



Chinchilla State High School

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NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening...

August

2	Year 12 Biology/Science 21 Excursion
2-4	QSS Football 12yrs
	QSS Touch 15yrs
3	Year 11 Physics Excursion
	Toowoomba Eisteddfod (Dance Troupe)
6	Senior Pathways Evening
6-10	Dalby Eisteddfod
7-8	Vision Screening
7-17	SET Plan Interviews (Year 10)
8	Discover My Future Workshop (Year 9)
15	Athletics Carnival (half day)
17	Athletics Carnival
20	Year 9 into 10 Information Evening
20-24	Book Week
22	Parent Information Session
22-24	Year 10 Camp



PQ Ball 2018

A night full of fun, laughter, and old time dancing - the Personality Quest (PQ) Ball 2018 was one to remember.

From the moment we entered the Cultural Centre, everyone was on their feet, dancing away to the tunes of Kieran Lillis. After a rousing rendition of the 'heel and toe', it was time to settle down for the moment we'd all been waiting for - the announcement of the junior and senior Personality Quest winners.

Following a rigorous interview process, the judges had a tough choice to make deciding between all of the amazing Form Class representatives. Skyla Llewellyn (7-4) was announced as Junior Runner-Up, and Caitlyn Manuel (9-4) was crowned the Junior Winner. For our seniors, Emma Dendle (12-3) was announced Senior Runner-Up and Lauren Fendley (10-2) claimed the top honours of Senior Winner.

Thank you to the judges, Mr Lachlan McKensy, Mrs Maree Turner, and Counsellor Peter Saxelby, for giving up their time to conduct the interviews and attend on the night. Thanks also to Mrs Jones, Mrs Olm, Mr Hubbard, and everyone else for their invaluable assistance in making PQ 2018 the best one yet.

*Maddison Cross and
Jemima Lithgow
2018 Cultural
Chairpersons*

Invitation

Senior Pathways Evening

Monday 6 August, 2018

6.00pm - 7.00pm

School Hall, Zeller Street

Digital School Newsletter

As flagged in previous Newsletters, our school is changing the format of our fortnightly Newsletter. This edition is the final version of the paper Newsletter before changing to a digital format. This change will reduce the large amount of paper waste and save a significant amount of money each month that will be directed into learning resources for our students. All families will receive a letter in the near future that will outline details on how to access the digital Newsletter.



Great state. Great opportunity.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,

Staffing

- ❑ Welcome to Mrs Julie Rex, who has been appointed as the school's new Youth Support Co-ordinator. We look forward to working with Julie and hope that she enjoys her time in our school community.
- ❑ Welcome back to Mrs Colleen Forde, who will be working as our School-Based Youth Health Nurse for the remainder of the term. Colleen brings with her a wealth of experience and success through her previous work in this role.
- ❑ Baby news: Congratulations and our very best wishes to the following staff who are celebrating recent additions to their families: Mrs Amanda Cooper and her husband Scott – a baby girl; Mrs Tiffany Ross and her husband Ty – a baby girl, Thea Rose.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our sincere thanks to all of the parents/family representatives who were able to attend the Parent-Teacher Interviews last Tuesday. It is always great when teachers and parents are able to get together to discuss the progress of the students and strategies that would promote success for the students. Any parents who were unable to attend the interviews are encouraged to contact our teachers to arrange a time to discuss the progress of their children.

Personality Quest Ball

The Personality Quest (PQ) Ball was a great success last Friday night with 410 students enjoying a great night of dance and socialising. This event continues to be one of the major social highlights on our annual school calendar and it was really pleasing to see so many students, staff and parents having a great time. Congratulations to all of

the PQ Entrants and to the overall winners. Special thanks to Mrs Jones, Mrs Olm and all of the staff, parent volunteers and students who contributed to the success of the night.

School Opinion Survey

Starting this week, staff, parents and a selection of students in Years 8 and 11, will complete the annual School Opinion Survey. This is a generic survey that all Queensland government schools are required to administer. Responses are confidential and the results from the surveys are collated externally with the data provided to the school later in the year. Please read the section in this newsletter that will explain how parents can complete the survey online. An information letter will also be sent home. Thank you in advance to those families, students and staff who complete the surveys.

Some Key Calendar Dates

- ❑ 6 August - Senior Pathways Evening
- ❑ 7-17 August - Year 10 SET Plan Interviews
- ❑ 17 August - Athletics Carnival
- ❑ 20-24 August - Book Week
- ❑ 22-24 August - Year 10 Camp at Emu Gully
- ❑ 4-5 September - Year 12 QCS Tests
- ❑ 20-23 September - Queensland 12yrs Girls Rugby League Championships in Chinchilla

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

I would like to thank our parents, families and community members for their ongoing support of our students, our school and our values, and for sharing our strong commitment by placing a very high priority on the education of our local children.

*Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan*

School Opinion Survey

All parents/caregivers are invited to participate in this year's School Opinion Survey.

Responses are anonymous and cannot be tracked.

The survey can be completed on any computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

To access the survey go to www.qed.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey and select the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* link at the bottom of the page. Two access codes will be required and these can be found in the letter that was posted home on Monday 30 July. The access codes can only be used once.

Surveys must be **completed by Friday 24 August 2018**.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Silence can speak volumes, when used in the right situation. – Anon.

Sometimes a situation may call for excessive noise such as football matches, a rock concert, or even an athletics carnival. Other times a more moderate tone is required, like watching a movie, having a conversation or learning in the classroom.

This term we have the opportunity to show a variety of different levels of noise in the school environment. In the classroom noise levels are set by the teacher, based on the activity that is being completed, whether it be individual, small groups, or whole class work. Other times, like the upcoming Athletics Carnival where cheering loudly for your house and fellow students is encouraged, a more aggressive noise level is acceptable. Appropriate noise levels are part of the school's expectations and aid in the learning and teaching of all students regardless of year level.

Remember, raising your voice does not always mean that it is easier to hear you.

*Mr Stephen Wroe
PBL Team Member*

"You don't find out who you are unless you work at it." Iris Apfel

2018 Next Step - Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who in 2017 left school without obtaining Year 12 certification. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school.

Between August and September, students who left school early in 2017 can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.



Get Excited! Chinchilla State High School will be celebrating all things reading between 20 and 24 August as part of National Book Week. The theme this year ... "Find Your Treasure".

Whether your treasure is a lost treasure hunt by pirates (Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson), a search for home (Lion: A Long Way Home – Saroo

Brierly) or the escape of reality in a magical estate (The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett), everyone has something that they treasure.

There will be a variety of activities (including a character dress-up day) during the week for staff, students and parents, so keep an eye out for upcoming notices of events!

State Inter-School Equestrian



Over the first few days of the school holidays, we travelled to the Queensland Equestrian Centre at Caboolture to compete at the State Titles. We competed in our chosen event of showjumping over three days.

Holly, riding her horse Jester, won the Secondary 80cm Showjumping State Title, claiming two first places and one fourth. Holly also competed in the 90cm class.

Ashlee, riding her horse Just Is (or Bob at home), competed in the 90cm class placing 26th from 52 riders. Ashlee also competed in the 100cm class finishing in 35th position.

We had a great time with friends that we have made from all across the State. The horses are now having a small holiday and we are looking forward to competing at the Inter-school competitions again in 2019.

Ashlee and Holly Sturgess

Aerospace Agenda

On the last week of the July holidays, I, and two other students from Chinchilla High School, Anna Dallmann and Jack McDonald, had the privilege of attending the annual Australian Youth Aerospace Forum in Brisbane.

Throughout the five days, we toured the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus, Griffith University Nathan Campus, Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point, the Brisbane Airport and RAAF Amberley Base. There was hands-on activities where we made gliders as groups and small rockets to launch and deliver an egg safely. We also listened to, and learned from, countless aerospace professionals and companies at lectures, tours and the careers fair.

It was great to meet the other 60 students, all of which connected through a shared passion of all things aerospace. It was great time and I recommend it for all students who have interest in a future in aerospace.

Chris Gaskell



PARENT EVENING

This term in week 6, Wednesday 22 August, I will be holding a Parent Information Session in the Resource Centre from 6.30pm. Interested parents and staff are welcome to attend – please RSVP to the office if you are able to attend. A number current issues will be discussed that impact our students and their ability to engage with their academic programs.

The impact of vision issues, including Visual Processing / Dyslexia, on your student's learning

Many students experience difficulties accessing and participating in their academic program due to a number of reasons related to their visual processing skills. The many skills involved will be covered along with practical support

strategies.

Work Skills

Does your child frequently miss deadlines? Or fail to complete homework in a timely manner? Do they have trouble knowing where to start on an assignment? Do you know what assignments your child is currently working on? Do you know how to access information to stay informed? A number of practical ways you can work with your children to help them develop effective, independent work skills will be discussed.

Wellbeing Issues and Digital Use

We are all aware of the impact of the digital era on our teens – the good, the bad and the ugly. Some of the latest research will be discussed

as well as some practical strategies that can help parents keep ahead of the potential issues that impact developing teens. I will also provide a number of links that will allow you to access the latest information and support.

Sleep Matters

We all know how difficult it can be to get teens out of bed for school during the school week, and by lunch time on the weekend! During the parent session I will outline the current research around the issue of adolescent sleep patterns and practical strategies for how we can support them in the sleep habits they need to maintain for good health and mental wellbeing.

*Mrs Anne Cardillo
Head of Student Services*

CHINCHILLA CAREERS EXPO



- ☑ 1 hall
- ☑ 2 guest speakers
- ☑ 3 local schools
- ☑ over 35 exhibitors
- ☑ more than 400 students

Students and employers flocked to the Chinchilla Careers Expo in Week 1. With over 35 organisations in attendance, the expo filled a vital component of career advice and education. Breakout seminars delivered by Bruce Chapman of RIE and Elaine Wallace of MRAEL with a spotlight on 'Finding your true north' and 'Recruiter hints and tips', enthralled the audience.



The expo enabled organisations to showcase career and education opportunities available in the region. This provided students with a range of opportunities to consider and align their senior subject choices too. Universities and registered training organisations ensured students were well informed on programs and prerequisites. Overall, the expo was a great success, with students walking away further equipped to gain their desired career.



VISION SCREENING

The Vision Screening Clinic which was postponed last term, will now be held in week 4: Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 August.

If your student previously returned a signed note requesting this service, they will be timetabled for an appointment on one of these dates. If you wish your child to access this free service, please get them to see Mrs Cardillo in ESF1 for a letter. Should your child require additional vision testing/glasses, they will also receive these for free, compliments of the Essilor Foundation, proudly supported by our local APEX Club. If your child has not had vision assessment in the past couple of years, I would highly recommend this. There is also a list of signs that may indicate students need glasses. Please see the school website for the list.

*Mrs Anne Cardillo
Head of Student Services*

Taste a Trade Program

Students in Year 10 have recently explored and gained an insight into a range of trades in the region through the Taste a Trade Program. Initially, students completed their Construction White Card and then they embarked on nine days of work experience. Each student worked at three different businesses, working one day a week for three weeks before rotating to the next business.

Twenty-eight businesses in the local area provided a taste of over 10 different trades, from Boilermaker to Butcher and many other trades in between. Students were excited by the hands-on opportunities the businesses provided. The opportunity has enabled some of the students to identify their chosen career pathway.

The Work Experience Program helps develop knowledge learnt in the classroom, understanding attitudes and personal-social qualities and skills related to the world of work.

Thanks to the many local employers who have tirelessly worked with us to provide the students with this opportunity and for providing us with regular feedback on their progress.

