Recently, students from Chinchilla State High School tested their wits, skill and nerve against the best public and private schools in the region. Thirty-two students from Year 10 competed in the Darling Downs Science and Engineering Challenge, held in Toowoomba and organised by the University of Newcastle. The students worked in small teams on a variety of challenges, from designing a hovercraft through to building a bionic hand. These challenges required perseverance, problem-solving skills and innovative thinking. Eight school teams competed and the team from Chinchilla was placed sixth overall. Chinchilla’s teams performed well and can be proud of their efforts. The students were exemplary in their teamwork skills as well as their support for other students. Congratulations, to all of the students who participated on the day.

Miss Emma Nicoll
Maths/Science Teacher

Our second year of the Junior Secondary phase of schooling saw the continuation of Chinchilla State High School’s Junior Secondary Showcase, held on Wednesday 8 June. The school’s hall was once again transformed into a scene of colourful and interactive student learning experiences.

The vast majority of our local feeder schools’ Year 6 students attended the morning, with Dance and Music performances serving as highlights. In excess of 50 parents and community members took the time to observe the varied learning experiences students are exposed to at our school, as well as speaking with a variety of school staff.

Thank you to the entire Chinchilla State High School Team and local community for your support. We look forward to welcoming future students and their families into our school for Subject Information Evenings coming up in Semester Two.

Stacey Wolski
Junior Secondary Head of Department
From the Principal...

Thank you to all of our school community for their support throughout this 11 week term. There have been many highlights and many occasions where we have been very proud of the calibre of students within our school.

Staffing News

- Unfortunately, one of our hard-working Teacher-Aides, Ms Alison Summerville, will be finishing her work here at our school this week. Ms Summerville will be sorely missed by our students and her colleagues and we wish her all the very best.
- Our Guidance Officer for Term 2, Miss Natalie Kefford, will be finishing her work in our school this Friday. Miss Kefford has done an excellent job working with students, families and staff and we wish her all the very best for her future.
- There will be some staffing changes for some of our leaders next term:
  - Mr Gerke will cease his work in the Head of Department Teaching and Learning role and will return to his regular role as Head of Department for The Arts. Sincere thanks to Mr Gerke for his supportive leadership work in school-wide roles over the past year.
  - With Mr Gerke returning, Mrs Helen Hubbard will return to her regular teaching role. Mrs Hubbard has done an excellent job in the Head of Department role in the past 12 months and I sincerely thank her for her contribution.
  - Mrs Amanda Cooper (substantive Deputy Principal), will return from family leave next term. She will be working in a part-time Head of Department Teaching and Learning role.
  - Our School Chaplain, Mr Jono Buchanan, has chosen to reduce his Chaplaincy hours next term so that he can work as a Teacher-Aide for one day a week.

Open Rugby League

Congratulations to the Open Rugby League team and their coaching staff - Mr Joshua Wolski, Mr Brady Moffatt and Mr Auryn Nelmes - for their victory against Roma State College in the regional final last week. Sincere thanks to the Chinchilla Rugby League Club for allowing us to be able to host the game in Chinchilla. Thank you to all of the parents, families and friends who were able to attend the game to support the team.

Instrumental Music Melbourne Tour

Best wishes to the students in the Melbourne Tour Band and to Miss Kellie Holmes, Mrs Helen Hubbard and Mr Brian Shoesmith, who are leading the tour to Melbourne from 23 June – 30 June. This promises to offer great performance and cultural experiences for all involved and I would like to thank the staff for giving up some of their holidays to provide this opportunity for the students. Best wishes to everyone in the ‘touring party’ for a safe and memorable tour.

RYDA Program – Rotary Young Drivers Awareness Program

Sincere thanks to Rotary for their continued support in offering this important program to our Year 11 students this week. Disregard for road safety and the national road toll continue to prove daily tragedies in modern Australian society, so it is excellent that our local students are able to access a high quality educational program like the RYDA program. Hopefully our students will continue to apply the great learnings from the program and will keep the safety of themselves and others paramount.

2016 Attendance Minimum Target for Each Student is 92%

- Thank you to the students and their families who have made ‘attendance every day’ a very high priority again this term. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- The progressive Whole School Attendance Data for Term 2 is 94.5%.

What’s Happening...

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“‘It’s not the load that breaks you down, it’s the way you carry it.’”

Lou Holtz

Thank you to all of our extended community for your ongoing support of our students and our school. I hope that our students and their families have a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to seeing all of our students return ‘fresh and ready’ to meet their commitments in Term 3.

Kind regards,
Scott Rowan

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team have been working hard behind the scenes to develop great new initiatives within the school’s TEAM Player Point system. We want to recognise and acknowledge all of the great things that go on in our school, particularly when students make the right choices! Each week our school wide focus changes and aligns with one of the core areas on our Behaviour Matrix. It is essential we (both students and staff) continue to teach and discuss each focus to build positive routines, expectations and a productive learning environment.

In Week 9, our focus was ‘Be the Best You Can Be’; this can be applied to all aspects of schooling, whether that’s in the classroom learning, speaking publicly in a debate or scoring goals for a netball game.

In Week 10, our focus was ‘Speak politely and positively, using appropriate language’; as we get closer to the end of term, with lots of assessment and deadlines, it is important we remember manners go a long way, particularly when everyone is a bit tired. We thank you for continuing these conversations at home to support our school-wide culture of Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Miss Jenna Griffiths
PBL Team Member
**Students Visit Condabri Feedlot**

On Tuesday 7 June the Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students visited Condabri Feedlot in order to gain practical competency for their Certificate II in Rural Operations (TAFE South West). Students were able to get hands-on in a number of activities, and each student was given the opportunity to brand, ear tag, ear notch, backline and trim tail hair. They were also given a tour through the feed shed and learnt about the different feeds and supplements that go into the rations, as well as, management activities in the case of sick or injured cattle. Carla (Year 11) said, “It was very interesting to hear about how well the cattle live during the 120 days that they are in the feedlot. It was such a great experience to get our hands dirty and we even got to watch a castration.”

Chinchilla State High School would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Simon Drury - owner of Condabri - for his time and willingness to allow our students such a fantastic experience to learn about the cattle feedlot industry.

**Miss Stacy Condell**

Agricultural Science Teacher

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**Career Paths**

**With Guidance Officer Miss Natalie Kefford**

- UQ Young Scholars Program for Year 11 students - Five day Residential Camp at St Lucia Campus from 27 November to 1 December. Experience a wide range of study areas and participate in social activities. Funding is available for students experiencing financial hardship. See the Guidance Officer for further information or go to www.uq.edu.au/youngscholars.
- The Aviation Careers Expo - training demonstrations, flight simulators, seminars and a world class static aircraft display. Date: Saturday 20 August 2016. Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm. Location: Aviation Australia’s state-of-the-art training facilities in the Brisbane International Airport Precinct (15-25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport) http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/
- Year 12 students - If you did not study the subjects you needed for University, or your results are not quite high enough, here is an option for you! (www.uqcollege.edu.au).
  - UQ intensive four week courses in Maths B, Biology and Chemistry 22 November - 16 December. $1500. Results can be used in the January 2016 QTAC Offer Round.
  - UQ Tertiary Preparation Program - Improve your QTAC Ranking 28 week course - 25 hours and four days a week at St Lucia Campus. No tuition fees. Literacy and numeracy test and interview in October for January start date.
  - UQ Associate Degree in Business - Alternative pathway to Bachelor of Business Management and other Business degrees. May receive three semesters of credit. May receive HECS-HELP. Entry via QTAC in September and January (Course Number 752302).

The Athletics Carnival is well and truly underway with a number of lunchtime events having already been held. There have been some great individual efforts so far; however, participation could definitely increase. Please continue to encourage each student to have a go when it is their time to compete. The Athletics Carnival event run sheet is below. We are looking forward to next term’s carnival on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 July.

Mr Christopher McEvoy
Acting Head of Department – HPE/LOTE

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Some very exciting news for the school: the Open Boys Rugby League team recently defeated Roma State College in the GIO Schoolboys Cup Competition. This made Chinchilla the South West Regional Champions for 2016.

The team started the game slowly, with Roma taking an early advantage with two tries, but to the boys’ credit, they tightened up their defence and maintained possession towards the end of the half. The score at half time was 10-8 to Chinchilla. The second half started very strongly with Chinchilla scoring three quick tries. The Roma side continued to test the defence; however, struggled to find a way through. Chinchilla eventually ran out victors with a final score of 28-14.

Congratulations, to the team and to the coaching staff: Mr Auryn Nelmes, Mr Brady Moffat and leader Mr Joshua Wolski. Chinchilla now goes on to play Dalby for the right to call themselves the Darling Downs Champions.

Mr Christopher McEvoy
Acting Head of Department – HPE/LOTE

GIO Schoolboys Cup

IMPORTANT Student Details Update!

Have you recently moved or changed a phone number?
Has your child recently had a medical condition diagnosed?
Maybe you started a new job.
Did you notify the school of the changes?

It is very important that student contact and medical details are kept up to date. Unfortunately, accidents and illnesses do occur and the school may need to get in contact with you regarding your child/children. Also, the school may need to periodically send information through the post. These processes are vastly improved when contact details are accurate.

Please contact the School Office on 4672 9333 to update any details.