Welcome Back!

The Year 7 students have transitioned into their first few days at Chinchilla State High School well. Day one was full of excitement and nerves; however, all students demonstrated good behaviour and were engaged in their lessons. The students received information on the importance of our school hats, diary use and our TEAM Core Values. We encourage all families to thoroughly read through the Student Diaries to be kept well-informed of our school’s policies and procedures.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
Year 7 Coordinator

Leadership Ceremony
Parents, families and friends are warmly invited to a special assembly on
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016
commencing at 8.50 am in the School Hall.
During this assembly, School Captains, House Captains, Committee Chairpersons and Form Class Captains will be officially acknowledged and presented with their badges of office.

P&C Meeting
MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016
7.00 - 8.30 pm
School Resource Centre
If you are interested in being involved with our P&C please come along.
ALL WELCOME
Dear parents, students, staff and community supporters,

A warm welcome to the 2016 school year. A very special welcome to all of the students and families who are new to our school. I hope that all of our students and families find their time at Chinchilla State High School to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

This year our school staff are working with a shared vision of ‘every student succeeding.’ To develop a platform where students can succeed, it is important that ‘every staff member is succeeding’ in their respective roles.

From early observations, there has been a very positive atmosphere across the school. The students appear to have settled in well and are making a good start across all of their subjects.

Our school continues to grow slowly each year. There is close monitoring of student enrolment numbers until Day 8. These numbers then dictate each school’s staffing allocation for that year. At the time of print our numbers were tracking towards approximately 635 students and approximately 80 teaching and non-teaching staff.

Staffing
I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined our school this year:

- Non-Teaching Staff: Mrs Jackie Jewell (Administration)
- Teaching Staff: Ms Pearl Holden (English/Humanities), Miss Meagan Campbell (Maths), Miss Sarah Campbell (Home Economics/Humanities), Mrs Jacinta Mead (PE/Maths), Miss Bianca McGrath (Science/Humanities), Mr Patrick Lane (Maths/Science), Mr Brady Moffatt (Manual Arts)
- Returning from leave – Mrs Vicki Bock (Manual Arts), Mrs Kristen Flynn (Art), Miss Ali Kirlew (Science), Mrs Regan Bender (Home Economics)

Mr Marcus Weller will be working alongside Mr Bret Bowman in the Deputy Principal roles in Term 1.

2016 Key Priorities
We are always very appreciative of the many supportive parents, guardians and community friends who are associated with our school and we are looking forward to working closely together to ensure that all of our students experience many outstanding learning opportunities again this year. This year we will continue to work on a number of key priorities and expectations that aim to reinforce a school culture where every student feels safe and strives to achieve positive learning outcomes.

- All of our staff will continue to show a strong commitment to maintaining a supportive school environment based on mutual respect and our school-wide Behaviour Matrix.
- Our teachers will continue to work hard at ensuring that high quality, explicit teaching occurs in every lesson. We will continue to promote our stance that ‘every lesson counts’ and that ‘every student is capable of learning in every lesson, every day.’
- Our students are required to come to school with a very clear and disciplined focus to learn. Our everyday expectation for all of the members of our school community is for them to ‘be the best that they can be.’
- A goal for our school is that ‘every student is to achieve a minimum of a C for Effort and Behaviour in every subject.’ i.e. No student is to fail in Effort or Behaviour.
- Our students are required to be at school, ready to learn, every day. Please ensure that all absences are explained with notes to Form Teachers or via phone calls or emails to the school office. Student attendance targets above 92% will be required to be achieved for students to participate in non-compulsory school activities.
- We will continue to encourage all students, families, staff and supportive community members.

School Website and QSchools App
This year we will continue to strive to have important information readily available to parents through our school website and QSchools app (smart phones). See the school website (www.chinchilshs.eq.edu.au) for more information.

Recommendations that Contribute to a Successful Education
At Chinchilla SHS we pride ourselves on reinforcing high standards and promoting the development of resilience in our students. Each year I include some simple recommendations that parents, guardians and staff can all work together to reinforce with students throughout the year. Following these simple routines will maximise a student’s potential to succeed at school and develop invaluable life skills that will hold them in good stead in attaining long term employment.

- Be on time for school.
- Be at school every day unless too ill to attend.
- Wear the uniform as required. Lots of jobs have uniform requirements that must be followed.
- Education is the key to your journey through life. Take responsibility for developing a strong work ethic that represents a desire to learn every day. Employers want people who want to continue to learn and develop their skills.
- Work closely with teachers. Set goals to achieve and complete study, assignments, assessment drafts and homework.
- Work at time management. Minimise the time lost with distractions like phones and social media.
- Senior students should be mindful of not over-committing to excessive hours of part-time employment.

All of our staff are very committed to our students and we look forward to working closely with our broader community to ensure that our school is the ‘best that it can be’. Thank you in anticipation of your support of our school and for working with us to ensure that all of our students reach their potential by following the school motto – “Learning together for a happy and productive future.”

Best wishes for a fantastic 2016 to all students, families, staff and supportive community members.

Kind regards,
Scott Rowan
Important Finance Information

Student Resource Scheme 2016 – This documentation was sent home to parents late last year. It provides details of our School's Resource Scheme and the costs involved. The Resource Scheme Fee is $230 per student and Instrumental Music is $150. The Participation Agreement was also included. This agreement must be signed-indicating participation/non participation in the scheme -and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is a condition of enrolment that this agreement is signed and returned to the school immediately. Where forms have not been returned, the school will be contacting parents to determine if they intend to participate/not participate. Parents will be required to provide educational materials (textbooks and consumables) for non-participating students.

Thank you very much to all the families who have returned their forms, paid fees or arranged payment plans. Invoices for the Student Resource Scheme for 2016 will be posted home this week.

Payment Options
There are several options for paying invoices.

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**Pay by Internet Banking**
- **Method:** Direct Payment into School Bank Account
  - School’s Bank Account Name is Chinchilla State High School General A/C
  - BSB Number is 064-409 (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Chinchilla Branch, Qld)
  - Account Number is 00090038
  - Please record STUDENT NAME in the details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly
  - Return the Payment Advice to the school by email to admin@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au, or fax on 07 46729300

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**Pay by Phone**
- **Method:** Payment by Credit Card Only
  - Call the School on 07 46729333, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm
  - Please have the account and your credit card details with you when you call
  - Accepted cards are VISA and Mastercard

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**Pay by Mail**
- **Method:** Payment by Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order
  - Credit Card details completed on Payment Advice
  - Cheque and Money Orders made payable to Chinchilla State High School
  - Post to Chinchilla State High School, PO Box 195, Chinchilla Qld 4413

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**Pay in Person**
- **Method:** Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cash, Cheque or Money Order
  - Payment can be made at the School Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm
  - EFTPOS facilities are available
  - Credit Cards and Debit Cards (EFTPOS), Cash, Cheques and Money Orders are accepted

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**Pay through Centrelink**
- Contributions can be paid directly to the school through Centrelink. Parents can nominate a fortnightly amount, not less than $20.00, and this is credited to the school account until the fees are fully paid. Forms for this are available from the Business Services Manager.

Payment Installment Scheme
The school also offers parents the option of negotiating an individual payment plan to meet student costs. An agreement is entered into with the parent stipulating the amount of payment, the method of payment and the timeline for payment (fortnightly, monthly etc.). Arrangements can be made by contacting the Administration Office.

**Debt Management Policy** - This policy outlines the school’s conditions in relation to the above scheme, extra-curricular activities or other fees. The focus is on the management of outstanding accounts, debt recovery and attendance at functions/excursions. Parents who are experiencing financial hardship or who have concerns with meeting their debt are encouraged to contact the School and speak to the Business Services Manager.

**Refund Policy** - This policy outlines the process for refunds for extra-curricular activities due to non-participation.

**Financial Payment Information** - This information is to inform parents of the various methods of payment options, including Centrepay and Payment Plans as well as giving parents a guide on other forms of financial assistance that may be available for them.

All policies and documentation can be located on the school website (www.chinchilshs.eq.edu.au).

**Student Personal Details Information:** At the beginning of the school year all students were issued with a Student Information Card which detailed the information the school has on your child/ren. Parents are asked to review this document, amend any information (home, work and mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts and medical details) that needs to be updated and return the form to the school. This information is vital in ensuring we are able to contact you for any matter relating to your child.

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**What’s Happening...**

**February**

5
SW Softball (19yo)
SW Tennis (19yo)

8
Chinchilla District Basketball (10-12yo)
Chinchilla District Swimming Trials (10-12yo)
Dance Troupe
P&C Meeting

9
Leadership Ceremony

10
Year 7 Camp Payments Due

11
School Netball Trials

12
World Science Forum Chinchilla Titans 4 Tomorrow

15-17
Year 7 Camp

15
Dance Troupe

16
Softball (19yo)
Cricket (19yo)

17
Year 12 Camp Payments Due

18-20
QSS Triathlon (13-19yo)

19
SW Swimming (10-19yo)

22
SW Basketball (12yo)
Dance Troupe

23
SW Soccer (15/19yo)
SW Squash (15/19yo)
SW Basketball (15/19yo)

24
Band Practice

25
School Touch Football Trials

26
Lions Youth of the Year Interviews

29
Dance Troupe

29-2
Year 12 Camp
**Swimming Carnival**

This year the annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016. The carnival will run during the school day, beginning at 8.45 am and finishing at approximately 2.45 pm. The carnival will run with the same format as previous years, with competitive events that contribute to age championships and some participation events that contribute to house points. Details about the day are listed below.

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 February 2016  
**Venue:** Chinchilla Fitness and Aquatic Centre  
**Travel:** The school day will begin at the Chinchilla Aquatic Centre at 8.45 am. Rolls will be marked by Form Teachers at 8.45 am sharp. Students arriving by bus should get off at St Joseph’s Primary School and walk under teacher supervision to the pool.

**Time:** Students will be admitted to the pool from 8.20 am. The first race will commence at 9.10 am and the carnival will finish at approximately 2.45 pm.

**What to Wear:** Students travelling by bus will be dismissed from the pool at 2.50 pm to give them enough time to walk under staff supervision to St Joseph’s or Chinchilla State School to catch their bus. Students who do not catch the bus will be dismissed from the pool at 3.05 pm.

**What to Bring:** Water bottle (complimentary cold water will be provided for students), hat, sunscreen, packed lunch, money (a Student Council BBQ and the canteen will be in operation), suitable swimwear for competitive swimming and house spirit.

**Please Note:** Times swum throughout the day will be recorded and results posted to the Chinchilla State High School website. No results will be published on the school noticeboard or posted on the school noticeboard.

If there are any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. 

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**Respect the Training, Honour the Commitment, Cherish the Results**

This year Chinchilla State High School is aiming to continue to develop our students’ athletic ability through the Sporting Development Program. This term we will focus again on Netball and Touch Football training. The response to the training was good last year, and this will help form the foundation for selecting teams for the coming 2016 sporting seasons. Please be reminded that these training sessions are for ALL Chinchilla State High School students, not just those that excel in these sports! We are hoping to build capacity in our students and to give all students the physical skills to be successful in Netball and Touch Football, especially students studying Senior Physical Education. Please see below the schedule of Development Sessions.

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There is additional Morning Fitness sessions being offered for general fitness on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7.00-7.30 am. These sessions will help further develop students’ physical ability as well as increase their sport-specific fitness.

If you would like further information regarding the Development Program or Morning Fitness, please contact Mrs Meghan Clarke or Mr Christopher McEvoy. We are looking forward to seeing more faces joining the program this year.

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**A Message From Your School Chaplain**

**Jono Buchanan**

**Hi, everyone! It’s great to be back for another school year. I am really looking forward to the challenges of the new year ahead.**

This year I plan to continue my work as Chaplain, providing spiritual, ethical and personal support to the school community. I’ll do this in a number of different ways, including: individual pastoral care sessions, running fun and positive activities for students, as well as getting involved in school social activities.

I am available at the school five days a week and appointments to see me can be made by seeing me in the Chappy Office or contacting me through the school administration.

At our first assembly for the year we had a short Ecumenical Service. Pastor David Knott spoke to the students about the period of personal growth this phase of their lives presents and how they should make the most of the opportunities that arise.

This part of the assembly finished with Pastor Lee Dallmann praying for the school community for the year ahead.

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**Year 7 Camp**

The Year 7 Camp at Mudjimba is coming up last (15-17 February). If you have not received an invoice, and your child is attending, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Payments are due prior to going on camp. The Year 7 students will receive information about what to bring and expectations during Pastoral Care lessons in Week 3. Please call Miss Jenna Griffiths at the school for more information.

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