The Titans 4 Tomorrow held a camp in early July at North Stradbroke Island called “Stronger Women 4 Stronger Generations”. The camp was co-ordinated by the Safe Sista Program in Dalby with the support of QGC, Manindanji Incorporated and Dalby PCYC. Chinchilla State High School sent 11 students from year 7 to 12 on the camp. Year 12 student Brittany and Emily, Year 11, represented our school as student leaders. The 3 days were highly interactive involving activities such as body boarding, jewellery making, sand boarding and a 4km headland walk around Point Lookout. Students also attended NAIDOC celebrations at Yulu-Burri-Ba, the Aboriginal Medical Centre at Dunwich. Students met the Traditional Owners, the Quandamooka people and participated in Cultural workshops. In one workshop they were taught a traditional dance of how fish were caught by the Quandamooka people back in the old days. They were also taken on a brief walk to show them bush tucker, midden sights and native plants used for medicinal purposes.

Glitz, glam and a mix of new and old time dancing were standouts at this year’s Personality Quest Ball. The preparation for the night ran smoothly thanks to the wonderful support of students, staff, P&C and the wider school community. The night came together perfectly and was memorable for everyone in attendance. The PQ Ball again showcased how our students can interact in a mature and positive manner while enjoying themselves at the same time.

This year saw the Year 7 students joining the school and the support for these entrants was fantastic. It was surely an unforgettable experience for our newest members of the school community. This year’s Junior Runner-Up of the ball was Rishabh from 8-3, and the Junior Winner was Paige from 7-3. For the seniors, the Runner-Up entrant was Darcy from 11-3 and the Winner was Alice from 11-2. All winners and competitors are to be congratulated for their terrific answers on the night and great efforts during the judging period.

A big thank you to everyone who assisted in the setup and running of the event. Thank you to the judges Mr Jono Buchanan, Mrs Meghan Clarke and Miss Ali Kirlew.

Alice – 2015 Senior PQ Winner
Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters

Staffing

a) Thank you to Mrs Jenny McNamara for her work in our school for the past three weeks whilst some staff have been on leave. We really appreciate Jenny’s contribution to our school during this time.

b) Thank you to Mrs Tiffany Ross who has been working in the Yr7 Co-ordinator role for the past three weeks.

c) Welcome back to Miss Jenna Griffiths and Miss Kim Priem who have been on leave for the past three weeks. We hope that you enjoyed your travels.

The past fortnight has seen two excellent whole-school activities take place that have generated a lot of interest across our wider community:

1) Our school Personality Quest Ball was a great success with large numbers of students enjoying a night of dance and socialising. This PQ Ball continues to be one of the major social highlights on our annual school calendar and it was really pleasing to see our students, staff and parents having a great time. Congratulations to all of the PQ Entrants and to the overall winners. Special thanks to Mr Kratzmann, Mrs Keating, Miss Budden and Mrs Ross and all of the staff, parents and students who contributed to the success of the night.

2) Our recent Inter-house Athletics Carnival provided our students with the great opportunity to test themselves physically and psychologically and to work as a team. Our school has a strong history in providing a range of learning experiences that cannot be achieved in regular classes. Sport helps students to learn a breadth of life-skills about themselves that will hold them in good stead in many aspects of their lives. Congratulations to all of the students who got involved in the program and to all of the age champions and place-getters. Many of these students will continue training now for the South West Track and Field trials to be held in St George on 27/28 August.

Toowoomba and Dalby Eisteddfod success

Congratulations to our students who have been excellent ambassadors at the recent Toowoomba and Dalby Eisteddfods. Our Concert Band performed admirably at Toowoomba, taking out first place with a very impressive score of 98%. It is really pleasing to see some of our keen dancers also entering in these competitions and their hours of dedicated rehearsal helped them to perform admirably in Toowoomba.

Our students enjoyed more success at the Dalby Eisteddfod, in the individual sections and in ensembles. Well done to the Stage Band (1st) and Concert Band (2nd) for their placings in their divisions. I would like to commend all of the students who were involved in these events and extend my sincere thanks to Miss Holmes, Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Keating and Miss Griffiths for their work with our students.

Chinchilla SHS 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 for week 3 Term 3 was 87.3%, which is well below our target of a 92% minimum attendance for each student. We will continue to work with our students and families to focus on improving these figures in Term 3. In line with our letter on ‘expectations for students’ to our families, we will be addressing students with unjustified low levels of attendance and enrolment processes may follow.

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

Kind regards
Scott Rowan

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing

Theodore Roosevelt

What’s happening...

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Book Week activities will be held in the Resource Centre every day of Week 7. The theme this year is, 'Books Light Up Our World'. Further information will be shared through student notices.

On Friday 28 August students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

Please note, this is not a free dress day. Students are expected to be dressed in full school uniform if they are not in dressed as a book character.
CHINCHILLA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION
NEXT MEETING
MONDAY 10 AUGUST
7:00 PM
RESOURCE CENTRE
ALL WELCOME

P&C NEWS

Change of date - Chilla High Neon Night will now take place on Friday 9 October. Further information will be available over the next few issues of the newsletter.

Thanks to parents and students who assisted with the most recent P&C catering events.

Chinchilla State High School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

1 Shop at Woolworths and you’ll get 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

2 Stick them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You can pick one up from your local school, Woolies store or download.

3 Once you’ve filled your Sticker Sheet, pop it into a Collection Box located outside the tuckshop.

Chinchilla Chaplaincy Needs YOUR Help!

School chaplains, or ‘Chappies’, support young people in one of today’s most high pressure environments; the schoolyard. They are in the prevention and support business; helping students find a better way to deal with a range of issues. They also provide support for staff and parents/carers in school communities.

To ensure our local chaplaincy services remain sustainable, local community support is vital.

Due to a decline in corporate and community financial support for the Chaplaincy program, the Chinchilla Chaplaincy Committee have decided to mail out a request for donations to all households in Chinchilla during the week ending 14 August 2015. The reason for this request is to enable the Chinchilla Chaplaincy Committee to maintain a high-quality Chaplaincy service at the Chinchilla State High School and the Chinchilla State Primary School.

Adding to the financial strain the Chaplaincy Committee are not able to hold their major fundraising Dinner this year due to a clash of dates and the unavailability of the Cultural Centre until the end of 2015.

Please consider making a one off donation or a monthly ongoing pledge. All donations over $2 are tax deductible. Look for the donation flyer in your letter box.

Help us keep Chaplaincy alive in Chinchilla!

In this issue I have outlined more of the top 15 apps to be wary of. This information is relevant to parents/carers and students alike. A link to all 15 apps is available on the Chinchilla State High School website at: https://chinchilshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/2015-15-dangerous-apps.pdf.

4. Kik Messenger
What it is: An instant messaging app that allows sending of videos, pics, and GIFs.

Why it’s bad: It’s very popular for sexting. There are no parental controls or authenticating, so it’s really easy for predators to find your child on Kik.

5. Whisper
What it is: An anonymous confession app.

Why it’s bad: Since it’s “anonymous”, you can post pics and confessions of someone who isn’t you (bullying). It also uses GPS, so people - a.k.a. predators - can find you pretty easily.

6. Ask.fm
What it is: A popular Q&A social networking site used almost exclusively by kids.

Why it’s bad: It’s anonymous question-asking leads to relentless consequence-free cyber bullying. There are nine documented suicide cases linked to Ask.fm in the UK.

Don’t forget to hand in your devices to the Office before school each day - Jono

A message from your school Chaplain
Jono Buchanan

Title: Insurgent
Author: Veronica Roth
Genre: Science-fiction
Difficulty: Medium
Availability: School and town libraries, in stores and online (free & legal download).
Rating: 5 apples (delicious)

What is the book about? Insurgent kicks off just one hour after Divergent ends. Tris has killed her friend Will, stopped Jeanine’s simulation and sparked a whole series of events that will change the city and her life, forever. New characters are introduced, along with the revelation that the factionless are not so useless after all. Action-filled events lead to an ending in keeping with Roth’s cliff-hanger style!

Did you enjoy the book? Loved it. After seeing the movie Divergent, I couldn’t wait to find out where Insurgent would take Tris and Tobias next. The novel’s events have changed Tris and I found myself frustrated by her gloomy, ‘woe is me’ attitude; however, by the end of the book, I could see that these facets of Tris’ character make her the formidable force the factions and factionless fear.

Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight? While I don’t currently live in a world separated by factions, I can relate to Tris’ struggle to come to terms with her own actions and losing loved ones. I also resonate with the idea of rebelling against what society dictates to us. Tris’ insurgent and ‘dauntless’ attitude is admirable.

Comment on some of the book’s themes.
Every page of Insurgent deals with themes of mortality, loyalty and guilt over making choices that can define your identity.

Who would you recommend this book to? For a science-fiction novel, the moral and ethical dilemma presented by Insurgent, combined with a suspense-fuelled storyline would appeal to all readers.

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.
The annual 2015 Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held over Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July. Throughout both days, the weather was magnificent and participation in events was at an all-time high. Although each house put in their full effort right up until the final event, there was one team who stood tall amongst the rest in both participation and competition results. Atkins were crowned victors marginally ahead of second place recipients, Wheeler. Atkins house should be commended for working hard as a TEAM throughout the carnival days. Congratulations to all students who attended and participated in the carnival. The individual efforts of the age champions must also be acknowledged. Students who have qualified to attend the South West School Sport Regional Track and Field Trials in St George on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 August will have received their permission notes which should now have been returned to the HPE Department.

Sporting Carnivals are not possible without the support of the Chinchilla State High School staff who worked expertly in their events throughout the day.

Mrs Meghan Clarke
Carnival Coordinator

Results of the day

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Student Sporting Representatives

In addition to our Track and Field Carnival a number of students have been travelling to State Championships representing our school and the South West Region. Four students competed at Runaway Bay in the State Cross Country Championships. Matthew, Jack, Carmelo and Isaac took on the rest of the state in their respective age groups and showed great pride in both the school and the region.

Lana travelled to Toowoomba to trial for the Under 15 Girls Regional Cricket on Wednesday. Lana has been selected as the Shadow representative for the Darling Downs Team to go to Mackay later in the year.

In upcoming sport; The Under 15 Touch State Championships will commence in Brisbane from 6 August, which involves Tahnee, Olivia, Elizabeth, Matthew, Thomas, Kade, Isaac and Chase. We wish them and coach James Kratzmann all the best for the carnival.

Mason will attend the Under 12 Tennis Championships in Cairns, running from 6 August with Manager Lachlan McKenzie. We look forward to hearing of his success at this carnival.

DATE CLAIMER – 11 AUGUST 6.00PM
SCHOOL HALL
YEAR 10 Students and Parents/Carers
SENIOR PATHWAYS EVENING

Current Year 10 Students and Parents are invited to our annual evening to discuss subject options for Year 11 and 12. The evening has a focus on your child’s learning pathway for Year 11 and 12 and his/her transition into study/work after school. A wise choice of subjects has a vitally important bearing on results and outcomes from school, success in studies and the range of options available for further study or for entry to a desired vocation. The Senior Phase of Learning is a very different educational experience from previous years. Therefore, the information presented will allow for informed decisions to be made about Year 11 and 12 learning pathways and choosing the correct subjects for success.

There will also be an opportunity for Parents and Students to make their SET Plan interview time.

We look forward to seeing all parents and students attend.

SET PLAN INTERVIEWS
INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 Students and Parents/Carers

What is the QCE/ QCIA?
The QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) and the QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement) are Queensland’s senior school qualification, which is awarded to eligible students usually at the end of Year 12. The QCE recognises broad learning options and offers flexibility in what, where and when learning occurs.

Planning for a QCE/ QCIA, SET Plan and Interview
A Senior Education and Training Plan (SET) Plan helps students structure their learning and subject choices for Year 11 and 12 around their abilities, interests and ambitions to ensure students achieve their QCE/ QCIA by the end of Year 12. As part of the planning process, students think about their future, consider their abilities and investigate their options for careers and further education. Currently, Year 10 students are engaging in a Career Exploration program during their Pastoral Care lessons.

The student, their parents or carers, and the school meet to develop the SET Plan, which details what, where and how a student will study during their senior phase of learning (usually Years 11 and 12). This takes the form of a formal interview with students and their parents/carers to plan their Senior Phase of Learning.

SET Plan interviews will occur from 17 August – 28 August, from 8.00am – 6.00pm. Parents are invited to book their availability for a 30 minute interview time to discuss your child’s senior pathway.

Bookings will open on the Senior Pathways Evening (11 August). Alternatively, Parents are invited to arrange bookings through the Administration Office from 12 August.

Students will receive information regarding the requirements for the interviews.

Can I encourage all parents to begin having discussions with your child about career goals and ambitions. We look forward to working with parents and students to plan for your child’s success.

Mr Christopher McEvoy
Acting –Head of Department HPE