Chinchilla State High School recently held its 30th Personality Quest (PQ) Ball, which was a great night for all. Full of old-time dancing as well as a few more recent hits, both students and a few parents danced the night away.

This year’s PQ entrants were of a very high calibre and our judges noted that they would’ve given a prize to everyone if they could! Mr Jono Buchanan, Councillor Kaye Maguire and Mrs Maree Turner spent the Tuesday prior to the ball quizzing and interviewing each entrant. Louisa (11-3) was eventually selected as the Senior Winner and Anne (10-2) as Senior Runner-Up. Carmelo (9-2) was selected as the Junior Winner and Scott (8-2) Junior Runner-Up.

Thanks to the judges, who took the time to get to know the entrants and did a great job making difficult choices. Thanks must also go to the P&C, who coordinated supper and the staff that volunteered for various jobs throughout the evening.

Miss Stacy Condell
PQ Coordinator

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From the Principal...

Our Goal is: Every Staff Member Succeeding (So That Every Student Can Succeed)

Great learning opportunities are on offer in our school every day.

Staffing News

A special welcome to Ms Maria Metu, who will join our teaching staff from next Monday. We hope that she enjoys her time in our school and community.

Best wishes to Mrs Vicki Bock who recently commenced her Maternity Leave. We wish Mrs Bock all the very best of health and happiness as she and her husband prepare for the birth of their first child.

Recent Parent Information Evenings

Our sincere thanks to the parents who were able to attend our recent Parent Information Evenings: Year 10 into Year 11, Year 8 into Year 9 and Year 9 into Year 10. Hopefully, the parents and students who did not attend these important evenings have been able to collect the handbooks/key information provided at these events.

Great Opportunities Within Our School

August and September are always busy times at Chinchilla State High School and there have been many great opportunities of late for our students. Our school is fortunate to be able to offer a great variety of extracurricular opportunities through the dedication and commitment of our hard-working staff. That said, all of our staff (and hopefully all of our families) would claim that the greatest opportunity for our students is to work closely with all of their subject teachers to get the very best education possible. For this to be achieved, students need to be at school every day possible and make their learning and performance at school a very high priority. Research indicates that students will be more successful at school if their parents place a high value on their learning and set high expectations for their achievement. When parents and schools work closely together, it often leads to very positive, long-term outcomes for the students, parents, staff and the school culture. All students should be working very hard at present with their teachers to attain their best results with their end of term assessment.

Best Wishes to:

- The Year 12 students who will be sitting the annual state-wide Queensland Core Skills Tests next week on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August. We hope that the ongoing preparation program that they have undertaken serves them very well.
- The Year 10 students who have been working at completing their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan meetings and 2017 subject selections in the past fortnight.

A Quick Quote:

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

Jane Goodall

Thank you to the members of our wider school community for their contribution towards our positive learning culture.

Kind regards,
Scott Rowan

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MATHS COMPETITION WIN!

On Thursday 11 August our school participated in the Year 7/8 QAMT Maths Competition. In teams of three, students competed against other schools in our region to challenge their mathematical skills in general knowledge, mental and written computation, problem solving and estimation. The following students were selected to represent our school in the quiz:

Team 1 Joshua, Stephanie, Kirran
Team 2 Lachlan, William, Gabrielle
Team 3 Ben, Jaimee, Mia
Team 4 Lilly, Rebecca, Abbey

Joshua, Stephanie and Kirran were awarded winners on the day with a convincing score. They have been invited to participate at the State Finals to be held in Brisbane in September.

Miss Sarah Bates
Quiz Coordinator
Year 12 students - Career Information

Over the next few weeks I will be forwarding important emails to your school email address regarding post school options and general information, so please be sure to check your email regularly. Last week, I presented QTAC information to OP eligible students. Be sure to note the following dates. These are also in the QTAC PowerPoint I sent you and in your QTAC book. I have spares in my office if you have misplaced yours. Please make an appointment with the office if you’d like to discuss your post school options and/or QTAC application. I am at the High School every Monday and Tuesday. Also, good luck to those students sitting the QCS test next week!

Key QTAC Application Dates

- 2 August - Applications open.
- 27 September - If paying by BPAY® make payment by today and avoid the price increase after 30 September.
- 30 September - On-time date for applications. Some courses with fixed closing dates close today.
- 1 October - Application fee increases today.
- 18 November - Earliest date you may receive an offer.

How Can I Get My Teenager To Go To School?

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PAT ONLINE - TERM THREE

Junior Secondary students are currently completing their PAT (Progressive Achievement Testing) testing in Reading and Maths. Student Literacy and Numeracy skills underpin all subject areas and work beyond school, and the PAT testing tool is an important method of measuring achievement and improvement. The information collected influences individual, class and school programs. As the testing is completed twice each year, we set a target of every student improving in each round of testing, and follow through in Literacy and Numeracy lessons to achieve this. We know students setting high expectations for themselves will help in their quest to improve skills and knowledge. Feedback to students about strengths and weaknesses will also assist them to improve.

Successful Technology Grant

Chinchilla State High School Technology Department was the proud recipient of a $3000 grant for engineering and manufacturing equipment from local coal mining company Cameby Downs Mine. In March this year, the Technology Department successfully applied for the Cameby Downs Mines Community Donation/Sponsorship Grant for 2016.

Over the last few years, we have had a steady increase in students enrolling in the Engineering and Manufacturing courses. In 2016, there are over 100 Senior students (Years 11 and 12) enrolled in a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways or Manufacturing Technology Studies. Both subjects focus on teaching students how to use a wide range of industry equipment and tools equivalent to those one would experience in the workplace, whilst meeting workplace health and safety requirements of the industry. As a result of student numbers increasing in the area, our Engineering/Manufacturing workshop required further equipment to support the demand.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Cameby Downs Mines for the kind donation of $3000 worth of equipment for our Engineering and Manufacturing areas.

A Message From Your School Chaplain

Jono Buchanan

Over the next few weeks, students and staff will be filling shoe boxes with gifts to send to underprivileged children in third world countries: children who might not otherwise receive anything for Christmas this year. The project is called Operation Christmas Child and is being led by our Welfare Committee Chair, Nerissa Young, and myself. We have more than 60 shoe boxes available for distribution. Included in each box is a brochure explaining what types of gifts are suitable. A fee of $9 per box is also required to cover shipping costs. Completed boxes need to be handed to me at school by the last day of Term 3, Friday September 16.

Wouldn’t you like to make a child’s Christmas particularly special this year?

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Swans All Schools Touch Football Carnival

Nine excited and nervous Chinchilla State High School students traveled to Toowoomba to compete in the annual Swans All Schools Touch Football Carnival on Sunday 14 August. The team-consisting of Tom, Brady, Matt, James, Georgia, Ella, Keely, Alex and Leah-formed a high quality Open Mixed team and played well throughout the carnival.

The team ended the pool rounds with three wins and two loses, but needed Harristown to have a loss to make it to the final. Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be, so the team ending up placing a respectable third.

It was definitely a bitter sweet carnival with five of the students completing their last touch events for Chinchilla State High School. Thanks to the parents for transporting and cheering on the students. Also, a big thank you to Mr McEvoy for his expert coaching and all-round enthusiasm.

Darling Downs South West Champions

The Open Cricket team has been showing some high quality skills lately - defeating Toowoomba State High School and being awarded the title of Darling Downs South West Champions this term. The team-consisting of Tom, Kaleb, Sam, Matt, Chris, Zac, Kade, Hayden, Rohit, Cody and Thomas-played well as a group, with a special mention going to Kaleb for his batting innings. This win will see the team play against All Saints, Gold Coast during Term 4 to continue their march to the state title.

Under 15 Touch Football Queensland Touch Championships

During Term 3, a range of Chinchilla State High School students travelled to compete in the Under 15 Queensland Touch Championships on the Gold Coast. Mr McEvoy and Mrs Clarke were privileged to share the experience with the Under 15 Girls South West team, and Mr Kratzmann with the Under 15 Boys South West team.

Well done to all Chinchilla State High School students who, through competing at such a high level of competition, improved their touch football skills at carnival and were able to continue despite some heavy losses. All students should be encouraged to continue advancing their skills and taking up more touch football opportunities in the future.