



## Budding Biologists Ecological Excursion

Last week, 20 enthusiastic Senior Biology students participated in a series of biological activities over the course of two days.

The students used newly learnt scientific field techniques to study, record and make judgments on the ecology of Dogwood Creek, Chinaman's Lagoon and the Columboola Environmental Education Centre (CEEC). Students were also visited by an industry professional from nearby Cameby Downs Mine

who spoke about the environmental implications of mining and mine rehabilitation.

Highlights from the trip included using nets to catch water organisms and identifying them using an iPad app, identifying and counting local flora and fauna, eagerly awaiting a snake's first meal in six weeks (unfortunately the snake was apparently still not hungry enough to bite) and a campfire with marshmallows at night.

Special thanks to Mr Will McElroy from Columboola for all his assistance and expertise and Mrs Sheena Wolens and Mr James Hill for accompanying the campers and leading various activities. Thanks also to the students who attended the camp, their behaviour and conduct was exemplary and made for a wonderful, enjoyable Biology camp.

*Miss Megan Danslow  
Biology Teacher*



## Junior Secondary Showcase INVITATION

Chinchilla State High School welcomes our  
Junior Secondary Families and Local Community

Please join us as students showcase the work completed in Year 7, 8 and 9.

**Wednesday 6 June 2018**

Brief Presentation 8.50am

followed by student displays, performances, HPE games and morning tea

**All guests are requested to meet by 8:45 am in our School Hall, Zeller Street.**

Come along and see the great learning opportunities  
your students experience at Chinchilla State High School

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters

### The New Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

Our staff are enthusiastically preparing for what has been labelled as the biggest reform in secondary education in Queensland in 30 years – the new QCE. In 2019, there will be two senior systems in operation with the current Year 11 students being the final students to exit Queensland schools under the present system. In 2019, the new system will be introduced for Year 11 students in all Queensland secondary schools, bringing with it a complete new suite of subject offerings, assessments and accountability checks for students, staff and schools.

One of the numerous key changes in the new system will be the introduction of external assessments for students in Semester 2, Year 12. The new system will also provide a new tertiary entrance method – Overall Positions (OP) will be replaced with a more universally accepted process called the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Our staff are frequently participating in professional development and training with the new subjects to be offered and there is an ongoing review of our curriculum and teaching across all year levels, to ensure that our students are being prepared for success under the present and future systems. More specific information, including subject offerings within the new QCE, will continue to be shared with the Year 10 students and their families. Valuable information is also readily available on the QCAA website. ([www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au))

### Facilities Update

- ❑ Considerable investment has gone into completing air conditioning across all learning areas and staff rooms within the school.
- ❑ The final works are occurring on the new Sports Hall and its surrounds. Plans are also being developed for an official opening ceremony and for daily operating procedures for this excellent addition to our school facilities.

### Essential Student Priorities

- ❑ “Every Day at School Counts” – be at school every school day
- ❑ Learning every day is your core business at school – strive to achieve your best and be the best version of yourself

### Some Key Calendar Dates

- ❑ Careers Expo hosted by Chinchilla State High School - 18 July
- ❑ Year 12 QCS Tests - 4-5 September
- ❑ Queensland 12yrs Girls Rugby League Championships in Chinchilla - 20-23 September

### A Quick Quote:

*“Patience and tenacity of purpose are worth more than twice their weight of cleverness.”*

*Thomas Henry Huxley*

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school, the students and our hard-working staff. Please remember that you can access the school calendar on our school website or via the QSchools App.

*Kind regards,  
Mr Scott Rowan*

## What's Happening...

### May

21	P&C Meeting
	SW Touch 12yrs
23	Senior Arts Excursion
24	Science/Engineering Challenge
25	Chinchilla Show Holdiay
29	ICAS Science Competition
30	District Cross Country
31-3	QSS Touch 18yrs

### June

1	SW Softball 12yrs
6	Queensland Day
	Junior Secondary Showcase
8	SW Cross Country
12	ICAS Spelling Competition
13	ICAS Writing Competition



## Maths Team Challenge

What is the unit digit of  $2^{2018} \times 3^{2018} \times 5^{2018}$ ? This was just one question asked of 19 students from Year 7 to 10 who were selected to participate in the Maths Team Challenge held in Toowoomba last Tuesday.

Students battled it out in two events against approximately 25 other schools in each division. The first, the Team Challenge, had students working together to solve problems. The second, the Relay, saw students race against the clock partnering up to complete as many questions as possible.

Congratulations, to our Junior Team, consisting of Chloe Honnery, Matthew Dallmann, Jemima Abraham and Harley Scutchings who achieved third place on the day.

*Miss Sarah Bates  
Maths Teacher*





## MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

On Friday 27 April, in periods 2 and 3, the Year 9s flooded down the K Block hallway, eagerly awaiting their once in a lifetime chance of becoming a forensic scientist for 70 minutes.

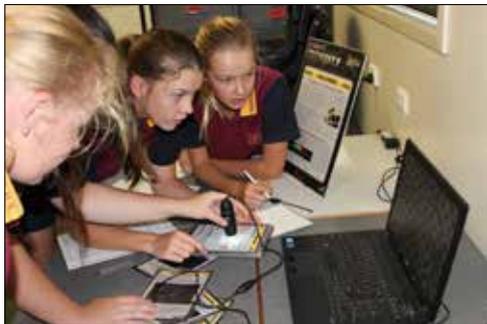
Unsure of what to expect, we all quickly hurried into the designated room, ready to begin straight away. Once inside, we took our seats on the floor and let our visiting detective fill us in on the case. A young girl had been murdered and our mission, should we choose to accept it, was to find out who did it, how they did it and why. All around the room were the things that would aid us in our mission of figuring out when and how the girl died, such as DNA samples, suspicious texts from the victim's phone and even the autopsy result.

There were three suspects in this case: Paul, Mason and a jogging passer-by who found the body and notified the police. We were informed about the relationship between the victim and the suspects and, as Mason had jealous ex-boyfriend status, the odds didn't look too good for him. But it wasn't

Mason's fingerprints that we found on a Coke Zero can, it wasn't his footprints that led to the bunker where the body was discovered, and it wasn't his DNA that we found all over the crime scene. Mason's odds were starting to look a lot better. However, Paul's were not.

After spending about 50 minutes working with our teammates, we reconvened to the centre of the room, all hoping that our calculations were correct, and indeed they were. We had found the right perpetrator! With the feeling of pride over our small accomplishment, we thanked our lead detective and headed out to lunch, but maybe not quite as hungry as before.

*Mia Smyth  
Year 9 student*



### Have your details changed?

Please remember to contact the school if any of your or your student's details have changed. Changes may include:

- Address
- Personal/work phone number
- Medical conditions
- Emergency contacts

Some families also need to provide copies of birth certificates and complete Religious Instruction forms. Please contact the school if you are unsure if this information has been provided.

Phone 4672 9333 | Email [admin@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au)

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

*"Many activities and team play participation will give you a training that will prove invaluable later on in life." - Walter Annenberg*

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Be Respectful - Participate in all tasks and activities*. School is an opportunity to not only exercise our physical prowess, but also our mental and emotional as well. As such, participation in events will cause the mind to grow and develop through

various opportunities. At Chinchilla State High School we pride ourselves on giving students the opportunities to learn in a variety of ways which sometimes push the comfort zone boundaries, whether that be a physical comfort zone (playing a sport) or a verbal (giving a speech or talking in class).

As much as we sometimes hate to admit it, stepping outside our own comfort zone can help us grow. As stated by Michael Jordan "Nothing of value comes without being earned". Let's participate in every activity to really gain the true value that education has to offer.

# Equestrian Accomplishment!



Despite a cold and windy weekend making it difficult to keep both riders and horses warm, four Chinchilla State High School students braved the elements and competed at the Darling Downs and South West Regional Interschool Equestrian Championships (11 - 13 May). The Championships were a huge success for Paige Chilcott (Year 10), Ellie Lowder (Year 8), Ashlee Sturgess (Year 8) and Holly Sturgess (Year 7).

After months of hard-work, the girls gave it their all competing against the best teams from schools in the region, trying to obtain a qualifying score for the State Championships.

Paige, and her pony Badger, superseded all expectations, claiming first place in both of her Novice tests and becoming the Darling Downs and South West Regional Overall Champion.

Overcoming their pre-test nerves at their first regional championship, Ellie, and her pony Misty, gained a first and fifth position in the Preliminary Tests, giving her an overall third place.

Against over 15 other riders from schools around the region, Ashlee claimed a sixth place in 95cm Combined Training and an amazing third overall in 100cm Show Jumping class. Younger sister, Holly, also had success in her age respective classes, coming eighth overall in 80cm Combined Training and eleventh in 90cm Show Jumping.

The success of these students shows that perseverance, dedication and a good work ethic pays off. We wish all four girls the very best of luck when they compete at the Queensland State Championships during the June/July school holidays.



*Mrs Ann Griffiths  
Equestrian Convenor*



## RUGBY LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Townsville hosted the Under 15s Queensland State Schools Rugby League State Championship from Thursday 3 May to Sunday 6 May. The carnival went for four days and had teams from 12 regional areas from around Queensland competing.

Students Ky Taafe, Blake Moore, Will Playsted, Bryton Nimo, Patterson Bannister and Regan Olsen represented Chinchilla at the carnival as part of the South West team. The South West team beat regions such as Capricornia and Metropolitan East and finished eighth overall.

All the students had a successful carnival, competing against the best of the best Rugby League talent in Queensland.

*Mr Anthony Maher  
HPE Teacher*

