**Perisher Valley and Canberra Trip 2015**

Over the school holidays, 38 students and 4 staff members had little opportunity to rest as we set out on a week of education and adventure in the mountains of Perisher and in Australia's capital city.

After a 20 hour bus trip we arrived at Ski Rider near Jindabyne and wasted no time in hitting the slopes. Our first lesson was intriguing as we looked around and saw little snow. Fortunately, it did snow prior to our departure and we were all able to relish the opportunity to have a snow ball fight and build our own snowmen. Overall, we had some fantastic days hitting the slopes with many enjoying the challenge of skiing.

Following 6 days of skiing we had Canberra in our sights. The day started with a visit to the War Memorial, where students appreciated an opportunity to wander the halls learning about Australia’s past. Next we visited both Old Parliament House and New Parliament House where students had the unique experience of re-enacting the debate around the conscription bill in the senate of Old Parliament House. While it was a very active schedule all students enjoyed the educational experiences on offer and the memories made throughout the trip.

Recognition to the Australian Government must be paid to for assistance in conducting the Canberra leg of the trip. The Australian Government contributed $60 per student as part of the of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme to assist students with the expenses of travelling to Canberra.

Mrs Tiffany Ross  
Teacher
Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that our students and their families were able to spend some quality time together through the school holidays. We look forward to another busy term at Chinchilla State High School, with plenty of opportunities for all of our students.

Staffing news
a) Welcome to the following new staff members. We hope they enjoy their time in our school and wider community:
   • Miss Kelly Hogan (E Block teacher)
   • Mrs Carol Schultz (Guidance Officer)

b) Welcome back to one of our Teacher-Aides, Mrs Carolyn Moon, who has returned from leave. It is great to have you back in the school.

c) Congratulations to the following staff who will work in different roles for varying timeframes this term:
   • Mr Peter Gerke (Acting Deputy Principal), Mrs Helen Hubbard (Acting HOD of The Arts), Mr Marcus Weller (HOD Teaching and Learning), Mr Chris McEvoy (Acting HOD HPE / LOTE), Mrs Tiffany Ross (Acting Year 7 Co-ordinator), Mr Lachlan McKensey (Acting Year 8 Co-ordinator)

Best wishes to the following staff who are taking some travel leave from the start of this term:
   • Mrs Amy Ballinger (5 weeks), Miss Jenna Griffiths (3 weeks), Miss Kim Priem (3 weeks)

We look forward to their safe return.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Our sincere thanks to all of the parents/family representatives who were able to attend our Parent-Teacher Interviews last Tuesday. It is always great when teachers and parents are able to get together to discuss the progress of the students and strategies that would promote success for the students. Any parents who were unable to attend the interviews are most welcome to contact our teachers to arrange a time to discuss the progress of their children.

'Taking care of business'
With half the school year behind us I have again decided to repeat 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 Pam 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 last 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 QSchools App – “select Chinchilla SHS” (for smartphones).

School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning
Last week our school released it’s new School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix which outlines positive behavioural expectations across a variety of school areas. A copy of the Positive Behaviour Matrix will be included in this Newsletter. 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.

School Uniform Review
The P&C have been making progress on some alternatives for a dress uniform at our school. Parents are welcome to attend P&C meetings (second Monday every month at 7:00pm in the school library) to engage directly with this important planning.

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

Everyone owns attendance 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.

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

Kind regards
Scott Rowan

Greatness is sifted through the grind, therefore don’t despise the hard work now for surely it will be worth it in the end.

Sanjo Jendayi

FIND YOUR GREATNESS.

What's happening...

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With technology being oh so easy to access these days parents really need to be on top of their game with apps. Knowing what's appropriate and what's not is essential in this day and age. Over the next few issues of the newsletter I will outline the top 15 apps to be wary of. A link to all 15 apps will become available on the Chinchilla State High School website from Week 3.

1. Tinder
   
   **What it is:** An app used to find dates and hook-ups using GPS tracking.
   
   **Why it’s bad:** It is easy for adults and minors to find each other, and the “rating” system can be used for bullying.

2. Snapchat
   
   **What it is:** A photo-sharing app that allows users to send photos to specific people, assigning the photos an allotted time-after which they “disappear”.
   
   **Why it’s bad:** It’s very popular for sexting. Users have figured out how to save or screenshot the images, so they aren’t really gone and can be used against the sender later for “revenge porn” or any other nefarious purpose.

3. Blendr
   
   **What it is:** A “flirting” app allowing users to send photos/videos to anyone on their “friends” list and rate their “hotness”.
   
   **Why it’s bad:** This app uses GPS and is not authenticated, so predators can find minors or anyone they are looking for. It’s also popular for sexting, and the “hotness” rating allows for bullying.

**Social Media Checklist for Parents**

- Talk openly and often about online safety with your kids
- Install safety monitoring software on all devices
- Limit screen time and designate specific areas for internet use
- Establish clear ground rules and safety principles
- Stay up to date on Social Media and online trends

Don’t forget to hand in your devices to the Office before school each day - Jono
# Chinchilla State High School
## 2015 Athletics Carnival Program

### Thursday 30 July

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**Session 1 Field**
- High Jump: 16yr Boys
- High Jump: 15yr Girls
- Shot Put: 17yr Boys
- Discus: 12yr Boys
- Triple Jump: 14yr Boys
- Long Jump: 13yr Girls

**Session 2 Track**
- 400m all ages - boys and girls

**Session 3 Field**
- High Jump: 12yr Girls
- High Jump: 15yr Boys
- Shot Put: 17yr Girls
- Discus: 16yr Girls
- Triple Jump: 13yr Boys
- Long Jump: 14yr Girls

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**Session 4 Track**
- 100m all ages - boys and girls

**Session 5 Field**
- High Jump: 13yr Girls
- High Jump: 14yr Boys
- Shot Put: 15yr Girls
- Discus: 12yr Girls
- Triple Jump: 16yr Boys
- Long Jump: 17yr Boys

**Session 6 Track**
- 200m all ages - boys and girls

**Session 7 Field**
- High Jump: 13yr Boys
- High Jump: 14yr Girls
- Shot Put: 16yr Girls
- Discus: 17yr Girls
- Triple Jump: 15yr Boys
- Long Jump: 12yr Girls

**Session 8 Track**
- 100m Final all ages - boys and girls

**Session 9 Field**
- High Jump: 12yr Boys
- High Jump: 17yr Girls
- Shot Put: 16yr Boys
- Discus: 15yr Girls
- Triple Jump: 13yr Girls
- Long Jump: 14yr Boys

**Session 10 Track**
- 4 X 100m Relays

*If time permits novelty events will run for all year levels throughout the day. The timing of these events will be announced by Mr Gerke.*

**Presentations**