Family, friends and community members are invited to join Chinchilla State High School as we acknowledge and formally farewell the Graduating Class of 2016.

9.00am Friday 18 November 2016
School Hall, Zeller Street
Morning Tea to follow

Year 6 into 7 Student Orientation Day
Tuesday 29 November 2016
8.40am – 3.05pm

2017 Year 7s attend High School on Tuesday 29 November 2016 in their Primary School uniform to experience a day in Junior Secondary at Chinchilla State High School.

All students meet in the Hall at 8.40am to be placed in Form Classes. Students then experience their first full day as a High School student with a timetable of different classrooms and areas to experience various teachers, subject-specific lessons and TEAM building activities.

Students are welcome to bring their own food or use the School Tuckshop. School hats will also be available for purchase from the tuckshop for $15.
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 time frames 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 – Finish on Friday 18 November
Year 11/10 – Finish on 25 November
Year 9/8/7 – Finish on 9 December

Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony and Formal
This Friday promises to deliver a mix of emotions for students, families, staff and community members, as we assemble to acknowledge, celebrate with, and bid farewell to our 2016 Year 12s. There have been many outstanding achievements that this group of students can be proud of this year, as individuals, in groups, and as an entire year level.

Whilst I will acknowledge their achievements at the Valedictory Ceremony on Friday, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the way in which our Year 12s have led the school this year. I wish every student all the very best as they transition to life after school. May each one of them rise to the challenges that life offers and go on to forge a life full of happiness and success in their chosen ventures.

Congratulations to Mrs Kellie Richards and her organising teams for their final preparations for both of these special events. The Valedictory Ceremony will be held at 9.00am in the School Hall. The Formal will be held in the Cultural Centre this year, with student arrivals occurring from 5.00pm.

Business as Usual
The challenge is now on for all other year levels to manage the distraction brought about by the departure of the Year 12 students. Every lesson, every day counts and it is imperative that students finish the school year strongly. Maintaining high standards of work and attendance until the end of the year is a key life skill that any employer would expect. Thank you to everyone for the support of our school expectations of every student succeeding in their efforts, behaviour and daily attendance. Best wishes to all students in Year 7-11 for their final assessments.

Congratulations to the following students

- Year 12 student, Megan Williams, for completing a Certificate IV in Justice Studies. Certificate IVs do not often get completed in our school. Well done, Megan.
- UQ Young Achievers Program inductees: Year 10 students Bart Dickman, Emma Dendle, Anna Dallmann, Jasmine Gardner-Allwood and Hamish Lithgow.
- University of Southern Queensland Principal’s Recommendation Program recipients: Year 12 students Grace Fullerton and Casey Hubbard.

Staffing News

Special congratulations to Jono and Salem Buchanan and their families on the safe arrival of baby number four, a little boy. Thank you to all of our supportive community.

Kind regards
Scott Rowan

A Quick Quote:

“Honour lies in honest toil.”

Grover Cleveland

Semester Two Presentation Morning

Year 7, 8 and 9 students, families and friends are invited to join us to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Junior Secondary students during Semester Two.

Thursday 8 December 2016

Presentations at 9.00am followed by morning tea

All guests are requested to meet by 8.50am in the School Hall, Zeller Street.
**Scholarship Success for Indigenous Students**

Chinchilla State High School is very fortunate to have some outstanding Indigenous students within our ranks. Dakota Smith, Aaron Goodwin and Jessie Dolman stand out as strong leaders within this group and have been recognised as such by the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF).

QATSIF offer scholarships to high achieving Indigenous student in Year 11 and Year 12 who meet a strict criteria around academics, attendance, effort, behaviour and cultural pride. The scholarships are designed to increase educational choices and life opportunities for Indigenous students throughout their senior schooling. QATSIF is an independent, not-for profit trust managed by The Public Trustee of Queensland and operates through a small Secretariat. The funds used by QATSIF for its programs and activities are drawn from the interest earned on the original capital provided to The Public Trustee to establish the Trust. Built from the labour of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders under the now-repealed laws, preserving this capital means that the toil of previous generations will have a direct benefit to the generations that follow. In this way, QATSIF will always stand as a permanent and positive legacy for the future.

In 2016, Year 12 student Dakota Smith and Year 11 students Jessie Dolman and Aaron Goodwin successfully obtained QATSIF scholarships. They are recognised for their academic ability, high attendance rates, participating in school activities which enhance their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural identity, for demonstrating a willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and for being worthy role models for other students. Chinchilla State High School is extremely proud of the achievements of these three exceptional young men and anticipate hearing back from QATSIF regarding the outcome for 10 students who meet the criteria for a scholarship in 2017.

Mrs Kate Johnson
Indigenous Co-ordinator

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**Release of Year 12 Results**

From 9.00 am Saturday 17 December, all results contributing to the QCE will be available in student learning accounts on the Student Connect website.

Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profiles in the mail from Monday 19 December.

**What’s Happening...**

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Chinchilla State High School

**P&C Association**

**BBQ**

Monday 21 November at 6:00pm

The BBQ will be followed by a presentation from all Departments reporting on the school’s achievements throughout the year.

**Everyone is welcome!**

Please RSVP to Mrs Tanya Errey on mobile: 0499 045 611

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**Booked for Lunch?**

See Miss Taylor in GSF1 for more information.

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**Title:** Skulduggery Pleasant  
**Author:** Derek Landy  
**Genre:** Action, adventure, fantasy  
**Difficulty:** Medium  
**Availability:** School and town libraries, online and in stores  
**Rating:** 4 out of 5 apples  
**What is the book about?** Following the death of her uncle, young Stephanie Edgley uncovers a family secret and soon finds herself in a dangerous world of magic, murder and mystery. Along the way, she meets the skeleton detective, Skulduggery Pleasant. With his help, she solves her uncle’s murder and foils a nefarious plot that could spell the end of the world.

**Did you enjoy the book?** I had a blast reading this book, as well as the others in the series. There’s action and plot twists at every turn, along with awesome magic and sorcery. Not to mention Derek Landy’s witty style of writing, which made the book hilarious as well as thrilling!

**Can you relate to the protagonist and their plight?** I can relate to Stephanie in some ways, as I’ve lost loved ones and learnt a lot about my family in the process. Not that I can do magic, of course, but I can only hope. I’ve always wanted to go on a big, bold adventure and beat the bad guys, but in this book I can embark on one and do just that alongside Stephanie.

**Comment on some of the book’s themes.** This book has some darker themes, particularly death. While danger lurks around every corner for the characters, in the end the good guys triumph over evil.

**Who would you recommend this book to?** Teenagers may enjoy this book and the rest in the series. If you like action, magic and witty humour, these books are right for you!

*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.*
Tourism is one of the largest industries in the world, so introducing it as a subject for Year 11 and 12 students was a great idea! The course aims to develop student knowledge of industry procedures, travel, local and global trends and develops a wide range of skills for their future outside school.

Recently, the Tourism students were offered the opportunity to help prepare for the local music event ‘Fusions on the Field’ where they were able to gain insight into the role of event management and tourism. The eight students went to Bulldog Park and worked with the festival committee setting up tents, chairs, signage and talking to the people involved. They were able to witness the extent of work that is put into organising such a big event and what it may be like working in the industry.

 Congratulations to the Tourism students on your hard work and great representation of our school during the excursion.

Miss Jenna Griffiths 
Teacher

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Mrs Anne Cardillo 
Learning Support Teacher