Atkins House have blitzed the field in this year’s Inter-House Cross Country Carnival by taking out the team relay event and becoming the overall house winners. This year the carnival was held at the Agricultural Farm, where track conditions ranged from dusty dry dirt to tough corrugated ground.

Competitors ran hard in the hot dry conditions to record some fast times. The atmosphere at the Agricultural Farm was very positive with so many students cheering their mates on. It was great to see the house spirit continue with the majority of students running or walking the track to gain those extra crucial participation points for their house. This year it was Atkins house that put in the greatest effort to take out top spot, winning by a significant margin.

Congratulations, to all students who competed on the day. A special mention must be made to the students who were crowned Age Champion, well done!

Miss Kimberley Priem
Cross Country Carnival Convenor

### Overall House Points

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From the Principal...

Staffing News
On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Denise Iriks, who joins our English / Humanities Department this semester. We hope that Ms Iriks finds her time in our school and community to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

School Yearbook
Our students and families will be given the opportunity to complete a survey this week that will provide useful information around our planning and production of this year’s School Yearbook. We look forward to increased feedback on the progress of our students when the results are distributed each year level who are under an individual attendance monitoring process.

- The progressive Whole School Attendance Data for Term 2 is 96.2%, which deserves celebrating.
- The results clearly demonstrate the great commitment that our community has towards attending school and that each year level is meeting the individual attendance target.

A Quick Quote:
“If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.”
- Alexander Hamilton

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our school. Kind regards, Scott Rowan

What’s Happening...

May
12-13 Biology Field Studies Excursion
16 Education Interactive Forensics Workshop
17 SW Touch (12)
19 Chinchilla District Tennis Trials
19-22 Rugby League (18)
20 Chinchilla Show Holiday
21 RACI Titration Competition
22 All Hallows’ Girls Touch Competition
30 SW Softball (12)
31 Science ICAS Competition
School Play - Colosseum
Year 8 Geography Excursion

June
2-5 QSS Touch (18)

The University of Queensland’s study guides for 2017 have arrived at the Guidance Office. If you are interested in finding out about courses, scholarships, or in-demand professions, please feel free to come and browse this up-to-date information. UQ Open Days for 2016 are 7 August (St Lucia) and 21 August (Gatton).

Maximum Hours of Employment for School-Aged Students
Government restrictions are placed on the number of hours school-aged children can work. These restrictions take into account the wellbeing and education needs of students. Maximum hours of employment are as follows:
- On a school day - 4 hours
- On a non-school day - 8 hours
- During a school week (Sun to Sat) - 12 hours
- During a non-school week - 38 hours

For more information please go to: https://www.business.qld.gov.au/business/employing/taking-on-staff/employing-children/restictions

Career information has arrived from the University of NSW (UNSW) covering:
- Scholarships -www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au
- A scholarship to study in the USA
- The Co-op Program & Advanced Mathematics Co-op - These scholarships are supported by Australia’s leading companies and offer industry training, leadership and professional development, networking opportunities, mentoring and financial support of $18 200 per year - www.coop.unsw.edu.au
- Events - www.whatson.unsw.edu.au

Are you looking for an alternative to University? The ACPET course guide provides information on Certificate to Bachelor level courses offered by many different vocational and higher education colleges. Nationally recognised training is offered in a variety of fields including health, business, IT (incl. gaming), hospitality, retail, horticulture, aviation, trades, and a variety of creative industries etc. See the GO or search online - www.acpet.edu.au/students/queensland-course-guide-201516

NAPLAN Testing
Our students in Year 7 and Year 9 completed their NAPLAN Tests this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These are national external exams in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. We look forward to feedback on the progress of their NAPLAN Tests this week.

Great Learning Opportunities Are On Offer Every Day
Our school is committed to every student succeeding and every staff member succeeding in their role. There are lots of learning opportunities on offer every day for our students; starting with the important work that is covered in all of their classes and extending right through the broad co-curricular opportunities provided at Chinchilla State High School. It has been well-documented through many years of research that the students who get the most out of their education are the ones who look for opportunities and get involved. This positive approach to making the most of the chances on offer often leads to other learning and further positive outcomes. In summary, human behaviour is often developed through habits and through the learning that we seek to develop. ‘Being successful’ is a habit that is developed through applying a positive mindset and effort over time. I will continue to encourage students to keep focusing on the positive choices on offer in our school every day by working on being “the best that you can be.” To succeed, we all need to be resilient and minimise the effect of the negative influences and poor choices that are readily on display in modern society.

2016 Attendance Minimum Target for Each Student – 92%

- To continue to encourage our students to attend school every day, I have adjusted the method for calculating this term’s student attendance data. For this edition I have removed the students in each year level who are under an individual attendance monitoring process.
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Teachers of Years 7, 8, and 9 Literacy and Numeracy classes are currently analysing results of PAT testing in Reading and Mathematics (Progressive Achievement Tests). The information collected is used to review school, class and individual programs, so we can support the needs of all students to continue to improve their current skills.

One significant message is the importance of strong vocabulary development, and its role in successful reading, understanding all subject areas, and being a good communicator generally. All teachers are working to improve student vocabulary. We can help our students by encouraging an interest in new or unknown words, looking up definitions and challenging them to use new words from the information read or viewed.

Mrs Cindy Grimes
Master Teacher

Title: Spirits of Ghan
Author: Judy Nunn
Genre: Adult
Difficulty: Medium
Availability: Online, in stores, town library
Rating: 5 out of 5 apples (delicious)

What is the book about? Spirits of the Ghan tells a story set around the completion of the Ghan railway, which runs 2979 km from Adelaide north to Darwin. It’s a story about the people of the Top End, of Indigenous people and whites, of elders and construction workers. Jessica Manning is linked to both sides, linked to the desert, linked to the future. It’s a compelling story that reveals as much about the Ghan railway as it does about Australian culture and history.

Where and when is the book set? Darwin, early 2000s.

Did you enjoy the book? I loved the novel. Judy Nunn’s ability to engage the reader with her characters as well as Australia’s history and culture is amazing.

Comment on some of the book’s themes. There are so many themes that appeal to readers – love, adversity, culture, resilience and friendship.

Who would you recommend this book to? Everyone! It is a very engaging book.

Other books by Judy Nunn:
Tiger Men, Territory, Araluen, Kal, The Glitter Game, Floodtide, Centre Stage.

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

CAP money: course

Money can be one of the greatest causes of stress for any individual, couple or family. If you want help with your finances, this could be the solution for you!

CAP Money is a FREE money management course that makes managing your money simple! CAP Money teaches people - from all walks of life - how to create a budget and prevent bad debt. Run over two sessions, this practical workshop provides people with the skills they need to manage their finances and prevent bad debt.

My wife and I did the free CAP money course about 12 months ago and found it to be extremely helpful for our family. It means that we are prepared when all the bills come in at once and we have set money aside for some of the nicer pleasures in life such as an annual family holiday. This is why I have organised a CAP money course to be run at the High School Resource Centre over the next two Tuesday nights (7.00 – 9.00 pm). This course is free of charge and is open to everyone. Confidential financial information does not need to be disclosed.

For more information or to register your interest in attending this course, please contact me through the High School office on 4672 9333.

Mr Jono Buchanan
Chaplain

LITERACY AND NUMERACY

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Rugby League State Cup

On Thursday, 5 May, Longreach hosted the Under 15s Queensland State Schools Rugby League State Cup. The carnival lasted four days and hosted 12 regional areas from around Queensland.

The South West players exhibited great heart and determination throughout the duration of the carnival and the team finished in 11th place. The overall quality of the carnival was outstanding and no doubt a learning curve for many involved.

Two students successfully represented Chinchilla in the South West team; Harry and Kaleb, both of whom had an outstanding tournament and stood out amongst some of Queensland’s top players. Kaleb took out Man of the Match honours in South West’s loss to Metropolitan East, while Harry was awarded the coach’s Player of the Tournament.

Mr Auryn Nelmes
HPE Teacher

2015 Year in Photographs DVD

Due to a school Yearbook not being produced by the school last year, a decision was made at the end of last year to provide students enrolled in 2015 with a DVD of photographs from 2015.

The delivery of these CDs to the school did not occur until mid Term 1, 2016.

Prior to the end of the week students will be asked during Form Class if they would like to receive a DVD of photos from last year. Once we have collated these numbers, we will look at distribution to the students concerned.

Please discuss this with your child over the coming days to ensure that they indicate appropriately if you require a DVD. There is no cost to families.

2015 Year 12 students will receive their copy of the Year in Photographs DVD and Formal DVD by mail.

The school apologises for the delay in sending these out to parents.

Mrs Pam Widdon
Business Services Manager

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Throughout Week 3, our school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focused on ‘Participating in all tasks and activities.’ Students were continually encouraged to ‘have a go’ in all their tasks, whether that may be out on the sporting field or in their classrooms.

In week 4, the school’s focus was ‘Speak at appropriate levels.’ This allowed the students and staff to discuss and practice appropriate volume and tone, particularly in the way we speak to one another.

It is great to see so many students meeting the school’s expectations of our Positive Behaviour for Learning and receiving Player Points. Keep up the good work!

Look our for more information on exciting changes to our reward system coming soon.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
PBL Team Member