The following students are to be congratulated for obtaining these prestigious awards:

- Pierre de Coubertin Award: Alyse Wood
- Junior Sportswoman Award: Alisha Griffiths
- Junior Sportsman Award: Carmelo Keating
- Senior Sportswoman Award: Alyse Wood
- Senior Sportsman Award: Thomas Bannister
- Junior Public Speaking Award: Amara McIntosh
- Senior Public Speaking Award: Jacinta Hackney
- Junior Instrumental Music Award: Jonathan Keating
- Senior Instrumental Music Award: Emma Butler
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement Award: Logan Muller
- Student Wellbeing and Role Modelling Award: Nerissa Young
- School-based Trainee Award: Claudine Milford
- School-based Apprentice Award: Blake Ehrlich
- Outstanding Vocational Student Award: Carla Dendle, Georgia Walsh
- USQ Year 10 Leadership and Academic Excellence Award: Edward Sheppy, Benjamin Smyth
- UQ Prize: Samuel Dickman
- Harry Barstow Memorial Award for Citizenship: Christopher Gaskell, Tommii Keating
- Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards: Ellie Richards, Katie Gersekowski
- Junior All Rounder Award: Carmelo Keating
- Best All Rounder Award: Alyse Wood
- WDRC Community Spirit Bursary: Thomas Hubbard
- Dux Runner-Up Award: Princess Lungay
- Dux Award: Katie Gersekowski

Presentation Evening is a very special event on the Chinchilla State High School calendar, celebrating the wonderful achievements and genuine talent within the school community.

The student entertainment further highlighted the talent within the school and kept audiences captivated. This year’s celebration began with the senior dance class performing a contemporary dance titled, “The Lost Ones” that was choreographed by Miss Jenna Griffiths. This was followed by the Concert Band’s powerful performance of “Ammerland”, by Jacob de Haan and Shanelle Underwood’s performance of “Meditation” on the violin, accompanied by Mrs Hubbard. Shanelle was later joined by vocalist Lily Zerbst to perform the duet, “Pie Jesu” accompanied by Mrs Hubbard on the piano. The final intermission was filled by the Concert Band who performed “How To Train Your Dragon.”

The focus of the evening is undeniably recognising students who excel in academia, display outstanding talent and skill on the sporting field and demonstrate a strong commitment to community service and serving their school. Certainly our heartfelt congratulations go to all awardees on the evening and in particular those who received top honours.

Special thanks to our extensive list of sponsors for making the evening possible through their generosity and continued support. Chinchilla State High School students are able to achieve their potential due to embracing the TEAM Core Values and through the support and dedication of parents, teachers and staff.

Mr Marcus Weller
Acting Deputy Principal

PTO for more photos
From the Principal...

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.” At the time of print this is the remaining time on school days:

- Year 12 – 15 days
- Year 11/10 – 20 days
- Year 9/8/7 – 30 days

Don’t miss your opportunity to make a difference!!

Staffing News

Special congratulations to Mr and Mrs Shoesmith and their family on the safe arrival of a baby girl; Matilda Maree, born on 20 October. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Presentation Evening

Congratulations again to all of the students, families and staff who made last week’s Presentation Evening such an enjoyable event. It was great to spend a very positive night acknowledging many of the excellent opportunities and achievements that occurred in our wider school community this year. Nights such as these are always a great reminder to everyone about how many excellent students and supportive families and friends are connected to our school. I am always very proud of our students and staff for their hard work and commitment and I really enjoyed the evening.

There are two key points that I would like to share:

1. For every student who receives an award, there are also many other deserving candidates. Unfortunately, it is just impossible to acknowledge the individual achievements of every student. That said, between now and the end of the year, we will be acknowledging more of the excellent achievements of our students, either on Assembly, Valedictory Ceremony or in the Newsletter.

2. Whilst it was a very enjoyable Presentation Evening, I am committed to reducing the time of the program. It was great that there were lots of students receiving awards for their endeavours and the performances on the night were also excellent. It is always difficult to predict the duration of such events but I am confident that we will be able to make some refinements to next year’s program.

Trivia for Tuition

Congratulations to Interact and everyone who supported the recent Trivia for Tuition evening. It was really pleasing to see people of all ages from across our community attending to raise funds to assist students in Africa with accessing education. It is always pleasing to see people contributing their time and energy for the benefit of others. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to all of our supportive community.

A Quick Quote:

“Our actions show our character. Our habits predict the future.”

William Arthur Ward

Kind regards
Mr Scott Rowan

2017 Origin Apprentice and Trainee Intake Applications Open

We’re seeking school leavers and mature age applicants for six fantastic apprenticeship and traineeship openings with Australia’s leading integrated energy company.

Apprenticeships include 1st year electrical dual trade and mechanical fitter, along with telecommunications traineeships, all to be located in the Surat Basin region.

Chinchilla Information Session
Tuesday 8 November 2016
4.30pm to 5.30pm
Chinchilla State High School, 7 Tara Rd, Chinchilla

To apply and register for local information sessions visit www.migas.com.au/origin
Earlier this year, I was lucky enough to be offered a place as a Rotary Exchange Student. I am so excited to be travelling to Barcelona, Spain in January 2017 for one year. During the year I will live with my host family, attend high school and study just like any other Year 11 student.

In preparation for my year away, I have attended a weekend camp where I was able to meet future and past exchange students, as well as students currently on exchange in Queensland.

At the end of November, I will spend a week with fellow exchange students travelling around Rotary District 9630. This will be our last meeting before we leave for Europe along with 220 other exchange students from all over Australia.

If you are interested in becoming a Rotary Exchange Student, please contact me or the Chinchilla Rotary Club. We are keen to help more students become exchange students.

You can follow my journey by liking the Rotary Youth Exchange 9630 Facebook page.

Adios amigos!

Ellie Richards

Ag Growing Well

Recently the Year 10 Agriculture class have been studying hydroponics. We have been growing strawberries this term and have been extremely fortunate that Lockyer District High School were able to provide a flood and drain system to the class so that we could see our theory in practice. The students have studied the different types of substrate, as well as nutrient solutions that strawberries and other plants need. We currently have lettuce seedlings growing and hope to plant them into our system shortly to be ready for the end of term. Thank you to Mrs Judy Schultz and Lockyer District High School for their assistance.

Stacy Condell
Agriculture Teacher

Food for Thought...

Planning for the future – it’s something we all do. We plan for the Formal, for holidays, for retirement etc. There’s certainly nothing wrong with looking ahead but sometimes we forget to take time to appreciate the present.

Each new day brings 1440 minutes for us to make the most of. We can waste that time complaining about life’s problems and disappointments or we can be determined not to let anything steal our joy.

If you really think about it – there’s not one of us who can guarantee that we will be around for the next Formal, the next holidays or our retirement. All we can be certain of is right here and now. Appreciate the opportunities today can bring, use your time wisely and look for ways of bringing joy to the lives of others.

If you can be ‘joyful’, it won’t affect whether you have a long life or a short one, but it will certainly give you far more peace of mind.

Jono Buchanan
A Message From Your School Chaplain

What’s Happening...

November

7-17 2017 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews
18 Year 12 Final Day
21 P&C Meeting
25 Year 11 Final Day
29 Year 6 Orientation Day

December

9 Final Day Term 4

January 2017

23 School Resumes
26 Australia Day

Vocational Education and Training Update

We now have a dedicated Vocational Education and Training page on the school website. Chinchilla State High School is a Registered Training Organisation for the delivery of the following courses:

- BSB10115 Certificate I in Business
- ICT10115 Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- MSF10113 Certificate I in Furnishing

Students are also able to study a wide range of externally offered VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in School) certificate courses in addition to those courses the school is registered to deliver. The Certificate II in Engineering Pathways and Certificate II in Rural Operations, are two courses offered within the Senior Pathways Handbook which are a timetabled class, delivered by both the appointed teacher and an externally registered training provider. This arrangement involves the teacher working very closely with the registered training provider to ensure students are provided with practical and theoretical learnings equivalent to the workplace. To find out more about who the agreed service provider for each of these courses is for 2017, refer to the Senior Pathways Handbook online.

All vocational education and training courses delivered within the school’s scope of registration, are governed by the school’s VET Policies and Procedures. To read the VET Policies and Procedures, such as complaints and appeals policy go to the school website, https://chinchilshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Vocationaleducation/Pages/Vocationaleducation.aspx

VET information in the Senior Pathways Handbook 2017 has been updated too. This booklet is available online under the Curriculum, then Senior School tabs of the school website. If your child is in Year 11 or 12 next year, you can read the updated handbook. You can also access information about all subjects and courses that your child can undertake in 2017 through Chinchilla State High School.

Is your child in Year 11 and studying the Certificate I in Furnishing (MSF10113)? This course was updated in March and again in July this year. Although your child will not have noticed any major differences to the work they complete in class, there have been changes to the unit codes and names. Therefore, the unit codes and names your child will have printed on their Certificates which they will receive once the course is completed, will be different to those advertised in the Senior Pathways Handbook 2016. More information about these changes can be located at www.training.gov.au or by contacting the classroom teacher.
Throughout the world 124 million children and adolescents are deprived of an education. To put that in perspective, that's approximately five times the population of Australia. Interact is passionate about combating injustices such as this.

Enter Trivia for Tuition – this year’s successful international fundraiser held on Thursday 20 October. It was truly a fantastic night with around 30 impressively dressed trivia teams packed into the School Hall. Thanks to your support, we are incredibly excited to announce that we have raised just over $4000. This money will fund the education of a number of children living in poverty in rural Zimbabwe, Africa for the duration of their education.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Interact in making this event so successful. You have helped to change the life and future of children living in poverty.

Heidi Lithgow
Interact International Director

On Wednesday 26 October, members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO), one of the most prestigious ensembles within our state, visited Chinchilla. Whilst the QSO consists of more than 70 members, 15 QSO musicians travelled to Chinchilla and formed a Chamber Ensemble which featured different instruments within the String, Brass and Woodwind families.

Students from Chinchilla State High School were fortunate enough to participate in a Concert Band workshop lead by the Principal French Horn player of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, and Queensland Conservatorium Lecturer, Mr Peter Luff. Our students joined students from the Chinchilla Christian College to rehearse three pieces which were then featured in the QSO Community Concert later that evening.

Many thanks to the QSO for visiting Chinchilla and for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Kellie McKensey
Instrumental Music Teacher