Competing in the Darling Downs Science and Engineering Challenge last week, against 32 other private and state schools from as far afield as Ipswich, Goondiwindi and Miles, were the 31 Year 10 students from Chinchilla State High School.

Watching the other schools arrive one student exclaimed, “Those students look smart in their uniforms”, to which I replied, “Yes, but you are smart”. From that moment on, our students displayed no self-doubt whatsoever. They were supportive of each other, listened to one another, worked together in teams and thrived as their confidence continued to build. By lunchtime, Chinchilla State High School were in the lead and went on to win the challenge.

Mr Hubbard and I were extremely proud of the dignity and supportive nature of each and every student. Amongst other challenges, students battled to build the best hovercraft, bridge, eco-friendly house and moon vessel. Following a convincing win with 1261.80 points, 100.96 points ahead of our closest competitor, we now await the announcement of the date and location of the State competition. Our ultimate goal is the National Finals which will be held in Newcastle in October. In the meantime, we will display the Regional trophy proudly.

Jackie Beck
HOD Maths/Science

Inaugral Junior Secondary Showcase Thrills

Well into the first formal year of the Junior Secondary phase of schooling, Chinchilla State High School’s inaugural Junior Secondary Showcase, held on Wednesday 27 May, saw the School Hall transformed into a scene of colourful and interactive student learning. This event was the first of its kind in the region, with clear purposes of showcasing student learning and promoting community involvement in our great school.

More than 50 parents and community members took the time to observe firsthand the varied learning experiences their students are exposed to at our school, as well as speaking with school staff. The Chinchilla State High School TEAM showcased a variety of student work, displays and performances with our Year 9 Leaders and eager student helpers from Years 7, 8 and 9 on deck as ushers and subject experts.

Thank you to the entire Chinchilla State High School TEAM and local community for your support. We look forward to welcoming you into our School on a more regular basis as we progress through our Junior Secondary journey.

Stacey Wolski
Junior Secondary Head of Department
From the Principal

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

It was great to receive the fantastic news last Friday night that our school had won the Regional Science and Engineering Challenge. It is a fantastic achievement for our team of Year 10 students and for the staff who have led this program to achieve a resounding victory across a breadth of other high-performing schools. We now await an invitation to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations TEAM!

Congratulations to all of the students, staff and parents who participated in our local show last weekend. There were numerous students and staff involved in the show from agricultural pursuits to cultural based performances. Special thanks to Mrs Stacey Wolski and Mrs Ann Griffiths for their co-ordination of the Chinchilla State High School show display and to the team who set up and packed up the display. Special thanks also to Miss Stacy Condell (cattle judging) and Miss Jenna Griffiths (dance), who were involved with groups of our students in the program at the show.

Staffing

Two more baby girls arrived safely last week. Special congratulations to Mrs and Mr Schmidt on the birth of Molly Claire last Monday night (on Mrs Schmidt’s birthday). Special congratulations also to Miss Kirlew and Mr McEvoy on the birth of Zariah Isla on Thursday. We wish both of these new families all the very best for the future.

Everyone owns our School Culture:

Attendance, Effort and Behaviour – Families, students and staff

Our staff are very committed in their work towards providing the very best learning environment for all of our students. At Chinchilla State High School we greatly appreciate the support of our students, families and school community who share in the vision of our school being a great school and working with us to achieve the best possible school culture.

A key indicator on the success of developing school culture is the student attendance data, as this reflects the most basic of achievements in a child’s education. Are they at school or not? The next key indicators of the success of a school’s culture are the effort and behaviour results of students and the developing performance processes for staff.

A reminder to our school community that students need to be applying themselves to their schoolwork and have excellent daily attendance to be able to gain inclusion in non-compulsory activities (e.g. Ski Trips, PQ Balls, Formals.) Whilst we would not want to have to inform students that they are unable to participate in these types of school-based activities, it is a fair expectation that our students need to be meeting their daily commitments at school for them to do so.

Best wishes to all of our students, families, staff and many supporters in the wider community.

Take care,
Scott Rowan

Students Triumph at State Sporting Championships

Naylor has recently returned from representing the Darling Downs region at the Under 15 AFL Queensland State Championships. He is the first student from Chinchilla State High School to attend a state championship for AFL. From all reports, Naylor enjoyed the experience and is looking forward to taking what he has learnt back to his home team, the Chinchilla Suns. Well Done, Naylor!

Kaleb participated in the Under 19 Squash Queensland State Championships last week. This is the fourth time that Kaleb has represented the Darling Downs region. This year Kaleb finished at the top of his pool and his team was announced runner-up overall in the championships. Congratulations, Kaleb.

The Queensland State Championships for Under 18 Rugby League were held in Brisbane from 21 - 24 May. Hayden represented the South-West Region at the championships and has benefited as a direct result. Hayden valued the experience of having the opportunity to play in an arena that is known for its high intensity and professional approach to the game.

Mr Marcus Weller
Head of Department - HPE

This week is Chaplaincy Week, and, so to celebrate, I organised some special activities. On Tuesday, the well-known Doughnut Man, Colin Watters from Dalby, cooked fresh hot doughnuts. Hot drinks and hot doughnuts were served to staff to say thank you for the wonderful job they do at Chinchilla State High School.

On Thursday, students received a special treat when the breakfast club put on hot pancakes before school.

On Friday, the school will be abuzz, as students and staff get involved in the Chaplaincy Week Hunters and Gatherers Competition. This is a fun activity where competitors are required to find and tag the person whose photo they have been allocated. The winner is the player who accumulates the most photos for the day.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

A message from your school Chaplain

Jono Buchanan

DATE
CLAIMER
P & C Meeting
8 June
at 7:00 PM
in the
Resource
Centre
ALL WELCOME
**GOOD SUGAR**

Ashleigh Nothdurft, former student of Chinchilla State High School, and owner of Ashleigh Jade Personal Training, recently hosted a movie premiere fundraising event to support health and fitness within the school. The film, “That Sugar Film”, focuses on one man’s journey to discover the truths about sugar. She undertakes an experiment to document the effects of high sugar diets.

Ashleigh presented the School with a monetary donation earlier this week. The funds will be utilised by the Health and Physical Education Department to access new resources to improve student health and fitness. Funds were also provided to support the introduction of fresh fruit into the Breakfast Program run by our Chaplain, Jono Buchanan. The school also received a copy of “That Sugar Book” signed by the Author and filmmaker, Damon Gameau, and will receive a DVD of the film upon it’s release.

Thank you to Ashleigh Jade for supporting the school community

Mrs Pam Widdon
Business Services Manager.

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**Year 7 Update**

The students are once again in the middle of assessment work. Please remind your child to make use of their class and home time to complete work and assessment items successfully. The Student Diary is a great way to communicate to their teachers about their progress and curriculum.

For Pastoral Care, the students will be involved in sessions with the Health Nurse, Mrs Colleen Forde. These sessions will focus on teenage health, well-being and hygiene. Please contact Miss Jenna Griffiths with any questions or concerns you may have about these sessions or in relation to your child.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
Year 7 Coordinator

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**Assessment Planner Change**

The Year 8 Science Assessment will now be an examination which will be held on Thursday 18 June.

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**Chinchilla Scout Group**

Come along and meet the Leaders or contact Iain Chapman 0421 068 187 for more information!

**Joey's**

Girls and Boys aged 6-8

**Cubs**

Girls and Boys aged 7-11

**Discovering the wider world**

Tuesday 4-5pm

**Positive Development**

Tuesday 5:30-7pm

**Scouts**

Girls and Boys aged 10-15

**Action Plus**

Wednesday 6:30-8:30

Not currently a Chinchilla Section.

**Venturer Scouts** - Male and Female aged 14-18

**Rovers** - Male and Female aged 17-26

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**URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Looking for Chinchilla Scout Group Leaders

Start your adventure today!
Year 9 students experienced Peer Power this week. Peer Power is a youth organisation dedicated to communicating life skills through interactive seminars.

The students were separated along gender lines. The boys tackled “How to be a Bloke” which focused on strength and character which included what it is to be mature and complete the journey into manhood. All of the boys have been given some food for thought and some skills that can be put to good use.

The girls looked at authentic femininity through the “Beyond the Mascara” program which focuses on compassion and confidence in relation to authentic femininity.

Mrs Rebecca Davis
Year 9 Coordinator

Year 11 Students investigated the Dogwood Creek at Miles and the Stockwhip Creek at the Columboola Environmental Education Centre on 14 and 15 May during the annual Biology Camp.

During the first day students recorded information on Stockwhip Creek’s bank, verge, vegetation, line and belt transects. Nightfall saw the students completing a spotlighting activity to identify nocturnal animals. However, with the bitter cold (the night turned freezing with a minimum of 0.4°C), barely any wildlife showed their faces. The following morning students prepared quadrats and analysed a 100m² area of bush to identify and count the number of Cypress and Casuarina trees present. Afterwards, students carried out a soil analysis.

The camp provided a unique platform for hands on skill development, field experience and progression of ecological knowledge. Students and staff also learnt that next time they go on the Biology Camp to pack an extra blanket!

Miss Natalie Budden
Science Teacher

Top Line of Young Cattle Judges

A group of our students attended the Miles and Chinchilla Shows to participate in the Junior Cattle Judging competitions on Monday 18 May and Friday 22 May respectively. Students participated in both the Prime Beef and Stud Cattle sections at Miles Show and the Stud Cattle section at Chinchilla Show.

All students did extremely well and represented the school proudly. This was noted by many exhibitors as well as the stewards on the day who made particular comment on the presentation of the students as well as their mature attitudes and excellent behaviour. The competitions provided students the opportunity to judge cattle, practice public speaking, as well as networking opportunities.

At the Miles Show, Kurtis was awarded first and Carmelo third in the Prime Judging Section, whilst in the Stud Section, Karla was awarded third and Kurtis second. At the Chinchilla Show, Karla Cann was awarded second in the Stud Judging.

Congratulations to these students for your hard work in preparation.

Miss Stacy Condell
Agricultural Science Teacher

Dance Students Represent with Grace

Congratulations to the Dance Troupe students who performed at the Chinchilla Show on Friday. It was a great morning of entertainment and all dancers did a wonderful job.

Congratulations also to the three Senior Dance students who competed at the Kingaroy Dance Eisteddfod in early May. Tommii, Brooke and Chelsea performed with elegance and grace and placed first in their section. The girls will also compete in the Toowoomba Eisteddfod in August.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
Dance Teacher