An Evening with The Arts

Congratulations to all performing and exhibiting Arts students who helped to make the 2016 Evening with the Arts an outstanding event. Many among the audience of students, staff, parents and community members have reported their delight in the professionalism and the high standards that were showcased.

Sincerest thanks to our hard working P&C for assisting with our successful event. Special thanks to our Arts teachers for their continual dedication and passion. Their daily focus on delivering exceptional student learning outcomes were certainly put in the spotlight and made the event another highlight on our school calendar.

Mr Peter Gerke
Head of Department – The Arts

Families and friends are warmly invited to attend
CHINCHILLA STATE HIGH SCHOOL’S
Presentation Evening

7:00 PM TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016
CHINCHILLA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

This is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding talents and achievements of our students in all areas of school life.

A plate of food for supper would be appreciated. All welcome!
Our Goal Is: Every Staff Member Succeeding (So That Every Student Can Succeed)

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

With reference to Every Student Succeeding this year - How many days are left to make a difference?

Students have the following timeframes (in school days) to work hard to make a difference to their results in 2016. The state-wide and school expectation is that “Every student and every staff member is making every day and every lesson count.”

Year 12 – 24 days
Year 11/10 – 29 days
Year 9/8/7 – 39 days

Neon Night Fun Run

Congratulations to the P&C Association, the organising committee and to everyone who made a contribution to this year’s Neon Night Fun Run. With registrations permitted up until race time, it is always concerning as to how many teams will register. In the end we were very happy that both races were well supported with a total of 45 teams participating. From my observations, it appeared that most of the competitors embraced the spirit of the Neon Fun Run and enjoyed a great night. I extend my sincere thanks to all of the parents, staff, students and community members who volunteered, competed or attended the event.

BARLEY OR CHICKPEAS?

Over the past term, the Year 10 Agriculture class teamed up with Chinchilla Landcare to grow barley and chickpeas.

Landcare provided an agronomist to assist the students in conducting soil testing, where core samples were taken using hydraulic and foot probes. After the soil results returned, the students decided on whether they wanted to study barley or chickpeas. Plant heights were recorded each week and differences between conventional and biological fertiliser noted. The trials produced some interesting results which the students were able to report on in an assignment.

Thank you to Terri Elliot from Chinchilla Landcare and David Hall from David Hall Consulting for the assistance they provided.

An Evening with the Arts

Congratulations to all of the students and staff who contributed to last Thursday’s Evening with the Arts. What a wonderful showcase of our school and wider community. The program was full of many high-quality performances and exhibits. It was great to watch the students enjoying themselves; knowing that all of their hard work was being well received by the appreciative audience. Thank you very much to the parents, family, friends and staff who supported the students and staff by attending.

Presentation Evening

I would like to cordially invite all of our students, parents and supportive community members to our Annual Presentation Evening (Awards Night). The event will be held in the School Hall (Zeller St) at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 October 2016. Some of the highlights of the evening will include the announcement of the 2016 Dux recipient and the 2017 School Captains. There will also be a variety of high-quality performances by our award winning students. Please join us to help celebrate the many outstanding achievements by our students this year.

Thank you to all of our supportive community.

Kind regards
Mr Scott Rowan

A Quick Quote:
“There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.”
Nelson Mandela

What’s Happening...

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The State Honours Ensemble Program is a well-respected program that brings together the finest young musicians, under the direction of international and national conductors, in a world-class environment. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists.

During the September holidays, three Chinchilla State High School students were selected to attend this prestigious event. Shanelle Underwood (Violin), Emma Butler (Trumpet) and Stephanie Usher (clarinet) were placed in different ensembles, with rehearsals starting as early as 7.00 am and culminating in a concert on Sunday 2 October. All students enjoyed the experience and their musicianship improved as a result. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

Title: Matilda
Author: Roald Dahl
Genre: Children's Fiction
Difficulty: Easy
Availability: School and town libraries, online and in stores.
Rating: 5 apples

What is the book about? Matilda Wormwood is born into a scummy family who don’t accept her. She is brilliant and has the ability to read books from a very young age and does this to occupy herself. When she starts school at Crunchem Hall Primary, she learns that her parents are not the only rotten people in the world. The Head Mistress, Miss Trunchbull, believes that no child is special and punishes the students by locking them in The Chokey for hours on end. Matilda’s teacher, Miss Honey, thinks the opposite to Miss Trunchbull and gives her hope and teaches her that anything is possible. It is around this time that Matilda also learns that she has magic powers.

Where and when is the book set? Ronald Dahl set the book in a village in England but doesn’t hint at to when it was written.

Did you enjoy the book? Yes, I liked how Matilda always had a trick up her sleeve and how Roald Dahl painted a picture of the characters in your mind.

Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight? People can relate to the protagonist because everyone is unique. It encourages every child to believe that no matter how different you are, you’re never alone.

Comment on some of the book’s themes. Themes within the book include magic, trickery, utter brilliance and acceptance.

Who would you recommend this book to? I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in fantasy and loves to laugh because it’s really amusing.

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.

SCORE at Learning with Reading

All students are currently learning a SCORE approach to the reading requirements of their subjects. The SCORE acronym stands for:

S SKIM AND SCAN
C CONNECT & QUESTION
O ORGANISE YOUR THINKING
R READ AND REFLECT
E BE THE EXPERT

Before reading, good readers predict topic and text details. We want our students to be consciously planning for, and using, these steps for successful reading. At Chinchilla State High School we are teaching our students to use the skills of Skimming and Scanning to begin that process, skimming for the main idea of the whole, or parts of the text. Students can use the text clues to scan for details and the particular information important for their purpose in reading. These are strategies we all would be applying in any reading situation.

Year 7 Enrolment Dates:
- Enrolment Information Packs: Enrolment Packs were distributed at the Enrolment Information Evening on Tuesday 18 October. Contact the School Office if you did not received one.
- Enrolment Meetings start: Monday 7 November
- Submit completed Enrolment Pack
- Year 6 Orientation Day: Tuesday 29 November

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Neon Night 2016
A beautiful night and clear skies saw an army of neon themed competitors take to the track at Chinchilla State High School’s third annual Neon Night on Friday 7 October. Forty-five teams, competing in different categories, took to the field throughout the night to complete the neon-lit track of obstacles.

The highest number of laps for the High School team was awarded to ‘Cool Runnings’ on countback with ‘Nike Ninjas’ second. ‘Adidas Allstars’ were awarded the highest number of laps for the Primary School team with the ‘Rio Rejects’ a close second. The first place school winners will soon have their team name on the Neon Night Shield which will be held in Jono’s Chaplaincy room for all to see.

One of the highlights of the night was the drawing of the multi draw raffle. The lucky winners were:
- First (Engle Fridge) - Keith Valler
- Second (Two man Dragon Kayak) - Jason Erbacher.
- Third ($200 in vouchers) - Taryn Iverson.
- Fourth (Scentsy Pack) - Charles Gleeson.

The P&C would like to sincerely thank everyone involved with the Neon Night. Your willingness to volunteer your time and energy, sponsorship, support, man power and resources ensured that the night was a great success.

Final P&C Meeting for 2016
Monday 21 November.

Tuckshop Day – Friday 4 November
Students, staff and parents are encouraged to give a special thank you to our two wonderful convenors, Jan Williams and Helen West on Tuckshop Day, the first Friday in November. On this day we celebrate and recognise the great work that these ladies undertake every school day in providing nutritious food and drinks. This gives families one less task to worry about at the start of their day and provides students with food that helps them to concentrate and learn in class. So, make the time to say thank you and show your appreciation on Tuckshop Day!

Presentation Night
The P&C helps with the provision of supper every year at Presentation Evening. If you are attending this year’s Presentation Evening, we would ask you to provide a small plate of food to share for supper, which follows the formal part of the evening. Food can be dropped off from 6.15pm to the kitchen in J Block. If you are able to assist with setting out of the food, tea, coffee or cool drinks, you are invited to come along to J Block from this time as well. Your help with tidying up at the end of the night would also be appreciated.

A Message From Your School Chaplain
Jon Buchanan
In the weeks leading up to the September school holidays, students and staff filled shoe boxes with gifts to send to children in countries where they might not receive anything this year for Christmas. Together we managed to send off 58 boxes. A very good effort! Well done to all Form Classes and individuals who got involved and gave generously.

Food for Thought...
Honest and trustworthy – does that describe you?

If you saw someone unwittingly drop a $10 note, would you let them know or would you take the money for yourself? If you were aware that you had been accidently undercharged $10 in a shop, would you tell the shop assistant?

Unfortunately, some people would do the dishonest thing in at least one of those situations. What about you?

If you chose to do the right thing, you would discover something very special. In both instances, the gratitude that you would receive from the people involved would far outweigh any $10 cash benefit. If you are one of those individuals who proves by your actions that you are really trustworthy, you will always be greatly respected by others.

Please remember that one of the most valuable things you own is your reputation. Guard it well – with honesty.