



# Chinchilla State High School

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NEWSLETTER

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## Lions Youth of the Year

Another amazing effort by Chinchilla State High School students!

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### Morning Tea with the Mayor



Chinchilla State High School was again represented by some highly skilled speakers at this year's annual Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Held last Thursday night at Chinchilla RSL, the position of overall Lions Youth of the Year Winner was awarded to Bartholomew Dickman.

During the day Year 12 students: Anna Dallman, Amara McIntosh, Jack McDonald, Hamish Lithgow and Bartholomew Dickman, all underwent personal interviews at the school. They later presented prepared speeches and met the confronting challenge of answering two impromptu questions before a large audience of Lions Club members, family and guests. In the impromptu speeches, the students were asked to speak about the characteristics they thought made a person heroic and, if given the chance to rule the world, what three things would they change and why. The students demonstrated a thoughtful approach to the issues of a modern society in their speeches and an impressive confidence in public speaking.

The award for best speech for the evening was presented to Alan Manuel for his expressive and discerning comments on 'Making Every Step Count'. Alan asked the audience to appreciate the important responsibilities we have to overcome adversities in our life. Additionally, Alan encouraged audience members to look to the examples of our defence forces and local community efforts during the recent floods for inspiration of how we can make every step count in our own lives.

Two entrants, Bartholomew and Alan, were chosen to represent the school and club at the regional level of the Quest in Chinchilla on Saturday 10 March, where they will compete against contestants from Dalby and Roma. The school values the enormous contribution of the Lions Club in encouraging public speaking, and appreciates the valuable services of Lions members Ms Melissa Hoffensetz and judges Mrs Jenny Bunting, Mrs Lorna Gadsby and Mr Peter Saxelby.

*Mrs Ellissa McCullough  
Acting Head of Department – English  
and Humanities*



On Tuesday 21 February 2018, the Year 12 leaders were invited to the Western Downs Regional Council student leaders and community member's morning tea. The students were very lucky to hear from Mayor Paul McVeigh and other local members of parliament, as well as, business and community organisations. It was a great opportunity for our student leaders to network and connect with a wide range of community members.



Great state. Great opportunity.



## From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

### Change of Date for Term 1 Report Cards and Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our school is committed to providing parents and families with accurate and purposeful information relating to the achievement of students in each of their subjects. As a result, we are trialling a different process this year, where we have decided to delay the initial Parent-Teacher Interviews until we are able to provide an academic result for each subject studied in Term 1. Rather than the usual 'progress' type of report card which is normally issued around Week 7 Term 1, we will now issue a report card on Thursday 19 April, which will include Effort, Behaviour and Academic results. The new date for Semester 1 **Parent-Teacher Interviews will on 24 April between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.** This process will allow for more specific reporting to parents in relation to student results. If there is a potential downside to this process, it would be that Parent-Teacher Interviews occur approximately six weeks later. Therefore, it is important that teachers contact home as soon as possible should there be any concerns and parents should feel free to contact teachers as needed.

### School Improvement Focus

I would like to share with our supportive community some of our improvement focus areas for 2018:

- Student Attendance rates – 100% aspiration, minimum 92% target
- Learning outcomes for all students in every subject
- High quality, school-wide teaching practices
- Reading skills in the Junior school
- Writing skills development in Years 7-12
- ICT development – Bring your own device program (review successful processes in other schools)
- Review the Responsible Behaviour Plan and update the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL)
- Student and staff well-being throughout the school community
- Facilities improvement planning

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 the QSchools App.

Kind regards,  
Mr Scott Rowan

**"We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." Malala Yousafzai**

## Tuckshop Refurb Complete

Chinchilla State High School, with the assistance of the Chinchilla State High School P&C Association, were successful in obtaining funding support through the Queensland Government Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme to undertake an upgrade of its ageing Tuckshop facilities.

The grant, combined with funding from the Chinchilla State High School P&C Association gave the school the opportunity to provide a safer working environment, modern equipment, office space and upgrade of electricals, lighting and air-conditioning.

Work commenced on the building in October 2017, requiring the Tuckshop to

relocate to the Hall Canteen whilst the building was stripped out, the front wall demolished and extended and refurbishment works commenced. Four and a half months later, after new flooring, new benches/cupboards and a final paint inside and out, the finishing touches were put in place with new equipment purchased and installed. Now our Tuckshop ladies are back in their home away from home.

Thank you to the Chinchilla State High School P&C Association for its support of this project. Special thanks to our Tuckshop convenors, Mrs Jan Williams and Mrs Helen West, for continuing to operate the Tuckshop effectively last year from the Hall Canteen, during the hot summer months. Our School community also would like to acknowledge the builder, Mr Robert Hinds, and his contractors for the work they have done on the project and Brandon and Associates for overseeing the management of the project. Without the support of these people, the Tuckshop upgrade would not have become the reality of today.





Last week Chinchilla State High School celebrated HPE Week! The HPE staff held Form Class trivia on HPE topics, as well as lunch time activities every day to promote being healthy and active. Activities included basketball, skipping, cricket skills,

fitness circuit and House competitions in touch football, soccer penalty shoot-out, volleyball, dodgeball and ultimate Frisbee.

Congratulations to the following HPE Week Trivia champions for each year level: 7-4, 8-3, 9-5, 10-1, 11-1, 12-2.

The overall HPE Week Trivia champions are:

- 3rd place - 9-5
- 2nd place - 12-1
- 1st place - 12-2

Thank you to all the students and staff who got involved in both the

trivia each day, and the physical activities that were held each lunch time. Your participation not only promotes health and physical education, but celebrates it! Congratulations again to those Form Classes that can now call themselves 'Health and Physical Education Champions'.

If you would like to see the correct answers to the Trivia questions they have been posted outside CSF1 staffroom.

*Mrs Jacinta Mead  
HPE Teacher*



## FOR SALE TIMBER DOG KENNELS

The students of the Building and Construction class at Chinchilla State High School have proudly built five, high quality, timber framed dog kennels which are now for sale. They have an overall size of 1100L x 900W x 900H and will suit small to medium sized dogs. They have been built using quality construction materials and will hold up to the elements for years to come.

The cost is \$200 each and as there are only five available for sale at this stage, they will be sold on a strictly first in, first served basis.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these quality kennels or would like more information, please email [bsm@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au) providing your name, address and contact number. The first five emails of offer received will be invoiced for the cost of the kennel. Collection can be arranged upon payment of the invoice.

## Orienteering Event

Sunday 22 April 2018

9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Columboola Environmental  
Education Centre

**A day designed for students and their families to try orienteering in a bush setting, but is open to everyone.**

Courses from very easy to hard

Bring a water bottle, lunch, snacks, a hat and wear comfortable shoes.

Entry Fees:

Individual member \$8/non-member \$10

Family member (Orienteering Qld) \$24/non-member \$30

To Register phone Felicity on 4698 1538 or 0427 523 541 or email [roc@oq.asn.au](mailto:roc@oq.asn.au)



## Debutantes and Brides-to-Be POP-UP SHOP

Near-new gowns for sale

**Saturday 17 March 2018**

8.00 am - 1.00 pm

QCWA Hall

53 Heeneey St, Chinchilla

## Chinchilla State High School Casual/Relief Cleaners Needed

Chinchilla State High school is seeking applications for Casual/Relief Cleaners. The work for Casual Cleaners is on an as required basis and hours of duty vary from 3 to 6 hours. Cleaners are engaged to work a split shift from 5.00-8.00 am and 3.00-6.00 pm. Relief can be for part day, full day, a week or longer.

If you would like to register for any casual cleaning work within the Chinchilla State High School, please forward a resume and covering letter providing a brief overview of your work experience and availability to:

Business Manager

Chinchilla State High School

PO Box 195

Chinchilla Q 4413

or email to:

[bsm@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au)

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's behaviour focus is **Be Respectful - Respect the rights and personal space of others**. Everyone within the school has a right to feel safe both physically and emotionally. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure this through positive and polite interactions with all members of our school community. Additionally, everyone has their own boundaries and a right to their own personal space. In respecting others keep a polite distance when speaking to them. During break times it is important to ensure that you keep your hands and feet to yourself, as actions that are intended light-heartedly can be misinterpreted, do not meet our school expectations and do not allow others to feel safe.

# SW Soccer Trials

On 7 February, 11 Chinchilla State High School students travelled to Roma for the South West Soccer trials. Due to a lack of numbers, the Chinchilla players were combined with students from other schools. Despite the heat, each team was scheduled to play three games throughout the day with the prospect of being selected to play in the Possibles versus Probables match.

The under 15 girls Chinchilla/Taroom team had a tough fixture but continued to work hard and play well as a team resulting in a couple of close games against the Roma team. All the Chinchilla players represented themselves and their school well as they showed a continued sense of fair play as well as ball control, endurance and match awareness as the day went on.

After all their effort in the scheduled games, the majority of the Chinchilla players were selected to play in their respective Possibles versus Probables matches. Several players impressed the selectors and eight were selected to play for the South West team and go to the Darling Downs trials next month. These included Gabrielle Hicks, Rhea Capilli, Stephanie Valler, Chloe Cann, Christopher Gaskell, Tegan Cann, Coby Calleja and Lachlan Cardillo. Congratulations to all Chinchilla students who participated in the South West soccer trials.

*Mr James Hill*



## Junior Netball Team Sign-On Day

**Saturday 24 March 2018**

9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Dalby PCYC

\$80 per child plus \$20 PCYC membership

Free Sausage Sizzle

Contact Dalby PCYC for more information on 4672 2400  
or [dalbypcyc@pcyc.org.au](mailto:dalbypcyc@pcyc.org.au)

## World Science Festival Brisbane

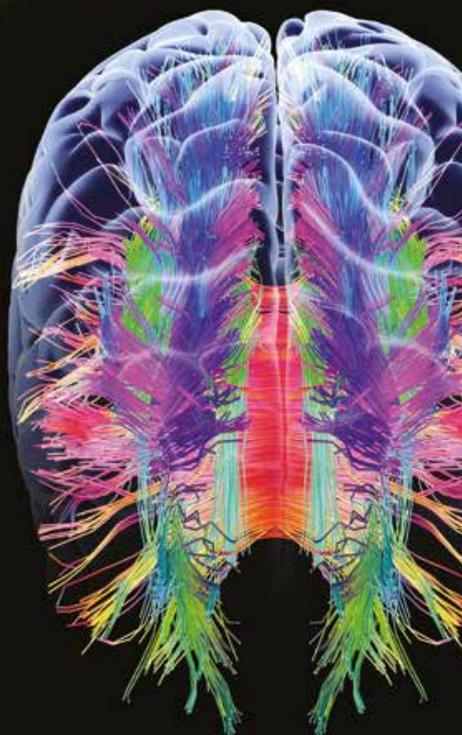
# Follow your curiosity

Chinchilla Community Day

**Saturday, 10 March 2018**

Chinchilla Cultural Centre | 9am – 4pm

Free entry | [worldsciencefestival.com.au](http://worldsciencefestival.com.au)



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## What's Happening...

### March

9-10	World Science Festival
12	District 12yrs Netball Trials
	District 12yrs Rugby Trials
13-15	Secondary Music Camp
16	Year 7/10 Vaccinations
	National Day Against Bullying
19	P&C Meeting
	DDSS 12yrs Basketball
19-24	QSS 12yrs Swimming
26	SW 15/18yrs Rugby League
27	Interact Illoura Visit
30	Good Friday

### April

2	Easter Monday
3-13	Autumn Vacation