



Chinchilla State High School

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NEWSLETTER

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Students and staff recently spent an enjoyable three days at Mudjimba on the Sunshine Coast working together, developing and implementing their TEAM Core Values.

Students participated in rock climbing, archery, high ropes, catapult building and surfing.



P&C AGM

Monday 20 March 2017

7.00 pm Resource Centre

All P&C Executive positions are open for nomination.

We encourage you to be a part of this very important part of the school. It is a great way to:

- keep informed,
- contribute to the quality education of your children and
- share in the school's decision-making processes, including school and Tuckshop operations.

If you would like to discuss any of the roles, please call Tanya Errey 0499 045 611.

What's Happening...

March

10	Year 10 Agriculture Excursion
11	Lions Youth of the Year (Regional)
13	DDSS 12yrs Basketball
14	Parent-Teacher Interviews
20	Year 7 Immunisations
	DDSS 18yrs Basketball
	P&C Meeting
23	Movie Premiere 'Beauty and the Beast'
23-25	QSS 19yrs Swimming
26-28	QSS 12yrs Swimming
27	SW 15/18yrs Rugby League
	SW 15/19yrs Netball
28	Interact Illoura Visit
31	World Science Festival

Great state. Great opportunity.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Reading Focus

Our school continues to focus on improving student outcomes through a focus on improving each student's ability to read and understand key information from a variety of texts. Each teacher implements the 'SCORE Reading Framework' to assist students to process information. The 'SCORE Framework' is not a 'learning to read' program but focuses more on building strategies in students that will assist them in 'reading to learn'. The SCORE acronym refers to:

S – Skim and Scan

C – Connect and Question

O – Organise your Thinking

R – Read, Reflect and Retell

E – Be the Expert

For students to maximise their chances of experiencing success at school and in their post-school lives, it is important that they are encouraged to read every day. The links between a **person's vocabulary and their ability to write are also heavily influenced by their ability to read.**

We owe it to each of our children and young people to ensure that we take every opportunity to promote the value of them developing

reading skills. The ability to read is one of the key links to people achieving success at school and statistics reflect the scope of future employment opportunities is often considerably influenced by a person's ability to read.

The research evidence suggests that, at home or at school, conversations about books, shared reading of books, and connecting everyday experiences with reading are valued activities that help students to become engaged in reading and contribute to the enhancement of future learning. (By Marion

Meiers; *Senior Research Fellow with ACER's Teaching and Learning research program*).

For the good of all of our students, I am seeking the support of all of our parents and families to do their best to make a commitment to promoting reading with their children and other family members.

Interim Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

A reminder to parents and families that the Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews will now be held on 14 March between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. No appointments are required and we look forward to upholding the tradition of strong parent and student attendance at the interviews. In preparation for the Parent-Teacher Interviews, Interim Student Reports will be issued this week.

Parents and Citizens Association

All of the P&C Executive positions were declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting in February, and whilst there was a good representation of parents, a new Executive was not elected. All positions continue to be vacant, which requires the school to take on a 'caretaker' role for all matters relating to the P&C. The school will continue in this

Quick Quote

*"Little minds are tamed
and subdued by misfortune;
but great minds rise above them."*

Washington Irving

'caretaker' role for the remainder of the year if an Executive is not formed at the next P&C meeting in March. If the 'Caretaker' role continues, the P&C meetings with parents and community members will continue in the present format, with the responsibility for the managerial and financial aspects of the P&C Association, resting with the school.

Thank you to our parents and community members for their ongoing support of our students, staff and school. Please remember that you can access our school calendar on our school website or via our QSchools App

Kind regards,

Scott Rowan

Parent-Teacher Interviews

3.30pm - 6.30pm Tuesday 14 March 2017

Parent / Teacher Interviews allow parents and guardians an opportunity to meet their child's teachers and discuss their individual progress and learning goals.

- No appointments are required
- Students are to accompany parents/guardians
- Student hosts will direct you from the information booth which will be situated outside the Resource Centre
- All teaching staff will be available to speak to parents
- Teachers will have a desk either in K Block or the Resource Centre
- You will be able to speak to any teacher for approximately 10 minutes
- You can then move on to the next teacher



Come 4 Lunch

Chinchilla State High School students continue to shine in our community. Students played an integral part of the festivities at the recent Melon Festival event 'Come 4 Lunch'.

Year 12 student Samuel dazzled the 200 strong audience with his wide repertoire of beautiful music, playing the grand piano on centre stage at the Cultural Centre. Among the audience was ex-Governor General of Australia, Dame Quentin Bryce and Deputy Mayor Andrew Smith, who were only too happy to pose with the very talented student after the formalities.

Six hospitality students also volunteered their time, working tirelessly alongside Chef Christel Fromm plating up, serving and clearing. Lauren, Samantha, Meshia, Jacinta, Elizabeth and Jordy, under the skilful guidance of Mrs Kelly Dorries were outstanding in their professionalism and work ethic.

Thank you and congratulations to the students and staff who volunteered their time and energy to this event.

Mrs Tanya Errey

ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is an intensive and fun filled week-long program to help prepare young adults for full participation as citizens of Australia.

Each year around 35 Year 11 students are sent by their local Rotary clubs to Canberra. For a week, these students are immersed behind the scenes in Parliament House, viewing Parliament in action, including the Budget speech and Question Time. They meet their Federal Member of Parliament and Press Gallery journalists, participate in law-making debates and explore the functions of the Parliament.

Most importantly, students meet and make friends with young people from all over Australia. This year, the program runs from Saturday 6 May – Saturday 13 May. The cost for the week is \$1000 (which includes airfares) and only one successful Year 11 applicant can attend from our district. The Rotary Club of Chinchilla have very generously offered to subsidise the cost, and therefore students will only be required to pay \$500 themselves.

For more information, or to apply, visit: www.raic.org.au or see Miss Taylor at school. Applications will close on April 16, or sooner if positions are filled.

NAPLAN 2017: Information for Parents

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

Exemption From/Support for NAPLAN Testing

All students are expected to sit the tests; however, some students can be exempted from one or more NAPLAN tests if they have a significant or complex disability, or if they are from a non-English-speaking background.

Exemption is not automatic however, and parents may choose for their child to participate. Support can be provided for students with disability to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent or carer. A formal application in the manner specified for each state or territory must be received by the principal prior to the testing. School Principals can provide further information about withdrawal and exemption processes, as well as information on adjustments for students with disability.

The NAP website (www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan) also provides a range of other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and further information about the tests.



Title: *Northern Lights* (Published as *The Golden Compass* in North America)

Author: Philip Pullman

Genre: Fantasy, Science Fiction, Adventure

Difficulty: Medium

Availability: School library, online, in stores

Rating: 4½ out of 5 apples

What is the book about? This fantasy story, first in a series called *His Dark Materials*, follows Lyra who is pulled into a world of magic, spirit animals, mystical ornaments, alternate realities and talking polar bears, of all things. *Northern Lights* will have you questioning everything you have been brought up to believe about our reality as you fight your way through the clever twists and turns woven into the story.

Where and when is the book set? Initially set in London, England, the trilogy takes place across a multi-verse, moving between many parallel worlds.

Did you enjoy the book? It is an interesting read that lets you escape into a world of magic and mystery. It leaves you wanting more as it throws you into a world that is familiar, yet completely different from our own. It is also enjoyable to compare the book to the movie adaptation.

Who would you recommend this book to? Aimed at young adults, this book is also suitable for older children with a high reading level or adults.

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.



Interact Easter

Illoura Visit

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Every year the Interact Club organises a trip to Southern Cross Care Chinchilla-Illoura to give back to the community and to hand out Easter eggs to the residents.

To enable this tradition to continue, the Interact Committee asks students to donate Easter eggs and rewards the Form Class with the most donations.

Donations will be accepted from Wednesday 15 March.

Donations will be calculated by weight and type:

Lindt
weight x 3
Red Tulip or Cadbury
weight x 2
Other
weight x 1





Equestrian Success

Year 7 student Ashlee successfully completed her debut ride in the 1m group at the Inter-school Show Jumping event at Fairholme College, Toowoomba on 25 February. This was Ashlee's first step-up competition from the 90cm Primary group and she finished eighth overall from 16 riders. She was also successful in gaining a sixth ribbon in the Two Phase, eighth in AM5 and eleventh in A2. Amazingly, she already has enough qualifiers for the State Championship. Congratulations Ashlee on your success.

FOOTBALL FEVER

On Wednesday 22 February a number of students travelled to Miles for the 13-15 years and 16-19 years South West Football Trials.

Chinchilla State High School was the largest represented school at the trials with a total of 18 students attending the event. The day involved a number of trial matches that allowed students to showcase their amazing skills and talent. All students played extremely well, despite battling the hot and dry conditions, and demonstrated a high level of ability throughout the day.

Congratulations to Brooklyn, Alyssa, Natalie, Stephanie, Brooke, Imogene, Clancy, Jordan and Chris for being selected in the South West Football Team. These students will now travel to Toowoomba for the Darling Downs Football Trials.

Well done to all who attended the trials on the day for their conduct and effort.

*Miss Kimberley Priem
HPE Teacher*

Vision Matters

Last month the Essilor Vision Foundation, along with a local optometrist and six optometry students, visited our school to provide vision screening. This was an incredible opportunity to review the vision of a number of students, many of whom have had a history of reading and/or learning difficulties.

They screened over 140 students and 68 students were identified as requiring additional assessment. Should these students require glasses, the Essilor Foundation will provide them free of charge.

Our sincere appreciation goes to all involved in the process. If you missed this opportunity, please remember that everyone can access free vision assessment at any optometrist as it is covered by Medicare.

*Mrs Anne Cardillo
Learning Support Teacher*

Success in the Pool

Twelve committed students from the Chinchilla District travelled to Charleville for the annual South West Swimming Carnival on Friday 24 February 2017. Although it was a long drive, it was worth the effort as a number of students achieved great results.

Alyssa, Patterson, Thomas and Matthew were all named Age Champions on the day and Alyssa and Patterson also both broke records. Alyssa broke the 14 years girls 50m freestyle with a time of 29.58s and Patterson broke the 14 years boys 50m backstroke with 32.71s.

Congratulations to all the participants, especially Alyssa, Patterson and Thomas who made the South West Team. Although not all swimmers were successful in making the team, all students were successful in representing the School and District with great sportsmanship.

*Mr Christopher McEvoy
Acting Head of Department HPE/LOTE*

Sport Communication with the Office

Just a reminder to parents that if a student is representing the South West and is attending a State Championship, parents are required to notify the School Office of the absence, either phone call, note or email (absent@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au).

Permission to attend the event is granted to the student by the Principal in advance of the activity. However, parents are still required to confirm the student's attendance at this activity as it occurs by contacting the School Office via phone, note or email.

This is different to students attending a sports trial with the school or as part of a school team. In this case, the office is notified by the staff leading the activity.

Parents are also required to notify the School Office of absences if students are attending non-school sporting events.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Chinchilla State High School P&C Presents



Movie Premiere

Thursday 23 March 2017

Chinchilla Cultural Centre

Doors open at 6pm - Movie screens at 7pm

TICKETS \$15 - CASH ONLY

Price includes a drink and nibbles

Tickets available at the
Chinchilla State High School Administration Office