Friday 12 and Saturday 13 February were great days for our school and our town, Chinchilla. The World Science Festival - which is only ever held in New York - came to Chinchilla. It was truly an amazing event. The partnership our school has fostered with the Queensland Museum and QGC along with the dedication and commitment to teaching from staff to deliver a relevant and engaging curriculum, brought this event to our door.

On Friday, 140 students from our senior school attended the Cultural Centre to work with industry professionals. You might call them Scientists. Students were granted an audience with various industry professionals. These included a Civil Engineer, Science Photographer, Vertebrate Paleontologist, Parasitologist, Researcher – corals, Geologist and the Surfing Scientist. Students were given the opportunity to learn about various Scientific Fields and to ask questions about these professions. Also, students worked in small groups with the Engineers Without Borders to solve an engineering problem. The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, who you may recognise from his appearances on TV programs such as Catalyst and Play School, performed with great drama during his Quantum Physics presentation.

On Friday night, Mr Rowan, Miss Nicoll and I represented our school at a private function for stakeholders. This event was attended by many dignitaries including the Minister for Science, Leeanne Enoch. The feedback we received from the industry professionals and organisers of the event was extremely positive. They commented that they had never seen young people present themselves with such discipline to the tasks they were assigned. Our students presented themselves to the task with focus and professionalism.

Saturday was a successful community event with many of our students and their families attending the festival. Buses came from nearby towns to enjoy the event. It was gratifying to see the community support this ‘one off’ opportunity given to our town.

Our school is committed to continuing the momentum of engaging students with Science and will continue to seek opportunities for them into the future. This way, our students can make informed decisions about their future and be aware of the many career options available to them, which involve Science.

Miss Jackie Beck
Head of Department - Maths/Science
Dear parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Everyday at School Counts
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.

Great Opportunities are on offer at our school every day: With the ‘right’ attitude, students will experience significant learning and the long term benefits of:

- working closely with teachers and staff to learn in every subject
- being a positive TEAM member (our school values)
- being respectful, responsible and safe (our key behavioural expectations)
- developing key life skills – e.g. appropriate communication, resilience, managing disappointment and challenges, leadership, time management, supporting others
- participating in a very broad extra-curricular program

Thank you to all of our students and parents who recognise the great opportunities on offer at our school and for displaying a very positive attitude towards education. Our students and staff will continue to improve and achieve great outcomes when they work together to make “every lesson/learning opportunity count.”

A Quick Quote:
“What you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself.”
- Thomas Sprat

2016 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 Term 1 is 91.9% which is just below our minimum target of 92% attendance for each student.

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Best wishes to all students, families, staff and supportive community members.

Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan

A Message From Your School Chaplain
Jono Buchanan

Thank you to Mr Denver Kanowski and the students who turn up at school early every Thursday morning and help put on a free breakfast for students and staff.

For a very long time now, Dorney’s Cake Shop, Dairy Farmers Milk, Drakes SUPA IGA and Ashleigh-Jade Personal Training have all been making generous donations towards the breakfast each week.

The Breakfast Club started in 2012 when teachers Miss Amy Cochrane and Miss Ali Kirlew realised that many students were leaving home in a hurry without having a decent breakfast, the most important meal of the day.

With the ongoing generous support of our sponsors, we hope to continue this important service for the remainder of the year.

Parents, Families and Friends are warmly invited to attend Chinchilla State High School's

Youth Speaks Competition

Wednesday 9 March 2016

Juniors 6.00pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10)
Dinner 6.30pm
Dinner: Adults - $15
   Students - $10

Seniors 7.30pm (Year 11, 12)
In the Resource Centre

RSVP and Payment to Office: 3.00pm Monday 7 March 2016
Youth Theatre to Showcase Student Theatre Talents

This year, students in Year 10, 11 and 12 will have the opportunity to audition for a play. The play, Colosseum by Ross Mueller, will be performed in May and the Arts Department is excited to be able to provide students with this exciting chance to experience the rigours of the theatre industry.

Stay up to date with the newsletter to find out more about tickets so you are able to come and see the talented students of Chinchilla State High School.

Mrs Helen Hubbard
Head of Department – The Arts

What’s Happening...

March
4 Interim Reports Issued
8 Parent Teacher Interviews
9 Youth Speaks
10-13 QSS Tennis
11 Chinchilla District Soccer
15-17 Secondary School Music Camp
15 DDSS Soccer (15)
15 DDSS Basketball (15/18)
15 DDSS Golf (11-19)
18-22 QSS Swimming
21 SW Netball (15/19)
25 SW Rugby League (15/18)

The Value of Playing Games

“We learn simply by the exposure of living. Much that passes for education is not education at all but ritual. The fact is that we are being educated when we know it least.” - D. Gardner

Growing up in a family where there was little money to spare, particularly for the many extra-curricular activities children have available, meant that we became avid board game players. Although the primary intent may not have been educational, the end results were. I am sure I learnt to spell correctly over a Scrabble board or playing Hangman, and learned about money playing Monopoly. These games were also where my siblings and I developed a range of other important skills such as strategy, prediction, reasoning, logic and creative thinking, not to mention a range of social skills such as problem solving, conflict resolution, resilience, managing frustration, winning with humility and losing with grace.

While spelling and reading are linked, skill development and mastery of both can occur with a range of differing strategies. If you have a child who is a reluctant reader, or has difficulty with literacy or numeracy skills, there are a range of games that can develop specific skills in fun and motivating ways.

Number/Addition/Subtraction: Dominoes, Triominoes, Yahtzee, Ono 99, Skipbo, Monopoly
Spelling and Vocabulary: Boggle, (Junior) Scrabble, Upwords, Wheel of Fortune, Syllables, Bananagram, Taboo, Scattegories, Balderdash, Catch Phrase, 5 Second Rule, Mindtrap, Syllables

General Information: Cranium, Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit
Strategic thinking: Checkers, Chess, Chinese Checkers, Rush Hour, Battleship, Connect 4

All students are welcome to come to J2, open at both morning tea and lunch, for those needing assistance with school work, or simply hanging with friends playing any of the many games listed above. Some teachers have also dropped in at times and challenged students to games.

Mrs Anne Cardillo
Learning Support Teacher

Maranoa Magic Women and Girls’ Rugby League Gala Day

Several female students from Chinchilla State High School keen to carve out a career in rugby league attended the Maranoa Magic Women and Girls’ Rugby League Gala Day held at Bulldog Park on Saturday 20 February.

NRL Development Officer Mr Rick Doughdale and NRL Legend and Mentor Mr Petero Civoneceva put the group through their paces with an intensive skills and drills session focusing on tackling, ball handling, passing and receiving. Attendees then had the opportunity to put their newly acquired skills into use during practice games. There was also a health and nutrition workshop with Mr Grant Booker and guest speaker, Mrs Sam Shoesmith, regaled the group with her experiences playing rugby league while at school.

Ms Robyn Jennings
Titans 4 Tomorrow Academy Liaison Officer

Title: Red Queen
Author: Victoria Aveyard
Genre: Dystopia
Difficulty: Medium
Availability: Online and at any book store
Rating: 4 out of 5 apples (delicious)

What is the book about? This book is about a girl called Mare Barrow and how she copes as a ‘Red’, born with red blood, in the elite system of the ‘Silvers’, a sub-race of humans born with silver blood and special abilities.

Where and when is the book set? The book is set in a dystopian United States, with mention of dystopian Canada.

Did you enjoy the book? Yes. The book captures your attention from the start and snare you in again and again with twists and turns.

Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight? I can relate with Mare Barrow and her disgust at the Silvers but not much else.

Comment on some of the book’s themes. ‘Red Queen’ has many themes such as the abuse of power, ambition and betrayal.

Who would you recommend this book to? Anyone who has an interest in the main character being thrown into a situation that they know nothing about.

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.
Surfing, rock climbing, mud challenges and high ropes were the main activities Year 7 students experienced during their recent camp at the Apex Camp, Mudjimba. While the days were full of excitement and energy, the campers were kept entertained at night with a campfire and a trivia night.

Although there were a lot of nerves at the beginning, it was great to see the students working as a TEAM: encouraging and supporting each other to face fears.

The Year 7s will continue to focus on the TEAM core values, working together to build trust, respect and a positive learning environment during Pastoral Care lessons.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
Year 7 Coordinator

Eleven very excited Year 7, 8 and 9 girls travelled to Downlands College, Toowoomba on Sunday 28 February to compete in the annual Laura Geitz Netball Competition. The students competed in a full day of games, against competition from around the region in the Division 2 pool.

At the end of the round robin competition the Chinchilla team were tied for first place with Downlands College, a team they had tied with earlier in the day. The final match-up, against Downlands College, was a real nail-biter. With a full time score locked at 10 all, the decision was made to play an extra two minutes of time each way. After the first two minutes the teams were tied again at 11 all. In a fight right to the finish, the winning goal was scored with 30 seconds to go by Chinchilla, bringing the final score to 12-11.

The girls conducted themselves admirably, showing enthusiasm and sportsmanship, even when they were very tired towards the end of the day. Thank you to the parents for supporting the girls throughout the day. Well done, girls, on a successful competition!

Mrs Meghan Clarke and Miss Ali Kirlew
Netball Coaches