Orientation Day

2016 Year 7 students ready for High School

Chinchilla State High School welcomed our second intake of Year 7s during the annual Orientation Day last week. In line with the State’s shift to the Junior Secondary phase of schooling this year, 115 Year 6 students embarked on their first day of High School. Students rotated their way through a number of subjects and ‘get to know you’ activities, followed by a surprise BBQ at morning tea and a competitive game of ‘Mr Biscuit’ with our Year 7, 8 and 9 students at lunch. Our Year 11 student leaders were invaluable in their roles as student mentors for the day, providing a welcoming face and sage advice for our future TEAM players.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students of our Chinchilla SHS TEAM for your efforts in preparing these students for the next step in their education journey. We look forward to our 2016 Year 7 cohort joining our team next year.

Mrs Stacey Wolski
Head of Department - Junior Secondary

What’s happening...

December

10 Year 7, 8 and 9 Reports issued
11 Year 7, 8 and 9 last day for 2016

January

26 Australia Day Public Holiday
27 School Resumes for 2016

February

2 Meet Our Staff Night
3 School Photos

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Dear parents, students, staff and community supporters

Staffing for 2016

There are a number of teachers who have transferred to other schools for 2016. On behalf of our school community, I would like to sincerely thank the following teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students and for their excellent contribution to our school and wider community. We wish them every success and happiness for their respective futures:

- Mrs Maree Guymer
- Mr Murray Guymer
- Mr Daniel Kiss
- Mr Andrew Millar
- Mrs Alice Pennycuick

Best wishes to Mrs Marilyn Benson, who is taking some extended leave from the start of next year. We sincerely thank Mrs Benson for her excellent work over many years and hope that she finds her leave to be very rewarding and enjoyable.

Sincere thanks to Mr Peter Gerke for his great work in the Deputy Principal role this Semester. These roles require a great deal of resilience and dedication and he has worked tirelessly for the good of our students, staff and families throughout this time. Congratulations Mr Gerke.

Mr Marcus Weller will work with Mr Bret Bowman in the Deputy Principal roles for Term 1 2016.

Thank you and best wishes for the holidays and festive season

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for the holidays and festive season. There are many students, parents and staff who have worked very hard this year and are deserving of a really good holiday. I hope that you are all able to take some time for yourself and to allow yourself to celebrate the successes that you have achieved this year. May you and your families and friends remain safe and I truly hope that you get to enjoy some uninterrupted time in the company of those who matter most. To those students, families and staff who are leaving us, thank you for your contribution to our school and our very best wishes for the future.

For students and families who are returning next year, school starts on Wednesday 27 January 2016. The School Office will remain open for reduced hours until the 15 December and then will reopen from 18 January 2016.

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

Take care

Mr Scott Rowan

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From the Principal...

All singing, all dancing, all playing student stars recently performed in various modalities in the Chinchilla State High School Talent Quest. This term all Year 10 Form Classes have been completing projects supporting the local community and Form Class 10-1 chose to support and fundraise for the charity Drought Angels through a Talent Quest. Eight acts competed in the Talent Quest, showcasing skills in dance, singing and proficiency in various musical instruments. A panel of three esteemed judges (pictured above), Mr Jono Buchanan, Poppy Tuohy and Claire Valler, after much consideration, awarded final placings to Madelyn Volker (first), Sam Muller (second) and Christina Jacobsen (third). Congratulations to all students who courageously competed, your efforts are to be commended.

Mr Murray Guymer
10-1 Form Class Teacher

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Talent On Show

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IMPORTANT

Student Resource Scheme Form

Recently an information booklet was sent home with your child/ren. A Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form was included in this information and is required to be completed indicating your participation or non-participation and returned prior to the end of the school year. This is a condition of your child’s enrolment at this school.

Please complete and return the Participation Agreement Form as a priority before the end of the school year but definitely before the return of students in 2016.

Forms can be returned in the following ways:
Fax | 4672 9300
Post | PO Box 195, Chinchilla Q 4413
Email | admin@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au

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“Opportunity dances with those who are already on the dance floor.” - Jackson Browne

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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 can talk privately to young people about anything that affects your health and wellbeing. The Youth Health Nurse works with the school but is employed by Queensland Health. The nurse is required to keep information confidential unless the young person agrees the nurse can do otherwise. However, 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

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

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**Keep a Watch on Our School These Holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or the State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

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Monday 25 January 2015 9.00am - 11.00am

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**Author**: R.L Stine  
**Genre**: Horror Fiction, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Thriller  
**Difficulty**: Easy  
**Availability**: School and town libraries, online and in stores.  
**Rating**: 5 out of 5 apples

**What is the book about?** Goosebumps are a series of children’s horror fiction novels that follow child characters who find themselves in scary situations.

**Did you enjoy the book?** I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Goosebumps series, with a wide variety of novels to choose from, each with a frightening theme and a hidden twist, the novels are engaging for people of all ages.

**Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight?** In every Goosebumps story there is a child character who faces an unusual and nail biting circumstance. These characters are easy to relate to as they share the same hopes, dreams and fears as many other children their age.

**Comment on some of the book’s themes.** The Goosebumps series are scary books that are also funny. The books see children triumphing over evil and facing horrid or frightening situations; using their own wit and imagination to escape them.

**Who would you recommend this book to?** I recommend Goosebumps to people from the ages of 11 to 110. The novels are intriguing, mysterious and humorous capturing the attention of both the young and the young at heart!

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**Are you booked for lunch?** See Miss Taylor in GSF1 for more information.

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Capping off an outstanding year of competition, Alisha Griffiths and her pony, Rubern Landy Star, were big winners at this week’s 2015 Dressage Queensland Awards Evening.

Alisha was awarded the Diarmin Park Newcomer Young Rider of the Year, as well as, a Dressage Queensland Rider Bronze Medal for consistently achieving scores over 64% at Novice/Elementary level competitions. Meanwhile, Alisha’s pony, affectionately known as Barney, was awarded Runner-Up Elementary and Above Pony of the Year.

This success comes hot on the heels of Alisha and Barney being awarded the titles of Novice State Pony Champion and Reserve Elementary Champion at October’s Edwards Saddlery Queensland State Dressage Championship in Toowoomba.

Congratulations to Alisha, whose commitment, dedication and hard work over the last year has given her success when competing against the top dressage riders in the State.

Dedication and Hard Work

Mr Nelmes, Miss Priem and Mr McEvoy would like to thank all the staff and students who showed true grit and dedication by making it to morning fitness sessions run from 6.30am, three days a week. Here is a snapshot of some, but not all, of the students who got hot and sweaty all in the name of being healthy and having some fun.

Keep it up over the holidays and see you all in 2016.