Leadership Ceremony

Parents, families and friends are warmly invited to a special assembly on

Wednesday 15 February 2017

commencing at 8.50 am in the School Hall.

During this assembly, School Captains, House Captains, Committee Chairpersons and Form Class Captains will be officially acknowledged and presented with their badges of office.

The Australia Day Awards are a chance for communities to say ‘thanks’ and acknowledge the exceptional achievements and actions of individuals who contribute significantly to their local community.

At the Chinchilla celebrations on 26 January, five individuals from Chinchilla State High School were recognised for their outstanding contributions.

Congratulations to Mr Noel Deacon (Sports Administrator/Coach/Official Award), Heidi Lithgow (Young Citizen of the Year), Isabelle Jurss (Junior Cultural Award), Thomas Bannister (Junior Sports Award) and Katie Gersekowski (Certificate of Achievement Dux Award).
Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Student Enrolment Numbers
On Thursday in Week 2 (Day 8), the school was required to submit our student enrolment numbers as part of the annual staffing process. These are the current enrolments for 2017:

- 654 students:
  - Year 7 – 119
  - Year 8 – 119
  - Year 9 – 107
  - Year 10 – 87
  - Year 11 – 119
  - Year 12 - 103

Community Australia Day Awards
Congratulations to the following students and staff who were presented with Community Australia Day Awards.

- Certificate of Achievement 2016 Dux Award – Katie Gersekowski
- Young Citizen of the Year – Heidi Lithgow
- Junior Cultural Award – Isabelle Jurss
- Junior Sports Award – Thomas Bannister
- Sports Administrator/Coach/Official – Mr Noel Deacon

School Leadership Ceremony
All parents and family members are cordially invited to attend this important event at 8.50 am on Wednesday 15 February in the School Hall, where our 2017 student leaders will receive their badges and be inducted into their leadership roles. There will be a brief morning tea for the student leaders and their parents/families at the completion of this ceremony.

Swimming Carnival
Best wishes to all of the students and staff for the school Inter-house Swimming Carnival to be held at the Chinchilla Aquatic Centre on Friday. Parents and family are welcome to attend to support the students in what should be another fantastic day with lots of school spirit and strong participation on display. This is a compulsory school day and all students are required to attend. For those who are unable to participate in the swimming, there are lots of other opportunities for students to make a positive contribution to the day. Unfortunately, I will miss this excellent event as I must attend a South-West Sports Board Meeting on Friday, but I look forward to updates throughout the day.

Staffing News
Congratulations to Mrs Stacey Wolski and Mr Nick Wolski on the safe arrival of their son, Owen Wolski. He was born on 3 February and is settling in very well. Best wishes to the Wolski family.

Thank you to our supportive community for their interest in the education of our local young people. Our school greatly appreciates your support.

Kind regards,
Scott Rowan.

“Your beliefs don’t make you a better person; your behaviour does.” - Sukhraj S. Dhillon
This year Chinchilla High School will again be represented by some highly skilled speakers at the annual Lions Youth of the Year Quest, held on Thursday 23 February 2017 at the Chinchilla RSL.

For 2017, we are lucky enough to have six Year 12 students who have expressed interest in undertaking this Quest. These students include: Isaac Forrest, Heidi Lithgow, Isabelle Jurss, Heidi Davis, Katelyn Draper and Lacey Walker. As part of the Quest, these senior students must undergo not only a personal interview at the school and present a five minute prepared speech on a range of modern issues, but must also take on the confronting challenge of answering two impromptu questions before a large audience of Lions Club members, family and guests. To be successful, students will need to demonstrate a thoughtful approach to the issues of a modern society in their speeches and showcase an impressive confidence in public speaking.

The top two entrants from the local round will then progress to the Regional Level of the Quest in Chinchilla on 11 March 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for our students and we wish them all the best as they prepare for this upcoming challenge.

Mrs Elissa McCullough
Head of Department - English/Humanities

Uniforms Wanted
If you have any pre-loved uniforms that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the school.
Uniforms can be handed in at the front office.

Careers
Thinking about your future career or post school work options? Check out the following two websites to help you on your journey.
• joboutlook.gov.au - is a careers and labour market research information site to help you decide on your future career. Use the search options to find a wealth of information covering around 350 individual occupations.
• myfuture.edu.au - is also a great resource to gain information about your future job or career path, required qualifications and pathways for possible occupations.
Time Travelling Trivia

Saturday 11th Feb 2017
Chinchilla Cultural Centre

Doors open at 6pm - first call at 7pm
Tables of 10 - $20 per person

All tickets to be purchased online through ‘Trybooking’

Tables to supply own nibbles - Licensed bar operating

Get your team dressed in your favourite era or genre of time for a chance to win great prizes.

Great prizes up for grabs!
1st prize $500, 2nd prize $300, 3rd prize $100

Join us for a night of fun and laughter as we travel through time and test your team’s general knowledge.

A fundraising initiative of the Chinchilla State High School P&C as part of the Melon Festival Celebrations.
For further information please contact Tanya Errey 0499 045 611