



Chinchilla State High School

Learning together for a happy and productive future

NEWSLETTER

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STUDENTS SHINE AT SHOWCASE

Bollywood dancing, balloon-powered cars and the bewitching sounds of our Stage and Concert Bands were just some of the highlights of our Junior Secondary Showcase held last Wednesday. The morning saw the School Hall transform into a scene of colourful and interactive displays of student learning for the fourth Showcase event since the introduction of 'Junior Secondary' in 2015.

Over 100 Year 6 students from local and surrounding schools, as well as current families and community members, took to the time to observe first-hand the varied learning experiences students are exposed to at Chinchilla State High School. Each of our faculties showcased a variety of student work, displays and performances. The Year 9 Leaders chaired the morning and eager student helpers from Years 7, 8 and 9 were on deck as subject experts.

The morning began with a number of dance performances and band items, thanks to the hard work of Miss Asha Josland, Mrs Kellie McKensey and their students. Parents, teachers and visiting Year 6s then had an opportunity to browse each of the subject displays to discover what learning looks like in a high school setting. Mr Lachlan McKensey and the Junior House leaders then organised games on the oval for the students, whilst parents had an opportunity to briefly visit classes before a delicious morning tea prepared by Mrs Kelly Dorries and the Hospitality students.

Thank you to the entire Chinchilla State High School Team for your contributions to the morning and to all of the parents and families who attended the Showcase; your support and involvement is truly appreciated.

*Miss Samantha Taylor
Acting Junior Secondary Head of Department*



Gold for Chinchilla!

On Friday the 8th of June, 55 of our Chinchilla State High School Instrumental Music students travelled to Roma to compete in the Regional heats of the Queensland-wide Instrumental Music competition, Fanfare. Our Concert and Stage Band students performed four pieces that they've been preparing this semester for renowned composer, conductor and educator Dr Ralph Hultgren. After an excellent performance, our Concert and Stage Bands were both awarded GOLD! Well done to our Chinchilla State High School Instrumental Music students. Many thanks to Mrs Helen Hubbard who provided invaluable assistance throughout the day and to the parents who travelled to support our students.

*Mrs Kellie McKensey
Instrumental Music Teacher*



Great state. Great opportunity.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters

Staffing

- ❑ Congratulations to Mrs Natalie Truscott and her husband Matt, on the recent birth of a little boy, Theodore. We wish them all the very best at this exciting time.
- ❑ Last week we farewelled three of our teachers who all commenced Maternity Leave. Best wishes to the following staff and their families: Mrs Amanda Cooper, Mrs Kellie Richards, Mrs Tiffany Ross. We look forward to further exciting announcements from each of these staff members.
- ❑ Welcome to Miss Amy Young who was recently appointed to the 'Beyond the Broncos' Program for indigenous students. We look forward to Miss Young working with our students and hope that she enjoys her time in our school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

- ❑ The school Concert Band and Stage Band for achieving a GOLD at the Fanfare Heats in Roma last Friday. This is a great reward after all of their hard work this year. Congratulations to Mrs McKensy for her excellent work and to all of the students for their ongoing dedication. Thanks also to Mrs Hubbard for her support on this excursion.
- ❑ The students and staff who contributed to last Wednesday's Junior Secondary Showcase. It was really pleasing to see all of the Year 6 students from our local feeder schools visiting for this event. Our junior student leaders did a great job hosting the event as did all of the students who performed or led faculty displays. Sincere thanks to all of the parents who were able to attend. Congratulations to Acting Junior Secondary Head of Department, Miss Samantha Taylor, for her excellent organisation and well done to all staff and students who contributed.

Sports Hall Update

The handover for the new Sports Hall will take place in the next two weeks. The contractors are completing a number of 'rectifications' that have been identified in recent inspections. When these final works are approved the school will look to take possession of this excellent new facility.

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

To stay informed about our school, please remember that you can access the school calendar on the school website or via the QSchools App. Thank you to our parents, families and community members for their ongoing support of our students, staff and school.

Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan

*"Definiteness of purpose
is the starting point
of all achievement"*
W. Clement Stone

What's Happening...

June

14-17	QSS Netball 12yrs
18	P&C Meeting
22	SW Rugby League 12/15yrs girls
28-3	QSS Rugby League 12yrs
29	NAIDOC Celebrations
30	Last Day Term 2

July

16	First Day Term 3
	Motivational Media
	P&C Meeting
18	Chinchilla Careers Expo
21-23	QSS Cross Country
24	Discover My Future Workshop
27	PQ Ball
30	Questacon Science Circus

NAPLAN Evaluation

The Queensland Minister for Education has commenced an evaluation of NAPLAN in the Queensland context. As NAPLAN has now been in operation nationally for a decade, Minister Grace is keen to hear the views and experience of Queensland parents, school leaders and school communities.

As the first step in the evaluation, a public parent survey is open for the next several weeks and can be accessed at <https://qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/naplan-2018-review>

NEW REALITIES School Holiday Program



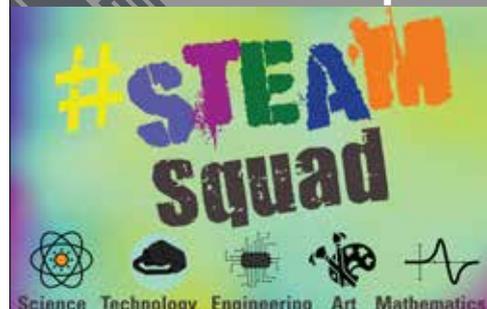
Experiment with **new technologies** through film, animation, digital and interactive art with these fantastic school holiday programs. Try your hand at **360 Photography**, create a story with **stop motion animation** or dive into a virtual world.

Bookings are **essential**. Visit westerndownslibraries.com/schoolholidays for more information.

Check out the **People Like Us** exhibition at Dogwood Crossing to continue your immersive experience and see what's possible.



Join the #STEAMsquad



Participate in hands-on activities, make new friends and have fun!

Registration for term 3 opens Monday 2 July at 9.00am – visit westerndownslibraries.com/steamsquad to reserve your place.

#STEAMsquad meets every **Tuesday and Wednesday** afternoon at Chinchilla Library, between **3.30 and 4.30pm** during term-time. Suitable for ages 7+.





Queensland Ballet Keep Students On Their Toes



On Wednesday 6 June the Year 11 and 12 Dance classes were lucky enough to have a professional from the Queensland Ballet in Brisbane come visit us and teach us new skills.

As soon as our instructor, Joe, arrived, we watched an inspiring video of what it's like to be in the Queensland Ballet Company. We then jumped straight into our first workshop for the day. Joe taught us basic technique and the daily routine of any performer within the Queensland Ballet, followed by a workshop which saw us learn scenes of classic ballets such as Giselle. Finally we finished the workshop off with partnering.

The day was full of laughter and learning. Thank you to Miss Josland, Mrs Hubbard, Mr Rowan and the Queensland Ballet Company for providing us with this opportunity.

*Ella Cobb
Year 12 Dance Student*







Nationwide STEM outreach program for Students in year 9 or 10 in 2018

A three-day or four day hands-on practical STEM program, will be conducted again in 33 Australian universities and tertiary institutions throughout 2018-2019. The programs are non-selective and open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. Local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students to attend, so please contact your local Rotary club for details, if funding is required.



Enjoy 3 or 4 days of Science, Engineering, Technology & Mathematics



Perform interesting experiments in a university laboratory



Hear leaders in science, technology and engineering speak



Learn about careers in the science area



Located on 33 campuses nationally see the where and when page on our website.



Financial assistance maybe available for those who require it through the local Rotary club.



Cost \$190 for the 3 day program, \$260 for the 4 day program

Further information and application forms are available from your school science teacher or The ConocoPhillips Science Experience website www.scienceexperience.com.au or by phoning 03 9756 7534 or email: admin@scienceexperience.com.au. The ConocoPhillips Science Experience, PO Box 158 Monbulk Vic 3793.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Think not that rules are there to hedge us in
but rather that rules are there
to ensure that we live another day.

- Chinchilla State High School is a school that believes
- in both students and staff being responsible, being
- both respectful and respected and being safe at all times.
- Being safe at all times is the right and responsibility of everybody that enters within the school gates. In order to guarantee that this is possible, students are asked to follow specific instructions to ensure that it can happen. One of those standards is that all students need signed permission in their Student Diary in order to leave a lesson during class time. This helps with two things, firstly so that students are accounted for at all times especially in case of an emergency, and secondly, it sets students up for when they leave school and companies have a similar expectation for their employees.
- Let's continue to work together as a school and community to keep our students safe at all times.

Mr Stephen Wroe
PBL Team Member



Science and Engineering Challenge

On Thursday 24 May, students from Chinchilla State High School tested their wits, skill and nerve against the best public and private schools in the region. Thirty-two students from Year 10 competed in the Darling Downs Science and Engineering Challenge, held in Toowoomba. The students worked in small teams on a variety of challenges from designing water turbines, catapults and bridges through to building an earthquake-proof tower.

Eight school competed and Chinchilla was placed fourth overall. Brayden Maher, Stephanie Valler, Matthew Winfield and Jack Horswood were awarded medallions on the day for the highest score in the catapult challenge. Chinchilla's teams performed well and can be proud of their efforts. These students were exemplary in their teamwork skills as well as their support for other students. Congratulations to all of the students who participated on the day.

*Miss Emma Nicoll
Science Teacher*

Sports Wrap-Up

Touch

The Open Touch South West sides went away to Rockhampton to the State Championships on 31 May - 3 June. Our students all played well, with a lot of close games over the weekend. The boys finished eleventh and the girls twelfth. Special mention goes to Tom Bannister who was named as a Shadow for the Queensland Team, which means he is regarded as one of the top 20 Touch players in the state.

Students who made the South West Touch Football sides:

- ★ Under 12 Boys: Brodie Wright, Ben Waters;
- ★ Under 12 Girls: Sophie Bender;
- ★ Under 15 Boys - Patterson Bannister, Blake Moore;
- ★ Under 15 Girls - Chloe Ellem, Kate Ellem, Dana Hart, Andee Moore, Cobi Zerst, Zoey Wilce, Christina Jones;
- ★ Open Girls - Shakira Lankowski;
- ★ Open Boys - Tom Bannister, Alan Manuel, Edward Sheppy, Ramon Mutch, Benjamin Sheppy, Will McCullough.

Soccer

Alyssa Cox, Natalie Stevenson and Imogene Forrest represented Darling Downs in Soccer. Congratulations to Alyssa who was successful in being named as a shadow in the Queensland team.



Cross Country

The following students represented the school at the District Cross Country: Sophie Bender, Ben Waters, Xavier Brennan, Myles Lenihan, Julian Figueroa and Lachlan Paerau. All students ran well in tough conditions.

Rugby League

The 16-18 years Rugby League State Championships were held in Toowoomba

from the 24 to 27 May. South West managed to win two out of four games, including beating a tough Met East side day one. They played well throughout the carnival, but unfortunately finished tenth due to some results going against them. Kade Tennyson, Tom Bannister and Kaleb Baker all took part and represented both their school and region well.

Individual Achievements

- ★ Cameron Rollings went away to Townsville representing Darling Downs in the Under 15 boys Squash State Championships. Cameron won four out of his six games against much older opposition.
- ★ Kade Tennyson has been successful in making the Under 19 Queensland Country side for Rugby Union, after representing first the Darling Downs, then South East Queensland Country sides.
- ★ Rishabh Chhabra went away to referee at an AFL State Championship.

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9.30 am - 4.30 pm Chinchilla State High School Hall | Zeller St Chinchilla

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