



Another Great Night at the Youth Speaks Competition!



Taking inspiration from the Lions Youth of the Year Contestants, this year we have had an impressive number of students put up their hand for our school's annual public speaking evening – Youth Speaks. Following a record number of junior entries this year, heats had to be held, with only the top nine junior students and six senior students being selected to speak on the evening.

The evening was a great success, with all students speaking with confidence and representing our school with pride. The final results are listed below. Further compliments are also owed to the amazing work of Mrs Kelly Dorries and the team of hospitality and Interact students for their great work in preparing and serving delicious food on the evening: Lauren Fendley, Breeanna Moore, Breanna Walters, Emma Dendle and Siobhan Jones.

Additionally, the school would like to thank the English and Humanities teachers for their great work in mentoring our public speakers and

to the following judges for giving up their time on the evening to support our students:

- ❑ Apex Public Speaking: Mr Ross Cardillo, Miss Lynne Mason, Mr Gavin Laracy;
- ❑ Rostrum Public Speaking: Miss Samantha Taylor, Mr Steve Johnson, Mr Peter Etheridge;
- ❑ Legacy Public Speaking: Miss Megan Danslow, Ms Pearl Holden and Mr Auryl Nelmes.

A great night was had by all and we cannot wait for next year's competition.

*Mrs Ellissa McCullough
Acting English/Humanities
Head of Department*

Junior Participants

Chloe Bean	Jemima Lithgow
Rashmi Chandran	Keegan Luckraft
Jazlyn Deller	Melea Robson
Seraphina Dickman	Mia Smyth
Max Hart	Kelsy Walker
Gabrielle Hicks	Jacinda Walters
Georgia Hordern	Cobi Zerst
Amity Lithgow	

Winners

Rostrum Voice of Youth

Junior Winner	Mia Smyth
Junior Runner-Up	Jemima Lithgow
Senior Winner	Amara McIntosh
Senior Runner-Up	Alan Manuel

Apex Public Speaking

Junior Winner	Mia Smyth
Junior Runner-Up	Keegan Luckraft
Senior Winner	Amara McIntosh
Senior Runner-Up	Anna Dallman

Legacy Public Speaking

Junior Winner	Mia Smyth
Junior Runner-Up	Keegan Luckraft

Plain English Speaking

Senior Winner	Amara McIntosh
Senior Runner-Up	Bart Dickman Alan Manuel

Senior Participants

Anna Dallmann
Bart Dickman
Hamish Lithgow
Alan Manuel
Jack McDonald
Amara McIntosh

From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Staffing News

- ❑ We received some excellent news on Friday, Miss Kirlew, Mr McEvoy and Zariah celebrated the safe arrival of twin baby girls. Mr McEvoy will be on Leave for the next two weeks and we wish them all the very best as they transition the new additions into their home.
- ❑ Since the last Newsletter, one of the recently appointed teachers, Mrs Susan Werba, left to take up a position with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) to assist in the development of the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance systems. We thank her for her contribution and wish her all the very best in this new position.

Sports Hall Update

Construction is continuing to progress well with the 'sprung-timber floor' now installed. The construction of undercover walkways to connect the school to the building and landscaping around the building will both commence shortly. It is anticipated that the school will take possession of the building at the start of Term 2.

Some Key Calendar Dates:

- ❑ Week 9 and 10 - Exams and assessment time (see student Assessment Planners for schedule)
- ❑ Monday 26 March - SW 15/18 years boys Rugby League trials in Chinchilla
- ❑ Friday 30 April - Holidays commence
- ❑ Monday 16 April - Student Free Day (school resumes on Tuesday 17 April)
- ❑ School ANZAC Ceremony Tuesday 24 April at 9.00 am
- ❑ Parent-Teacher Interviews Tuesday 24 April 3.30-6.30 pm
- ❑ Year 7/9 NAPLAN Tests 15-17 May
- ❑ Year 12 QCS Tests 4-5 September
- ❑ Wednesday 18 July - Careers Expo hosted by Chinchilla State High School

- ❑ September 20-23 - Queensland 12 years girls Rugby League Championships in Chinchilla

Attendance Goal – 100% for each student (minimum target 92%)

Every lesson, every day, counts at Chinchilla State High School. We expect that all students will attend every day unless they are too sick to attend. Any absences should be supported with a note from parents or a phone call to the School Office.

The progressive Whole School Attendance Data for Term 1 is currently sitting at **89.2%, which is below our minimum target of 92% attendance for each student.** Whilst some of the absences this term have been related to illness circulating across the town, I am looking for more support from some families to meet their responsibilities and ensure that their children get to school more regularly.

Congratulations to Year 7 and 8 for your attendance that is placed above 90%. The challenge is on for a number of students in Year 9-12 to improve their attendance rates, which will improve their year level's data.

Year level	Current %
7	91.9%
8	90.6%
9	89.3%
10	88.0%
11	85.5%
12	88.8%

With this Newsletter being the last one before the holidays, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students, families, staff and community friends all the very best for the Autumn Vacation. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Please remember that you can access our school calendar on the school website or via the QSchools App.

*Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan*

"Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them."
Charles de Montesquieu

Application for Position Community Representatives for 2018 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) in order to maintain the integrity, security and conduct of the 2018 QCS Test.

Chinchilla State High School is an approved test centre (by the QCAA) where students sit the QCS Test. QCAA appoints two (2) CCRs to Chinchilla State High School 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 4 and Wednesday 5 September. Applications for the CCR positions close on **Friday 18 May 2018.**

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

What's Happening...

March

26	SW 15/18yrs Rugby League
27	Interact Illoura Visit
30	Good Friday

April

2	Easter Monday
3-13	Autumn Vacation
16	Student Free Day
	P&C Meeting
24	School ANZAC Ceremony
	Parent/Teacher Interviews

WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL CHINCHILLA

It's terrific that we had the chance to enjoy the World Science Festival Regional Program in Chinchilla again this year. This opportunity was possible through the Future Makers partnership our school has with the Queensland Museum and QGC. All of our Year 9 students, along with students from a number of other schools, had the opportunity to attend a half-day session during the schools program. There was something there for everyone: some things were new and some were revisited.

The sessions were split into three sections. In the first section students listened to guests speak about the 'Cool Jobs'. They listened to Associate Professor Nigel Waterhouse, Senior Microscopist and Cell Biologist from the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, speak about his work with cancer cells. Fascinating. Then, Belinda Nicholson, a PhD student at USQ, spoke about the work she is doing with Physics as well as the work which has taken her to faraway places such as Chile and parts of Europe. Dr Jonathan Peake, Lecturer at QUT, spoke about physiology and

finally, Madeleine Kersting Flynn, Biomedical Illustrator with QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, spoke about her work where scientists ask her to visually represent their work. She has been working with 3D modelling and animation techniques lately as these technologies develop. Haylee Gesler-Andrews, Rafael Duenas and Grabielle Hicks assisted Nigel and Madeleine with their presentations and represented our school very well.

Students then got the opportunity to move around the exhibits and experience the various displays before listening to the feature presentation, Charles T. Gray, a Statistical Data Scientist, who began her working career as a musician, about her current work with mathematics and statistics.

All in all, there was plenty to inspire and engage students – from being introduced to a little more of the world around them to the jobs which are available today in the wonderful world of science.

Miss Jackie Beck

Mathematics/Science Head of Department



New Cattle Arrive

Chinchilla State High School is proud to announce the arrival of five head of cattle which have been loaned to the school by Mr Bret Bownhall.

The cattle are being cared by the Year 10 Agricultural students and have been NLIS tagged and checked over. There are several breeds, including Brahman, Hereford and Charolais, which are assisting students with their Beef Production unit this term. This unit mostly involves determining best quality, marbling and fat content of meat, as well as all things in cattle care and management.

Chinchilla State High School would like to sincerely thank Mr Brownhall for loaning these cattle to the school to assist learning.

*Campbell
Year 10 student*

Getting to Know Local Producers



Senior Agriculture students have been busy this term getting to know producers from the local area as they study regionally significant crops.

In Week 5 students visited Mr Terry O'Leary's property to soak up everything watermelon. In particular students were surprised by the biosecurity regulations and intense management processes for growing watermelons.

Recent rain meant the cancelling of the trip to Mr Scott Bender's cotton property, twice. We were very lucky to have Mr Bender come in to the school on a rainy day to speak with students about the management and production of cotton.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr O'Leary and Mr Bender for their support of our Agriculture program here at the school for their time and valuable knowledge.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

- This week's behaviour focus is Be Responsible - Honour our commitment to learning.
- Students are to be in class and honouring their commitment to learning at all times. Ways for students to honour this commitment include: ensuring that they meet all deadlines, seek feedback on assessment and seek assistance when required. Additionally, students should be maximising their learning time within the classroom by attempting all tasks, actively participating, arriving on time and ensuring that they are completing tasks like using the bathroom and filling-up water bottles at lunch times. If it is necessary for students to leave the classroom, they must seek permission from the classroom teacher to leave the room or learning environment; with the teacher filling in the appropriate section of their diary. Upon return to the classroom, students are to request that their teacher fill in the time returned section. Remember our focus is on every student succeeding and to achieve this they need to honour their commitment to learning.

2018 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2017. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2018.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



Chinchilla State High School stood with other schools across the nation on Friday 16 March for the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Students were encouraged to wear either a blue or orange shirt in recognition of such an important event. All students also took part in special sessions which included information on how to be an active bystander, steps to take to become a better person and raising awareness of the consequences of bullying.



DD 20/20 Cricket Success

On Friday 2 March, Chinchilla sent a junior and senior cricket side to Dalby to play in the annual Darling Downs 20/20 competition. Both sides shared success on the day with each team playing two games and convincingly winning both.

The 15s side, coached by Mr Hartwig, won their first game against Dalby State High School by a comfortable 50 runs. Their next win, against Toowoomba, was a much more tightly contested match, with Chinchilla showing nerves of steel in the last few overs keeping them to 72 runs, defending only 76.

The senior side started the day off well, rolling Our Lady of the Southern Cross for only 87. Coby Calleja and Sheldon Webber cooked up a storm, chasing the runs down in only 10 overs. They then went on to beat Dalby Christian College, defending 120 runs to hold on to a seven run win that went down to the last over.

Both sides now progress to the semi-finals where they will face Centenary Heights from Toowoomba.

What was a great day of cricket, was topped by even greater levels of sportsmanship, particularly by the seniors who made sure everyone got to bat, bowl or field.

*Mr Aurn Nelmes
HPE Teacher*

Queensland Tennis Titles

Darcy Hubbard, Brandon Paerau and Mason Paerau represented South West at the recent Queensland Secondary Schools Tennis Titles held in Toowoomba.

All three represented the school and their region well. Brandon and Mason both won singles matches and Darcy led well as the South West number one for the girls' team.

All are to be congratulated and hopefully, will be ready for action again in 12 months time.

*Mr Brad Hubbard
Tennis Convenor*

Interact Easter Illoura Visit

TUESDAY 27 MARCH

EASTER EGG DONATIONS WANTED!

REWARD
for Form
Class with
the Most
Donations



Donations will be calculated by weight and type:

Lindt-weight x 3

Red Tulip or Cadbury-weight x 2

Other-weight x 1

Collections
Start from
Wednesday
14 March to
27 March