



Chinchilla State High School

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NEWSLETTER

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WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL CHINCHILLA

What a terrific event to welcome back to Chinchilla - the World Science Festival Regional Program. The partnership our school has fostered with the Queensland Museum and QGC, as part of the Future Makers initiative, along with the dedication and commitment to teaching a relevant and engaging Science curriculum, initially brought this to us in 2016. The support of the entire Western Downs community convinced the organisers to bring this event back this year.

On the last day of Term 2, all Year 9 students attended the Cultural Centre for an exceptional school's program. The 84 students in attendance were given the opportunity to speak with a number of industry professionals, also known as Scientists. Students in small groups were able to speak with an Arachnologist, Palaeontologist, Psychologist, Engineer in Agriculture, Astronomer and Astrobiologist, Engineer, Bio-Medical Illustrator and Queensland Museum Collection Manager - local Chinchilla fossil project. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions with these professionals and to learn more about what these jobs actually entail. All the students also participated in a Palaeontology workshop where they actually held fossils found in the Chinchilla area. Usually, the fossils don't leave the Queensland Museum, but our students were given an extraordinary opportunity whereby they picked up and respectfully handled the three million year old (or there about) fossils.

Dr Catherine Ball gave an interesting keynote speech about engineering and drones. You may recognise Dr Ball as the National

Telstra Business Women Awards winner 2015. She is also an author, founder and ethics advocate working across global projects where robotics and new technology meet environmental protection.

On Friday night, Mr Rowan, Miss Nicoll, Miss Danslow, Miss Condell and I represented the school at a function for stakeholders. The event was very positive for our school with a focus on the success of the Future Makers program in schools. Miss Nicoll spoke about our school's outstanding success since introducing Design Thinking as a pedagogy in the Year 9 and 10 Science classes two years ago. This was very well received by the audience who were impressed with the data from Term 1.

Despite it being the first day of school holidays, Saturday's community event was a success with many of our students and their families attending the festival. Buses also came from nearby towns to enjoy the event. It was gratifying to see the community support the opportunity given to our town.

Our school is committed to continuing the momentum of engaging students with Science and will continue to seek opportunities for them into the future. This way, our students can make informed decisions about their future and be aware of the many career options available to them, which involves Science.

*Miss Jackie Beck
Science Head of Department*



Great state. Great opportunity.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Staffing Update

- This term we extend a very warm welcome to two new teachers to our school. We hope that they enjoy their time within our school and community.
 - Miss Emily Swalling will be working in a 0.5 Head of Department role and carrying on with the school-wide work associated with the Master Teacher role. She will also be teaching within the English/Humanities Department.
 - Mr Glen Ivers will be working within the Maths/Science Department.
- Congratulations to Mrs Elissa Lean and her family on the safe arrival of Adelin Mary Lean, who was born on 1 April.

Facilities Update

Our school community has received some very exciting news - our school

has been identified for a new indoor sports hall in the recent state budget release for improving school facilities. The original brief was to remove the original building and construct a new hall on the existing site. After some negotiations, we have managed to keep the existing hall, which will provide us with some options in providing improved learning spaces within the Performing Arts domain. The timelines around the planning for this project are quite tight, with the aim that the building will be completed by the end of 2017. We look forward to providing feedback to the architects to ensure that we are able to secure the best possible facility for the

school and community within the allocated budget. I will continue to keep the school community informed of the progress of this project as more specific information becomes available.

School Values that Drive Our Daily Behaviour Expectations (for All Our School Community)

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

All members of our school community are expected to be working to 'Be the best that you can be.'

To stay informed about our school, please remember that you can access our school calendar on the school website or via the QSchools App.

Thank you to our parents and community members for their ongoing support of our students, staff and school.

Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan

Quick Quote

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."
Helen Keller

NAPLAN 2017 - Information for Parents

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

The assessments will be undertaken by Year 7 and 9 students at Chinchilla State High School during the dates below:

	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Session 1	Language Conventions 45 mins	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes
Session 2	Writing 40 mins		

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 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/carer. A formal application in the manner specified for each state or territory must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Further information about withdrawal and exemption processes, as well as information on adjustments for students with disability can be obtained from the school.

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

Chinchilla State High School
Students and Staff have pleasure in inviting
Parents, Families and Friends
to our school's



Chinchilla State High School
ANZAC DAY
Commemorative Service
Monday 24 April 2017

9.00 am Monday 24 April 2017
School Hall, Zeller St
Refreshments to follow at J Block

RSVP by Wednesday 19 April 2017
Phone: 4672 9333
Email: admin@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au

Musically Outstanding!

Last term, Emma and Stephanie auditioned for the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Instrumental Music. The program is commonly referred to as 'MOST' which stands for Musically Outstanding Students. From this audition process, up to 80 musically outstanding students from Queensland state secondary schools are chosen to attend the MOST residential camp held from 19 to 29 June 2017 in Brisbane. This camp offers students the opportunity to workshop with world class conductors and musicians and concludes with a concert being held at the Conservatorium of Music, Southbank.

After a rigorous audition process which took several weeks, students were notified at the end of last term as to whether they were successful. Whilst Stephanie played beautifully, she narrowly missed out of receiving a position. Stephanie is commended on her hard work and commitment leading up to this audition process. Emma Butler also played wonderfully, and was awarded one of only six state-wide positions offered on Trumpet! This is truly an outstanding result for Emma! Well done, Stephanie and Emma.

*Mrs Kellie McKensey
Instrumental Music Teacher*

Application for Position – Community Representatives for 2017 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) invites applications from community members for the positions of Chief Community Representative (CCR) and Community Representative (CR) in order to maintain the integrity, security and conduct of the 2017 QCS Test.

Chinchilla State High School is an approved test centre (by the QCAA) where students sit the QCS Test. All test centres are located within Queensland and have a chief supervisor to administer the test.

QCAA appoints CCRs and CRs to observe and report on the administration of the test. They do not supervise students.

This year's QCS Test will be held on Tuesday 29 August and Wednesday 30 August. Applications for the CCR and CR positions close on **Friday 19 May 2017**.

Application packages can be collected from the School Office.

Chief Community Representative

Role

- to observe and report on the administration of the QCS Test

Responsibilities

- perform administrative functions as described in *QCS Test: Directions for administration*
- ensure that all test materials are received at the test centre as per QCAA instructions
- be a custodian of the security case key
- observe the administration of the test
- observe the collection of completed test materials at the end of each test session
- report on the administration of the test to the QCAA

School Musical

Friday 19 May &
Saturday 20 May
2017



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

School Administration Office

Adults \$15

Students \$10

PARKRUN

Run, Jog or Walk...Start your weekend off by getting the blood pumping, body moving and flooding your body with the 'feel good' hormones everybody appreciates. Targeting not only the physical health benefits, but also the mental, emotional and social benefits from physical exercise.

At 7.00am every Saturday morning, a mix of people from our community gather together at the Rotary Wheel Water Fountain. They run, jog, and/or walk a 2.5km trail along Charley's Creek with a turnaround point over the overpass and in the skate park, then retrace their steps to complete a 5km track (shorter distance if you choose). Afterward, many of the group go to Meraki Café for a hot beverage and socialise.

With Cross Country coming up in week 4, there is still a few weeks to take this opportunity to continue training and join the community running/jogging/walking group. All are welcome, young to old, with a dog or a pram. Bring a parent, friend or other family members, it is an all-inclusive group.

For further information on the community Parkrun, please contact Mrs Jacinta Mead at the school on 4672 9333 or email jmead50@eq.edu.au

Also, remember that Morning Fitness is still on at 7.00am Tuesday and Thursday. See Mr McEvoy for further information and permission slips.

What's Happening...

April

24	School ANZAC Day Ceremony
	P&C Meeting
25	ANZAC Day
26	Forensics Workshop
27	Chinchilla District 12yrs Touch
28	Ag Excursion
	SW 12yrs Football
	SW 15/18yrs Touch

May

1	Labour Day
2	Year 11 Geography Excursion
	DDSS 15yrs Basketball
	DDSS 15yrs Soccer
	DDSS 11-19yrs Golf
4	Chinchilla 12yrs Softball
4-7	QSS 15yrs Rugby League
	QSS 15/19yrs Netball



Interact Easter Illoura Visit

The Interact Club Easter bunnies hopped over to Illoura Village on Tuesday 28 March to deliver the mountains of Easter eggs students had generously donated.

This year, each resident was also given a personalised Easter card, hand-crafted by the talented Year 7 students. The visit was truly appreciated by the staff and residents of Illoura and thoroughly enjoyed by our students too.

We would like to thank all the students and families who donated chocolate, especially Form Class 12-1 and their teacher, Mr Hubbard, who were the winners of the Form Class pizza party for the biggest donation of Easter eggs.

With so many donations of Easter eggs, the Interact Club was once again able to take some Easter treats to worthwhile organisations around Chinchilla. The Chinchilla Hospital, Family Support Centre, Meals on Wheels, Blue Care and Vinnies were all extremely grateful for the generosity of our school community. These donations were given to their customers and volunteers over the holiday period and brightened Easter for numerous families around our region.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the success of Interact's first fundraiser for 2017; your support is greatly appreciated.

Miss Samantha Taylor
 Interact Co-ordinator

