performance of the song. We all had a wonderful day singing our community songs with the other schools and being part of truly special environment.



A very special thank you to Liz Rochfort for ongoing support of the choir with teaching us the song words in Noongar and playing the keyboard on the day. Also thank you to Chavvaughan Kappler and Fiona Brown for their amazing assistance and the fabulous Choir Mum's who made sure all the Choir students had their choir shirts on ready to go.

Warm regards,

Mrs Mary-Carmel O'Neill and Mr Simon Blanchard
Music Specialists



LEAVING CHALLIS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2018?

Planning for 2018 is already taking place. It is very important to have an accurate picture of student movement for the upcoming year. Accurate anticipated student numbers has a huge impact on planning for the number of classes we have and our budget. If you know that you will not be at Challis Community Primary school next year please complete the form below and return to school or call the office on 9399 3255.

INTENTION FOR NEXT YEAR

I wish to advise that my child/children will NOT be returning to Challis Community Primary School next year.

Student/s name/s and class/es _____

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.

☐ Moving House

☐ Transferring to another school Name of School: _____

☐ Other _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

TERM PLANNER TERM THREE 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Ten September	18	19	20 W3 and W4 Assembly	21	22 End of Term Three

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER TO COMMENCE TERM FOUR.

TERM PLANNER TERM FOUR 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One		10 October	11	12	13
Week Two	16	17	18 Assembly W1 and W2	19	20 Inter School Jumps 
Week Three	23 	24 SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs	25 	26	27
Week Four	30	31	1 November Assembly T6, M10, M12	2	3
Week Five	6	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day 11/11 
Week Six	13	14	15 Assembly J5, J8	16	17
Week Seven	20	21	22	23	24
2Week Eight	27	28	29	30	1 December
Nine	4	5 	6 Presentation Assembly	7	8 Christmas Assembly 
Week Ten	11	12 Graduation	13	14 Last day of Term Four	

OBJECTIVE SECURED Southern Hemisphere Open

WA'S BIGGEST TABLETOP GAMING CONVENTION!

Formal events

September 23-25 2017

Intro/demo games

CCG/RPG

Board Games

Formal events

Painting Comp

Workshops

Panels and more



ASCOTT RACECOURSE MORE INFORMATION:
TICKETS THROUGH EVENTBRITE OBJECTIVESECURED.COM.AU

WA Classic Sounds

Instruments Repairs Music School



Challis would like to thank our local music store, Classic Sounds for the wonderful service they have continued to provide to the school.

Music is an invaluable experience for children to immerse themselves in whether it be through playing an instrument, singing, dancing or just listening.

Classic Sounds offers a full range of instruments, accessories, books and tuition as well as provide you with professional advice to cater to your individual need. Further, they service and repair instruments on site making them more than just a music store.

Next time you are looking for anything musical go down to your local Classic Sounds and tell them you are a Challis student to receive a great discount. Mr Blanchard is loving learning how to play the drums at Classic Sound.

Classic Sounds, 223 Railway Ave, Kelmscott. Store Phone. 94951986 Music School Phone 94952658