Chinchilla State High School
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NEWSLETTER

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Raffle Winners

First Prize (32L Engel Fridge) - K Graham
Second Prize (TV/DVD Entertainment Pack) - N Mahon
Third Prize ($300 Woolworths Gift Card) - P Dann
Fourth Prize (2 x Coleman Camping Chairs) - D Reimers

Last Friday night saw the school oval once again filled with bright neon costumes and glow sticks as the P&C held its second annual Neon Night. With a record 56 teams nominated, competitors took on the improved obstacle course while tied together with team mates. The highlight of the obstacle course was definitely the hay bales kindly provided by the Jones Family. Competitors walked, jogged, skipped and raced their way around the track. Others just came along to enjoy the atmosphere with great food and lots of entertainment. Many thanks to the Riebe family for providing the photo booth which has a huge hit! Neon Night 2015 has been considered an overwhelming success and will contribute in excess of $5,000 in funds into our school. Thank you to our major sponsors Murphy Pipe & Civil and Dominos for their support. Plans have already begun for a bigger and better event in 2016. We would greatly value any feedback you have in regards to the event. Please either contact Kelly Statham 0427 744739 or leave your feedback at the school office.

A special thanks to the huge army of volunteers – students, parents and staff – who made the night the such a success. The event would not be possible without these many amazing people.

Mrs Kelly Statham
Neon Night Coordinator

Chinchilla State High School's

Presentation Evening

7:00 pm Thursday 29 October 2015
Chinchilla Cultural Centre

This is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding talents and achievements of our students in all areas of school life.

A plate of food to share at the supper would be appreciated. All welcome!
**Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters**

**Welcome to Term 4.**

This term promises many great opportunities for our students to continue their learning journey with our committed staff. Term 4 always offers additional distractions, with many of the Year 12s contemplating the end of their secondary schooling and a number of students in each grade getting distracted by the idea of it being the ‘last term’ and being ‘nearly finished for the year’. My recommendation for all students, staff and families is that we all continue to press on for the full duration of the term with the mindset that ‘I have ‘X’ number of days to make a difference’. Celebrating achievement is always important but many people throughout history have been caught out by losing focus or celebrating before the finish.

Our school’s core business is striving to get the best possible results for all of our students through high-quality teaching and learning every day. Thank you to everyone within our school community (students, families and staff) for your everyday commitment and support.

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**Staffing News**
We welcome to the school two student teachers who are completing a teaching practicum with our staff and students. Welcome to Mrs Jill Arnell, who will be working for the next 5 weeks in Home Economics and Science. Welcome also to Miss Jess Sells, who is working with Drama classes for the next 4 weeks. We hope that they both enjoy a rewarding time here at Chinchilla State High School.

**Facilities news**
The school is committed to improving the standard of learning and working environments and with the assistance of local businesses we have completed an audit of air-conditioning in recent months. We are looking forward to some new installations and upgrades occurring in the very near future. Investigations into the possibility of insulating some buildings are also continuing.

**Neon Night Fun Run**
What a fantastic night!! Congratulations to the Event Co-ordinator, Mrs Kelly Statham, and to the organising TEAM for another great effort and for the resounding success of the event. I commend our hard-working P and C and their supporters for their positivity and vision in providing an event like this for our wider community.

**Key Dates**
- “Movement for Mozambique” Interact Concert - Thursday 22 October
- Queensland Schools Athletics State Championships - 22-25 October
- Presentation Evening - Thursday 29 October at 7.00 pm (Cultural Centre)

**Recommendation**
This term will pass very quickly so I am requesting that all parents help their children to complete the following to maximise their learning outcomes at school:
- Be at school every day of the term
- Set some learning and achievement goals for every subject
- Work closely with their teachers
- Study hard (Short term pain for a long term gain)

Thank you for your support of our students, staff and school.

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**What’s happening...**

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**8-3 Takes Out the Trash**

For the last Pastoral Care class of term three, form class 8-3 offered to do a clean-up around the school grounds. This clean up stemmed from a very passionate student, Rishabh, who encouraged his class mates to get involved and organised plastic bags and gloves for the clean-up. I was very impressed at the attitude of the students, being keen and willing to help clean-up around our school. I would also like to thank Mr Jono Buchanan for helping motivate the students. Well done 8-3!

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*Mr Joshua Wolski*

*8-3 Form Teacher*
Title: Where There’s Smoke
Author: John Heffernan
Genre: Children’s Fiction
Difficulty: Easy
Availability: School and town libraries, in stores and online
Rating: 4 out of 5 apples

What is the book about? Where There’s Smoke is dedicated to the victims of the 2009 Victorian bushfires, and in particular the nightmare of Black Saturday, 7 February. It is set around a central group of characters. There’s young Luke and his single mother, Nina, trying to carve a new life in the small town of Edenville. Luke is far from an easy kid, always getting into fights. His two best friends couldn’t differ more from each other; Sarah is terribly proper, while Tiny (a huge tattoo-covered biker) is anything but.

Did you enjoy the book? Yes! knowing where the inspiration for the novel came from made the reading even more enjoyable. Luke became a lovable character, weaving his way into your life through the pages.

Comment on some of the book’s themes. This is a tale about what happens when individuals and their community are faced by nature at its most destructive. What I found enduring were the stories of the human spirit, courage and camaraderie that emerged from a disaster.

Who would you recommend this book to? Junior students might enjoy this book or anyone who enjoys Australian stories. The front cover photo was taken during the 2009 bushfires in Victoria and portrays the horror of this event in the lives of ordinary people.

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.

Chinchilla Tennis Association Inc
Friday Night Junior Tennis
Commences 5.30pm Friday 16 October 2015

Students received Term 3 Report Cards on Wednesday, 14 October 2015.
Please contact the School Office if you have NOT received your child’s Report Card.

Key Enrolment Information Dates for Year 7 in 2016

Wednesday 4 November 2015
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Year 7 2016 Enrolment Information Evening
K Block, Tara Road
Enrolment information packs are distributed and explained during the Enrolment Information Evening.
Year 7, 2016 Student Enrolment Appointments may be booked at this session.

Monday 9 November 2015
Times by Appointment
2016 Student Enrolment Meetings commence this week
An Enrolment Meeting must be completed to secure your child’s attendance at the Orientation Day on Tuesday 1 December.

Tuesday 1 December 2015
8.30 am – 3.05 pm
Year 6 Student Orientation Day
Students experience a day in Junior Secondary at Chinchilla State High School.
2016 Year 7 students attend high school on Tuesday 1 December in their primary school uniform.
All students meet in the Hall at 8.30 am to be placed in Form Classes. Student then experience their first full day as a high school student with a timetable of different classrooms and areas to experience various teachers, subject-specific lessons and Chinchilla State High School TEAM building activities. Students are welcome to bring their own food or use the School Tuckshop.

A message from your school Chaplain

Jono Buchanan

In the weeks leading up to the September school holidays, students and staff filled shoe boxes with gifts to send to children in countries where they might not receive anything this year for Christmas. Together we managed to send off 63 boxes, a very good effort. Well done to all form classes and individuals who got involved and gave generously.

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Come along to immerse yourself in a **night of arts entertainment** focused on the **United Nation Millennium Goals**.

All **proceeds** from the night will be donated to **Rubatano**, a charity striving to care for the **orphaned and vulnerable children of Mozambique**.

**Date:**  Thursday, 22 October

**Time:**  6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Location:**  Chinchilla Cultural Centre

**Tickets** available from Chinchilla SHS Office and at the door

- **Adults:** $10
- **Students and Pensioners:** $5

**Lucky Door Raffle**

**Artwork Exhibition**

**Food and Drink Available**

"Your support, your time, and your donation - will bring hope!"

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**P&C News**

A big thankyou to all who participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program by donating their stickers and sheets to the Chinchilla State High School P&C. Collectively, families from our school spent over $80,000 and a percentage of this has now been allocated into ‘spending points’ for our youth. The P&C will be donating these points to E Block, affording them the opportunity to spend the points at their discretion.

**Presentation Evening**

A part of our acknowledgement of the great effort and achievement by students and staff at Chinchilla State High School, the P&C is delighted to provide supper following Presentation Evening this year. If you are attending this event we would kindly ask you to assist with this by providing a plate of finger food for the evening. Your plate can be dropped off, just prior to the event, to the kitchen in the Wattle Room. If you are able to assist with setting up supper and/or cleaning up, please contact Tanya Errey on 0499 045 611 or tanya.errey@bigpond.com

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**Career Paths**

Traineeships are available at the BMO Business Centre in Dalby in 2016. BMO traineeships are geared towards school-leavers or university students who wish to take up the opportunity to study for their degree part-time or externally whilst working full-time. To be successful applicants will need to have an interest in business, accounting and/or finance, would be keen to undertake tertiary studies, have high attention to detail, have a passion for outstanding customer service and be willing to relocate to Dalby. Apply online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bmocareers by 28 October 2015.

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**Fundraising Sausage Sizzle**

**For more information please call Jenny on 0484 276 559 or email chinchillanhw@gmail.com**

**Neighbourhood Watch Queensland**

**Chinchilla Neighbourhood Watch** is a group of dedicated community men and women who come together to promote safe community activities and a shared voice for problems you may be experiencing.

**Neighbourhood Watch Queensland**

9.30 am - 1.00 pm

**Saturday 17 October**

Outside Mitre 10

**Free Engraving**

Bring along the kid’s bikes and scooters

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For more information download the booklet [http://www.bmo.com.au/careers/positions-vacant/](http://www.bmo.com.au/careers/positions-vacant/) For further information please contact Alex Gee Kee on 46623722 or alexgk@bmo.com.au