These students will be representing their Form Class in this year’s Personality Quest. After facing the judges on Wednesday 22 July the Junior and Senior Winners and the Runners-Up will be announced at the Personality Quest Ball on Friday 24 July. Tickets will be available from the Office from Monday 13 July for $10 each. Doors open at 6:30pm.
From the Principal

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Staffing news
a) Special congratulations to Mrs Kelly Dorries who has been officially appointed at our school to the position of Head of Department Senior Schooling / Technology. With Mrs Dorries having worked in this important role in the school for an extended period it was great to see her secure the position through the state-wide selection process.

b) Congratulations to the following staff who will work in different roles for the first half of Term 3: Mr Peter Gerke (Acting Deputy Principal), Mrs Helen Hubbard (Acting Head of Department The Arts)

c) Congratulations to Mr Marcus Weller, who will work in a new role for Semester 2. A new Head of Department Teaching and Learning position has been created to help drive the school's commitment to developing strong outcomes for our students and teachers. Some of the key work for this role will be formalising our school processes for classroom observations and developing a coaching and mentoring program for our teachers. It is very pleasing to have had a good number of very capable teachers within our school applying for this important role. It is indicative of the quality of staff that we have in our school and their commitment to seeing our students, staff and school achieve their potential.

d) One of our teachers, Mr Kevin Peters, who has been working within our Special Education Department, will be finishing his contract with us at the end of the week. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Peters for his work in our school and wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

e) Best wishes to the following staff who are taking some leave to travel at the start of next term: Mrs Ballinger (5 weeks), Miss Griffiths (3 weeks) and Miss Priem (3 weeks). We look forward to their safe return.

Ski Trip
Best wishes to all of the students and staff (Mr James Kratzmann, Miss Natalie Budden, Mrs Tiffany Ross and Mr Brian Shoesmith) who are attending the Ski Trip and tour of Canberra in the school holidays. We hope they have a very safe and enjoyable trip and we look forward to all of the stories of their great experiences upon their return.

Taking care of business
With half the school year behind us I have again decided to include some friendly reminders for our parents and families about some important school processes:

- If you signed up for the Student Resource Scheme, please ensure that you have paid your fees or negotiated a Payment Plan with our school’s Business Services Manager (Mrs Pamela Widdon). Our school policies state that student fees are required to be paid before students participate in non-compulsory activities.

- Please ensure that any student absences for the term / semester have been explained with notes to Form Teachers or through contacting Mrs Tracey Wolski in our School Office.

- Stay in touch with our school events and key documents via the Chinchilla SHS website and also download the Q Schools App – “select Chinchilla SHS” (for smartphones).

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but don’t quit.”

Conrad Hilton

School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning
In Semester 2 our school will launch it’s new School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix which will outline positive behavioural expectations across a variety of school areas. A copy of the Positive Behaviour Matrix will be included in the first Newsletter next term. Copies of the matrix will be placed in classrooms and will also be used to develop lesson topics for the Pastoral Care program. We are looking forward to all of our community reinforcing high expectations and the importance of positive behaviour at school, home and across the wider community.

Chinchilla State High School 2015 Attendance minimum target for each student – 92%

Every lesson, every day, counts at Chinchilla State High School. We expect that all students will attend every day unless they are too sick to attend. Any absences should be supported with a note from parents or a phone call to the School Office.

The progressive Whole School Attendance Data at the end of Semester 1 was 90.1%. We will continue to work with our students and families to focus on improving these figures.

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- My sincere thanks to all of our community for their ongoing encouragement of our students with their attendance, effort and behaviour in classes and for your commitment to supporting high expectations in our school.

- School staff will be closely monitoring student attendance throughout Week 10. Students not meeting attendance expectations will jeopardise their attendance at non-compulsory events like the PQ Ball in July.

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

Take care
Scott Rowan
**Student Card Updates**

By now parents/carers should have received their Student’s Confidential Student Card. This lists key information in relation to students. Accurate information is vital to the effective communication between staff and parents/carers should an emergency arise or a member of staff requires contact. We ask that you review the information provided and update any changes to your student’s records. Please return the updated records to the school Administration Office as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. If you have not received your students details, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Office.

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**What's happening...**

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| 13 July | Term 3 Commences  
Year 10 Peer Power |
| 14 July | Year 10 Semester One Reports Issued |
| 15 - 17 July | Year 10 Camp - Emu Gully |
| 16 July | Semester One Reports Issued - all other year levels |
| 17 July | 10 - 12 Years Chin. District Girls Rugby League Trials  
Bulldog Park 3:30 - 5:00pm |
| 21 July | Parent Teacher Interviews  
3:30 - 5:00pm |
| 24 July | Personality Quest Ball  
Cultural Centre  
6:30 - 10:30pm |
| 28 July | ICAS Cricket  
Individual Noms |
| 30 & 31 July | Interhouse Track and Field Carnival |
| 11 Aug | Year 10 and 11 Senior Pathways Evening |
| 18 Aug | Year 11 Peer Power  
Information Night  
Year 7 into 8 - 6:00pm |
| 25 Aug | Information Night  
Year 8 into 9 - 6:00pm  
Information Night  
Year 9 into 10 - 7:00pm |
| 27 & 28 Aug | SW 10 - 19 Track & Field - St George  
1 & 2 Sept | QCS Tests  
8 Sept | Information Night  
Year 6 into 7 - 6:00pm  
19 Sept | Spring Vacation Begins  
6 Oct | Term 4 Commences  
8 Oct | Year 8 Vaccinations  
29 Oct | Presentation Evening |

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**A message from your school Chaplain**

**Jono Buchanan**

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**Food for Thought**

Friends – the people you spend most of your time with will have quite a marked effect on the way you live and act as you will find yourself adopting a lot of their habits and hobbies. Peer pressure is often referred to in a negative manner, but this is not always the case.

If you choose peers whose behaviour is exemplary then they will probably influence you to behave in the right way. On the other hand if you choose friends who are constantly getting themselves in some sort of strife, then it won’t be long before you find yourself being led into doing things you don’t really want to do. Remember, it’s your choice.

These holidays think of the characteristics that you like most in people and spend time with friends who display those characteristics.

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**Title:** Hover Car Racer  
**Author:** Matthew Reilly  
**Genre:** Sci-Fi Action  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Availability:** School library and online  
**Rating:** 4.5 apples (delicious)

**What is the book about?** The book is set in the near future, where the most popular sport in the world is Hover Car Racing. It tells the story of a boy named Jason Chaser, who with the help of his brother, races Hover Cars and is given the chance to attend Race School in Tasmania. Whilst there, Jason experiences some pretty serious racing, grudges and group rivalries. The plot is pretty easy to follow, though the bad guys remain hidden for quite some time.

**Did you enjoy the book?** Absolutely: It is simply one of the most nerve-racking novels I have ever read. I believe I have read it three times and still find excitement everywhere. The plot, with all of its twists and mysteries, is astounding as well.

**Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight?** To a degree. I see many character traits in him that are very general to some people, specifically Australians, but his values of justice and his determination are quite extraordinary.

**Comment on some of the book’s themes.** It is about never giving up (ever), and always putting 100% into everything. It is also about being fair, and doing the right thing, no matter how difficult it may be. Jason’s saying is: “Never give up. Never say die.”

**Who would you recommend this book to?** Anyone who likes fast paced action, racing, and a good plot.

**Booked for Lunch runs fortnightly (Thursday, first break) and is open to staff and students alike. It’s a great way to meet new people and read new books, all while indulging over culinary delights.**

**Are you booked for lunch?** See Miss Taylor in GSF1 for more information.
Thank you to those who were able to support the PQ Clothing Sale last weekend. A number of people took the opportunity to be pampered with a manicure or facial, had their makeup done and browsed the great range of clothes on sale. A special thank you to Stephanie Usher (Yr 10) and Jenny Usher who organised and ran the entire event.

The P&C assists the school every year in organising and providing supper for those attending the PQ Ball. Please mark in your diaries Friday 24 July for this event. You can help by providing a plate for supper to share, volunteering some time to help set up, serve supper and/or tidy up at the end of the night. A notice regarding this will be sent home very early in the next term.

The P&C is organising supper for the Personality Quest Ball. This is a great way for parents to be part of the Ball and support the school. Your assistance would be sincerely appreciated.

I am able to help with the Personality Quest Ball catering on Friday 25 July 2015.

- Preparation of food (sandwiches etc. at 7:00pm)
- Food serving
- Donation of cakes and slices
- Clean up
- Donation of quiche, party pies, sausage rolls
- Other

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Chinchilla State High School
2015 Pre-Athletics Carnival (Lunch Time) Events

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| Week 2 | 20 July | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | 15yr Girls Triple Jump | 16yr Girls High Jump | 16yr Girls Triple Jump | Chinchilla Christian School Athletics Carnival |
| | | 14yr Boys Javelin | 16yr Boys Long Jump | 1500m ‘A’ Division | |
| | | 17yr Boys Javelin | 17yr Boys Javelin | 15yr Girls Javelin | 17yr Boys Discus |

| Week 3 | 27 July | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | 17yr Boys Triple Jump | 28 June | Small Schools Athletics Carnival | Athletics Carnival Day 1 |
| | | 17yr Girls Javelin | 24 June | Athletics Carnival Day 2 |
| | | 12yr Boys Shot Put | 25 June | |
| | | Make Up Day | |

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Chinchilla State High School
P&C Association

Next Meeting
Monday 13 July
7:00 pm
Resource Centre
All Welcome

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Personality Quest Ball Catering Form

Please return to school office by Monday 20 July

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