Fourteen highly skilled students spoke before an audience of family, friends and community members at Chinchilla State High School’s annual Youth Speaks Evening.

Junior students creatively interpreted the topics ‘The time has come’, ‘A change of heart’, ‘Moving the goal posts’, ‘Humble beginnings’ and ‘Blurring the boundaries,’ delivering entertaining and thought-provoking speeches to a full house.


Special congratulations goes to Amara, Ellie, Anna, Katie, Samuel, Lacey, Heidi and Jacinta who were awarded prizes.

On Thursday 25 February, five senior students impressively represented Chinchilla State High School at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Heidi, Samuel, Jacinta, Princess and Katie completed three separate tasks which included an interview with a panel of three judges, two impromptu speeches and a prepared five minute speech. The students creatively interpreted a wide variety of topics to deliver engaging speeches to Lions Club members. Despite all displaying an impressive confidence, Katie was recognised as the Best Public Speaker. Overall Winner and Runner-Up was Katie and Samuel respectively. Both students were chosen to represent the school and club at the Regional level of the Quest in Roma on Saturday 19 March. We wish them the best of luck as they compete.
Dear parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Staffing News
The following staff will continue in their current roles in Term 2: Mr Marcus Weller (Deputy Principal), Mr Christopher McEvoy (Head of Department - HPE /LOTE), Mr Peter Gerke (Head of Department - Teaching and Learning), Mrs Helen Hubbard (Head of Department - The Arts), Mr James Kratzmann (Head of Special Education Services).

Sadly, our Guidance Officer, Mrs Carol Schultz, will be leaving us for a different role at the end of this term, allowing her to live at home with her family. Mrs Schultz has done an excellent job and we will miss her great work with our students, families and staff. It is always a big commitment to live and work away from your family and we really appreciate all of the work and support that Mrs Schultz has provided in each of the seven local cluster schools. Thank you, Mrs Schultz. We wish you the very best for the future and know that your family will be very happy to have you back at home.

School Review
The school was recently informed that we will receive our compulsory four yearly Review on April 20-22. This is a very collaborative process where three members from the School Improvement Unit in Brisbane will visit our school for three days and conduct extensive investigations and discussions relating to 9 performance domains. These are:
1. An explicit improvement agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic curriculum delivery
7. Differentiated teaching and learning
8. Effective pedagogical practices
9. School-community partnerships

The information gathered from the review is then collated into a series of summaries and reports from which the school will then base its next four year plan. Across the three days the Review Team will hold discussions with most staff and a broad selection of students, parents and community representatives.

More information will become available in the near future.

Youth Speaks
What a great annual public speaking event this is. It was wonderful to see 14 (junior and senior) of our students sign up to be a part of last Wednesday night’s program. It was obvious that the students had spent a significant amount of time preparing, with the standard of the speeches and the deliveries on display both being excellent. I agree with the judges; it would have been very difficult distinguishing the overall place getters. I would like to congratulate all of the students who challenged themselves by participating and also all of the staff who assisted students with their preparations. A special thank you to Head of Department - English/Humanities, Mrs Amy Ballinger for her leadership of this event and to all of the English/Humanities staff who contributed to the organisation.

Other Key Messages:
- It was great to see so many parents and students attending our Parent-Teacher Interviews last week. These are excellent opportunities to build positive relationships between staff, parents and students. With the right mindset, everyone walks away a little wiser for the experience and with a shared commitment to do their best for each other. Thank you, to everyone who was able to attend.
- The student attendance data has improved so far this year. Let’s keep our standards high, right through to the final week of Term 1.
- Last year’s digital memorabilia – DVD – ‘Year 12 Formal and Valedictory’, and ‘A Year in Photographs’ were found, during our checking processes, to have some formatting issues. They have been returned to the company for correction. These will be distributed to the appropriate audiences as soon as we receive them.
- A survey to gauge school community interest in the 2016 Yearbook will be distributed to families soon.
- Best wishes to our Junior Secondary HOD, Mrs Stacey Wolski, who will be one of the key presenters this week at a presentation to world-renown academic, Anita Archer. Mrs Wolski will be presenting some of the excellent developments from within our ‘Good to Great’ Teaching Team. Mrs Wolski and the ‘Team’ have been trialling a range of engaging teaching practices within our school that have a strong focus on engaging pedagogy and active participation of the whole class in lessons.

Every Day 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. Our students and staff will continue to improve and achieve great outcomes when they work together to make ‘every lesson / learning opportunity count.’

Chinchilla State High School’s 2016 Attendance minimum target for each student is 92%.
- 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 91.4% 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 for the Easter holiday break that starts at the end of next week.

Kind regards,
Scott Rowan

A Quick Quote:
“Satisfaction lies in the effort not the attainment. Full effort is full victory.”
- Mohandas K Ghandi

Office Hours
Please be aware that the School Office hours are:
8.15 am – 4.45pm
Interact 2016

Interact is back and ready for an amazing 2016!

This year, we have more opportunities for students to have fun and help out the community at the same time.

Interact’s first project of the year is the annual Easter visit to the aged care facility Illoura. We are asking students to donate Easter eggs that will be taken to Illoura and given to the residents and staff. This is definitely a highlight on the Interact calendar, with residents and students always getting lots out of the experience. There is also a prize on offer for the Form Class that brings in the most Easter eggs. So, start collecting Easter eggs and bring them in to school by Monday 2 March.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Interact, just see any of our board members or Miss Taylor for more information.

Caitlin Jones
Interact Vice-President

2016 Interact Board Members

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A Message From Your School Chaplain

Jono Buchanan

During the second week of the Easter school holidays, myself and a group of Chinchilla students will be travelling by bus to the Gold Coast to join with students from the Southern Downs Region for a week-long camp called Southern Splashout. The camp costs $305 and will include lots of fun beach activities such as surfing, bodyboarding, stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing and a trip to Movie World. Southern Splashout is one of many camps run by SU Queensland, but this particular camp is staffed by school chaplains from across our region. If you would like any more information about the camp, please go to sucamps.org.au or contact me through the School Office.

2016 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2016.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

What’s Happening...

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Career Paths

See Mrs Ballinger in GSF2 for more information.

Title: The Book With No Pictures
Author: BJ Novak
Genre: Picture book
Difficulty: Easy
Availability: Town libraries, online and in stores.
Rating: 4 out of 5 apples

What is the book about? This book is a silly and light-hearted read. It is intended to be read to young children by an older person. Start reading the book and soon you’ll discover that the reader has to say things that can be quite embarrassing for them, but lots of fun for the child. Be enthusiastic and follow the book word for word and you’ll share lots of laughs with the child or children you are reading it to.

Did you enjoy the book? Yes, I love this book. A highlight of each day is reading a story to my children before bed time. This is the book they ask me to read to them time and time again. Reading a book to young children is not only enjoyable, it also develops a love of reading in each of them. I’m confident that any students who have a much younger brother or sister at home would enjoy reading this book to them.

Who would you recommend this book to? I recommend this book to any parent with children aged 2 - 8 years of age or a student who has a much younger sibling to read it to.

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 Mrs Ballinger in GSF2 for more information.

UQ Science Virtual Careers Fair (16 March - 23 March 2016) Are you thinking about a career in Science? UQ lecturers from a range of disciplines will be online for an hour between 4.30 - 5.30 pm to talk to students about career options, study paths and life at UQ.

For more details, and to get a copy of the chatroom timetable, email science.events@u.edu.au
State Championship Bound
Over the past few weeks a number of our students have been selected to attend State Championships as either part of the Darling Downs team or the South West squad. Well done, to these students.

Darling Downs Football
Alyse
Darling Downs Squash
Kaleb
Darling Downs AFL
Carmelo
Darling Downs Cricket
Kaleb
South West Tennis
Karina
Darcy
Reece
Brandon
Mason

South West Netball and Rugby League Trials
The annual trials for the South West rugby league and netball teams will be held in Roma on Monday 21 March. Chinchilla State High School will be sending an open and under 15 team for both sports. Students will either travel by bus or private transport on the day. Students are not allowed to drive themselves. Students travelling on the bus will be invoiced and payment is to be made at the School Office. Additional to this payment, students are required to pay a separate $15 for the nomination fees. Good luck, to the students that are attending on the day.

Future State Great
Congratulations, to Year 7 student Alyssa who is the 2015 South West School Sport Future State Great bursary winner. Alyssa recently attended a ceremony in Brisbane to collect her award.

P&C News
Following the Chinchilla State High School P&C Annual General Meeting held last week, we welcome as the P&C Executive for 2016:
President Tanya Errey
Vice President Leanne Fitzgerald
Secretary Karen Alsemgeest
Treasurer Jenny Usher

P&C Membership forms for 2016 will be coming home very soon with your child. We encourage you to support the school’s P&C by completing both sides of the membership form and returning to the school office as soon as possible. By providing your email address, you will receive regular updates and news in relation to school events.

Please note that the regular monthly P&C meetings will be moving to the third Monday of each month. This will begin in April with the meetings commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding approximately at 8.30 pm.

Explicit Education:
How we teach your child at Chinchilla State High School
As part of the Darling Downs South West Region, Chinchilla State High School staff utilise a common approach to teaching and learning, known as, Explicit Instruction. This method of teaching was first developed by Drs Anita Archer and Charles Hughes, who have been using explicit instruction with children and adults for more than 30 years.

Explicit instruction at Chinchilla State High School means your child will be taught using a consistent lesson structure and learn strategies to provide them with a common learning experience across their classes. Explicit Instruction is based on 40+ years of research which supports the principle that when students are explicitly taught and guided through the concepts and skills of a subject, their academic learning time and thus, achievement, improves.

Keep your eye on this space in the Newsletter as we share some ‘best practices’ that teachers use in their classes every day. Feel free to talk with your child about their daily learning experiences and how they feel their learning journey at Chinchilla State High School is progressing.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
PBL Team Member

Positive Behaviour Learning
Each week at Chinchilla State High School we focus on a range of important and relevant topics within our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). This involves discussions in daily Form Class and Pastoral Care lessons to help improve the positive learning culture across all year levels.

In Week 7, the focus was ‘Be Respectful - always place rubbish in the bin and keep our classrooms tidy’. This was timed perfectly with the National Clean-Up for Schools Day on Friday 4 March. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students volunteering around the school picking up litter and assisting in making our environment a cleaner place.

This week, our PBL focus is ‘Bullying-No Way!’ which leads into the Australia-wide Stand Up for Bullying Day, this Friday 18 March. Students will be addressing bullying issues that can occur within the classroom, playground and social media and how we as a school do not tolerate such behaviour. On Friday, staff will be encouraged to wear orange - the symbolic anti-bullying colour - and students will be allowed to wear one odd sock with one school sock, to recognise diversity and acceptance.

Be sure to stay informed about our weekly PBL focus through our newsletters.

Mrs Stacey Wolski
Head of Department – Junior Secondary

1. Listen calmly and get the full story.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. Contact the school.
6. Check in regularly with your child.

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au