The Graduating Class of 2015

Last week we farewelled our 2015 Year 12 Cohort with the Valedictory Ceremony followed that evening by the Formal. Both events were a great success and gave the students a chance to say thank you and good luck to our departing seniors.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who assisted with the preparation and clean up for both events. It was a great example of the Chinchilla State High School TEAM working together.

Mr James Kratzmann
Year 12 Coordinator

Year 6 into 7 Student Orientation Day

Tuesday 1 December 2015
8.30 am – 3.05 pm

Students experience a day in Junior Secondary at Chinchilla State High School 2016 Year 7’s attend High School on Tuesday 1 December in their Primary School uniform.

All students meet in the Hall at 8.30am to be placed in form classes. Students 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 CSHS TEAM building activities.

Students are welcome to bring their own food or use the School Tuckshop. School hats will also be available for purchase from the tuckshop for $15.
Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters

Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony
Congratulations to everyone who contributed to Friday’s excellent Valedictory Ceremony. This is always a very special occasion for our school community where we gather to formally acknowledge our graduating class of Year 12 students. It was really pleasing to see the students and their families enjoying this celebration. There were some great words of wisdom offered by Councillor George Moore and P and C President, Mrs Tanya Errey, and the presentations by the Year 12 Form teachers were well received by the students. The Morning Tea that was catered by Mrs Guymer, the students and parents was excellent. A lot of work went into the planning of this important event and I am really proud of the great team work that was on display. Thank you to everyone who offered their support to ensure the Valedictory was a major success.

Year 12 Formal
Despite the forced relocation to the sports hall on Friday night, the Formal proved to be a really enjoyable event for the students, parents and staff. The student arrivals, aided by the closure of Zeller St, proved to be one of the highlights for the students, families and spectators. It was my privilege to be able to greet the students as they arrived and witness the look of excitement and anticipation in their eyes as they approached their “big night”. The students looked outstanding and it was great to see them enjoying their evening and some dancing with their parents, staff and their peers. It was wonderful to see so many proud parents and staff in attendance for this special occasion and to see lots of people enjoying themselves. A lot of planning ensured that Friday night would be the success that it was and I am really happy for all of the staff, students and parents who made their contribution to this important event. Special thanks to the parents and students who volunteered their time serving refreshments at the bar or assisting the caterers with serving meals. Thank you to everyone who planned or supported this great night.

There are many achievements of the 2015 Year 12 group that are worthy of celebration. We hope that they have enjoyed their time at our school and our wider community wishes them all a very safe and happy future. On behalf of all of the school community I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the parents of our Year 12 students for their support of their children and our school.

2015 – A Year in Photographs
The school is celebrating the success of our students during 2015 by duplicating a DVD of images including pictures of every Form Class and special events held throughout the year. This will be made available to every student. Further information will be posted on the school website shortly. Staff are working toward the completion of this production prior to the conclusion of the school year.

Vale Dr Sandra Sytsma
It was with great sadness that our staff were recently informed that our Guidance Officer from Term One this year, Dr Sandra Sytsma, had passed away after an ongoing illness. Although Dr Sytsma did not work at our school for very long, she was a great advocate for the wellbeing of our students, families and staff. She was kind, caring and considerate of others and she was highly respected by her colleagues and the many people who she had supported throughout her career. We extend our sincere sympathy to Dr Sytsma’s family.

Attendance
This time of year some students struggle to manage the distraction of the senior school progressively finishing, as the close of the school year approaches. Our school continues to remain focused on delivering important learning to the students every day. I can assure everyone that there is no winding down phase where attending becomes more optional.

I am respectfully asking for the support of all parents and guardians to ensure that students are maximising their education by attending school every day until the final day of term. It would be greatly appreciated if parents would please ensure that any absences are justified (and in accordance with Education Queensland requirements) and are explained with notes to Form teachers or via phone calls or emails to the school office.

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

Kind regards
Mr Scott Rowan

finance matters

2016 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) information was distributed to your child/ren on Tuesday 24 November, 2015. Please ensure you read the information in relation to the Student Resource Scheme and what it means for you and your child. A list of stationery requirements is also enclosed as part of this documentation.

It is a condition of your child/ren’s enrolment that this form is completed indicating your participation or non-paticipation. These forms are to be returned by all parents by Tuesday 1 December, 2015. If you have not received this information please contact the Administration Office or access via the school website: www.chinchilshs.eq.edu.au

Please do not include payment with your forms or make payment in any way. You will be invoiced in Term 1, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the Student Resource Scheme, please contact Kate Hart in the office on phone:46729333 Ext. 2.

Chinchilla State High School
P&C Association

BBQ
Tuesday 1 December at 6:00pm
on the J Block Lawn
The BBQ will be followed by a presentation from all Departments reporting on the school’s achievements throughout the year.
Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Mrs Tanya Errey on mobile: 0499 045 611

Anthony J D’Angelo
The Graduating Class of 2015
This term, the Year 11 Industrial Technology class have been learning the craft of concreting. This has been a very valuable learning experience providing us with an opportunity to experience aspects of a trade whilst still at school. We have completed a number of concreting jobs around the school, and in doing so, learned how to calculate resource requirements including how much cement to order, how to prepare the site including boxing, laying mesh and placement of plastic stools. The class had to pull together as a TEAM to cart the cement to the location and apply finishing techniques quickly before the cement set. By the end of the year, we will have laid concrete outside of J Block, which will give the Hospitality students more room during school functions, concreted in between the Resource Centre and K Block replacing the pavers making for a stable and safe area.

This experience has enabled us to develop real life skills that we will go on to use later in life.

Tanisha
Year 11 Student

Hello, my name is Bronwyn Robinson. I am your new Youth Health Nurse. I work with students, school staff and parents to:

- address concerns or problems about health and wellbeing
- create a supportive, healthy school environment (a health promoting school)
- connect people to other support services inside and outside the school

The Youth Health nurse is employed by Queensland Health and can talk privately to young people about anything that affects your health and wellbeing. The nurse is required to keep information confidential unless the young person agrees the nurse can do otherwise. If the young person is at risk of being hurt or hurting someone else the nurse may need to discuss this information with another service or agency. At times it may be best for the young person to see another professional.

As a general rule, the Youth Health Nurse does not provide:

- treatment, e.g. medications, injections, first aid
- physical examinations
- ongoing counselling for psychological or educational problems

My room is in E Block. Please call in and say ‘hello’...I would love to meet to meet you all. I am here to help in any way I can...EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY!

happiness. Figure out the signs of a good friend, and learn tips for how to be there for your own.

Access the full article here: http://au.reachout.com/what-makes-a-good-friend

As we farewell to our seniors it is timely to remember what are the traits of good friends and how to stay connected to your friends...

What makes a good friend?

Having good friends is really important to your young person is at risk of being hurt or hurting someone else the nurse may need to discuss this information with another service or agency. At times it may be best for the young person to see another professional.

Over the past few weeks Miss Jenna Griffiths has been working with the Year 6 classes from the State School teaching them the basics of Dance. The Year 9 Dance students are now involved in the collaborative project and will be choreographing a short up-tempo routine for the students to learn and perform. It was great to see the number of students smiling, displaying great rhythm and giving it a go.

Jenna Griffiths
Year 7 Coordinator Senior Dance/Junior English

Year 9 Teaching Dance!

What’s happening...

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Semester 2 Report Cards

Year 10 and Year 11 Report Cards will be posted home in Week 9.
Year 7, 8 and 9 Report Cards will be issued to students on Thursday, 10 December. Unissued Year 7, 8 and 9 Report Cards may be collected from the school office up until 3:30pm on Friday, 11 December, or, if an A4 size, stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided, the report will be posted.

QCAA posts QCEs, Senior Statements, Statements of Results, QCIA and Tertiary Entrance Statements to Year 12 students on 18 December.
Student final results and OPs will be available in their learning account from 9am. Students need their LUI and password to log in.

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