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What's Happening

August

17	Athletics Carnival
20	Year 9 into 10 Information Evening
20-24	Book Week
22	Parent Information Session
22-24	Year 10 Camp
27	P&C Meeting
30-2	QSS Softball (12yrs)

September

3	Year 6 into 7 Information Evening
4-5	QCS Tests
6-7	SW Track and Field
9-11	SW Cricket (12yrs)
12-13	QSO Workshop
15	SW Track and Field Training Camp

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 1 August, the Year 11 cohort clambered into a bus at 8:15am. We knew that we were heading to Columboola for a Leadership Day, but we did not realise that we would come out all the better for it.

The high ropes tested our ability to work as a cohesive team, and the relays tested our stamina as well as our vocal cords as we screamed encouragement to our team members. Being blindfolded having a partner as our eyes was a true test of trust. While we attempted to hurdle plastic balls at each other in the dark, our full faith was placed in them for guidance.

The Leadership Day taught us not only how to lead, but how to listen and how to consider everyone in a decision. It was definitely a positive experience for all and a great chance to put our teamwork skills to the test.

Emma
Year 11 Student



From the Principal

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters. Great learning opportunities are on offer for students and staff in our school every day.

Staffing

Best wishes to Mrs Rebecca Davis who commenced Maternity Leave this week. We sincerely thank Mrs Davis for her great work within the English/Humanities Department, and wish Mrs and Mr Davis all the very best in their preparations for baby number two.

Year 10 Senior Pathways Evening and future Parent Evenings

It was really pleasing to see a lot of parents and students attending the Year 10 night on Monday 6 August. With a new senior curriculum commencing in Queensland from 2019 it is crucial for students and parents to work closely with our school staff to stay informed about the new developments. The Year 10 students are now undertaking the SET Plan process to select their subjects for Year 11. **On 20 August there will be a Year 8 into 9 night and a Year 9 into 10 night** to provide information with a breadth of information that will be useful for parents and students in Semester 2 and for subject selections for 2019. I look forward to the support of as many parents and students as possible at these information evenings.

Toowoomba, Dalby and Queensland Eisteddfod Success

Congratulations to our music and dance students and staff who performed admirably at the recent Eisteddfods. A lot of work goes in to the preparation for all of these individual and group performances and everyone involved deserves high praise for their ongoing commitment to achieve and for being such impressive ambassadors for our school and the Chinchilla community. Sincere thanks to all of these students for their commitment and teamwork and a very special thanks to Mrs McKensey, Mrs Hubbard and Miss Josland for their leadership in providing these excellent opportunities for our students.

Chinchilla State High School and Parents/Families Working as Partners

There are many parallels between raising children and working in a school. The most effective parents are positive and support each other and there is a united 'voice' to reinforce high standards and expectations. To achieve the best possible education for children, it is really important that schools and parents work together to provide a united 'voice' of high standards and expectations, and to mentor students to develop skills and character traits that will hold them in good stead in their lives. Thank you to our parents who work positively with our school to ensure that our school's standards and expectations remain high and, as partners in educating our young people, we continue to develop and provide

the kind of environment where families are proud to send their children for a top-quality education.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – 'Modelling and Teaching Respect for Self and Others'

Sincere thanks to the members of our wider community who continue to invest their time towards modelling / fostering the key attribute of 'Respect.' High levels of 'Respect' has been an essential quality for successful people, communities and organisations for centuries. As soon as levels of 'Respect' start to decrease society, or a particular organisation, start to experience an increase in negative outcomes that can present in countless ways. Many of society's significant issues stem from a complete lack of 'Respect for Self and Others.' An increasing number of people have become so disconnected with the importance of 'Respect' that they have positioned their mindset to believe that showing 'Respect for Others' is a sign of weakness. This mindset then leads them to experience continual negativity and frustration with most people that they meet or deal with in their lives. Hence, a very unhappy life can often result. 'Being Respectful' is one of the key behavioural values that our school aspires to develop within each of our students and staff, and across our broader school community. It is a critical life-skill that allows people to make quality decisions and to live their lives in a positive fashion.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that our young people are taught the benefits of 'Respect for themselves' and also 'Respect for Others.' We all want success for all of our young people and for them to live long, happy and positive lives. To achieve this, they will all need to embrace the value of 'Respect.'

School Opinion Survey

Thank you in advance to those families, students and staff who have taken the time to 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.

Thank you for your contribution towards our positive learning culture.

*Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan*

A Quick Quote:

"Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects."

Dalai Lama

Parent Information Session

A Parent information session will be held on Wednesday 22 August, from 6.00pm in the school library. This will replace the sessions that had to be postponed last term. All parents and staff are welcome to attend. Topics discussed will be:

- **Vision matters** – impact of Visual Processing difficulties/Dyslexia on student outcomes (students who recently received extensive assessment through SPELD are encouraged to attend).
- **Work skills** – general strategies to support students develop effective, independent work skills.
- Wellbeing issues and digital use – practical strategies to help parents keep ahead of the potential issues impacting our developing teens.
- **Sleep matters** – strategies to support effective adolescent sleep patterns to maintain good health and mental wellbeing.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible – please RSVP to the office.

Mrs Anne Cardillo

Head of Student Services

Expression of Interest Casual/Relief Cleaner Chinchilla State High School

Chinchilla State High School is seeking expressions of interest for Casual/Relief Cleaners. The work is intermittent on an “as required” basis, and cannot be guaranteed. Relief staff are usually contacted close to, or on the day of, absence. Cleaners are engaged to work a split shift from 5.00am - 8.00am and 3.00pm - 6.00pm, and hours of engagement are based on staff rostered hours. Relief can be for part day, full day, a week or longer. Applicants would be required to possess a Working With Children Blue Card.

Interested persons are asked to submit a letter providing details of any cleaning experience and a resume to the Business Manager, Chinchilla State High School, PO Box 195, Chinchilla Q 4413, or email to bsm@chinchilshs.eq.edu.au **no later than 4.00pm 31 August, 2018.**

MATHLETES ADD-IT AGAIN!

What location in Australia is the furthest from the coastline?

How many 375mL soft drink cans can fit into a standard bucket so that no part of a can pokes out above the lip of the bucket?

What do scientists and archaeologists agree that an Antikythera device is best described as?

These are just a few of the questions our top Year 7 and 8 Maths were faced with during the annual QAMT Mathematics Competition last Wednesday. Fifteen teams from seven different schools, each participating in five rounds of questions, made for a fierce fight, but for the fifth year running, Chinchilla State High School was successful in winning the title of Overall Champions. Congratulations to Matt, CJ, Zayne, Max, Briony and Julian for their efforts on the day and to the two teams who were fortunate enough to be awarded the following places:

First Place – Jemima, Keegan and Rashmi

Third Place – Chloe, Eva and Harley

All students are to be commended for their enthusiastic attitude and exceptional teamwork throughout the quiz. We once again look forward to hearing whether our first place team will qualify for the State Finals in Brisbane later this year.



Year 8 into 9 and Year 9 into 10 Information Evening INVITATION

Chinchilla State High School welcomes our current Year 8 and Year 9 students and their families

Please join us as we detail the subjects your child will experience in Year 9 and Year 10.

Monday 20 August 2018

**Presentation starts at 6.00pm
in the School Hall, Zeller Street**

**Students should bring their Subject Overview Handbooks.
Subject selection forms will be distributed on the night.**

QMEA Ambassador in Mt Isa

The QMEA (Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy) Program has been an experience of enlightenment for me. The latest activity was a trip to Mount Isa to the Glencore mine during our school holidays.

The journey commenced with a plane trip with a few other students from the Ambassador Program. Once in Mount Isa, we went to a dinner for a meet and greet. This involved meeting the CEO of the Glencore mines and having a chat. The next few days were packed with activities and team building along the way. Our team was responsible for finding a solution for the Mount Isa sulphur dioxide problem and so, for the next few days, the team and I gathered and calculated data (with the assistance of Excel) to put into our final report. (If you would be interested in reading the report I made, please be sure to ask and I will happily give you a copy). With the help of two air pollution control workers for Glencore, we finished the report a few hours before the presentation in the morning. The evenings consisted of fun activities such as bare foot bowls and movies to keep us entertained. On the Friday morning, we presented our findings to the Glencore Mount Isa mines officials with a speech. After this, we said our final goodbyes, got on the plane and flew back to Brisbane.

The overall camp was a great experience for me as I found greater insight to the possibilities of the jobs and procedures involved with the mining industry.

*Conrad
Year 12 Student*

Athletics Carnival

Grab your running shoes, slop on the sunscreen and don your house colours – the 2018 Inter-house Athletics Carnival is here. Pre-carnival events are a thing of the past and the final chance to gain vital house points is here.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for Friday's carnival, however it is essential that it is sun-safe and that they also wear closed-in shoes and a hat. Regardless of the weather on the day, it is highly recommended that students bring a water bottle and regularly apply sunscreen. In the case of cold weather, remember to layer up and prepare for a day outdoors. Students can

bring their own lunch or access the Tuckshop at designated times throughout the day.

Parents are very welcome at our Athletics Carnival and we would love to see support for our students on the day. Events will start from 9.15am Friday and the presentations should be completed by 3.00pm. A timetable of events and age groups throughout the carnival is available.

The carnival is shaping up to be a great day for everyone and, as with most years, the team that has the most participants, not merely the high achievers, will probably be crowned the victors. With that being said, attendance is the key on the day and we expect to see everyone there supporting their house.

Program - Friday 17 August

Session 4 (Track)

100 m	All Ages
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Session 5 (Field)

High Jump	12 Girls	Pit 1
High Jump	13 Boys	Pit 2
Shot Put	14 Girls	Circle 1
Shot Put	15 Boys	Circle 2
Triple Jump	17 Boys + 18/19 Boys	Runway 1
Long Jump	16 Girls	Runway 2

Session 6 (Track)

200 m	All Ages
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Session 7 (Field)

High Jump	14 Boys	Pit 1
High Jump	17 Girls + 18/19 Girls	Pit 2
Shot Put	12 Boys	Circle 1
Shot Put	13 Girls	Circle 2
Triple Jump	15 Girls	Runway 1
Long Jump	16 Boys	Runway 2

Session 8 (Track)

100 m (Final)	All Ages
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Session 9 (Field)

High Jump	17 Boys + 18/19 Boys	Pit 1
High Jump	14 Girls	Pit 2
Shot Put	16 Girls	Circle 1
Shot Put	16 Boys	Circle 2
Triple Jump	15 Boys	Runway 1
Long Jump	12 Girls	Runway 2

Session 10 (Track)

4 x 100 m Relays	All Ages
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Dance Troupe Shine at Toowoomba Eisteddfod

On Friday 3 August, 32 of our students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 travelled to Toowoomba Eisteddfod to compete as part of the Dance Troupe. These students performed very well and, in both their Hip Hop and Contemporary routines, were only a few points off placing. This is a huge compliment to the hard work of the students as these sections are extremely competitive. Throughout the day the stage manager and other eisteddfod committee members made many comments about the professionalism of the Chinchilla students. Thank you to Mrs Helen Hubbard and a variety of parents for accompanying and showing their support on the day. Well done to all of the students for representing our school at such a high standard.

Miss Asha Josland
Dance Teacher



Breakfast Club

Every Thursday morning, from 8.00am until 8.45am, we have Breakfast Club at the Tuckshop.

We always have cold flavoured milk which is donated by Mark and Kerry from Western Downs Dairy Supplies and, during the cold months, we have hot chocolate. To eat, there is toast (normal and gluten free) with various spreads. The bread is donated by Donna Carpenter from Dorney's Cake Shop. There is also a variety of fresh fruit, including watermelon, donated by Drakes IGA. Woolworths have recently come on board donating muffins and other similar items.

The Breakfast Club is free and provides a stress-free environment for students (and staff) to mingle and top-up with fuel for the day. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Mr Denver Kanowski
Facilities Officer



Bookweek 2018

Monday 20 to Friday 24 August

Calling all treasure hunters! Next week, from Monday 20 August until Friday 24 August, Chinchilla State High School will be celebrating The Children's Book Council of Australia's annual Bookweek event.

This week will see our school celebrating the love of reading with a variety of hands-on, fun activities. Inspired by the theme 'Find Your Treasure', students and staff are invited to take part in such activities as the Bookweek picnic and reading based scavenger hunts. Students and staff alike will also be afforded the challenge of matching their favourite teacher to their baby photo and favourite novel. If this isn't enough, our annual Bookweek festivities will culminate in an amazing Bookweek costume parade at Friday morning tea and a Trivia Night, run by the Student Council, Friday night in the School Hall. Another opportunity for students and staff, dressed as creatures from all walks of life, to come together to celebrate their love of reading.

Happy reading everyone! May you find the treasure you are searching for!

Mrs Ellissa McCullough
Acting Head of Department - English and Humanities

~ Book or Movie Character Dress-Up ~

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
Chinchilla State
High School Hall

6:00PM BBQ, Bar and Live Music
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:45PM

Play in Teams of 4-8 or Join a Table

\$10 PER PERSON
Hot Food and Drinks Available
Bring a plate of Nibbles

Tickets at
School Office

Supporting Drought Angels,
P&C and Student Council

Dalby Eisteddfod Success!

Our talented Instrumental Music students spent the past week competing in various sections of the annual Dalby Eisteddfod. Students are commended on the considerable dedication they displayed in order to prepare for these performances. A special thanks goes to Mrs Helen Hubbard who provided piano accompaniment to all of our soloists in addition to providing support to students and staff throughout the Dalby Eisteddfod season.

Results

- Secondary Concert Band – Chinchilla State High School – 2nd Place
- Secondary Stage Band – Chinchilla State High School – 1st Place
- 3 – 9 Instrument Combination Secondary – Seth Gerke, Chris Kekewick, Jacinta Pfeffer and Casey Ryan – 1st Place, Steph Valler, Jaimee Walsh and Emma Triplett – 3rd Place
- Modern Flute Solo Grades 10 – 12 – Jacinta Pfeffer – 1st Place
- Modern Woodwind Solo Grades 10 – 12 – Seth Gerke – 1st Place, Casey Ryan – 2nd Place
- Percussion Solo Grades 10 – 12 – Anna Dallmann – 1st Place
- Classical Woodwind Solo Grades 10 – 12 – Casey Ryan – Very Highly Commended, Jacinta Pfeffer – 3rd Place, Seth Gerke – 2nd Place
- Secondary Orchestral Instrument Duet – Anna Dallmann and Gabrielle Hicks – 2nd Place
- Woodwind Sight reading Grades 10 – 12 – Casey Ryan – 3rd Place, Seth Gerke – 1st Place
- Modern Brass Solo Grades 10 - 12 – Chris Kekewick – 3rd Place
- Classical Brass Solo Grades 10 - 12 – Chris Kekewick – 1st Place
- Classical Woodwind Solo Grades 7 – 9 – Rashmi Chandran – Highly Commended, Zahra Swoboda – Very Highly Commended, Zach Gerke – 2nd Place
- Modern Clarinet Solo Grades 7 – 9 – Zach Gerke – 3rd Place, Jorja Cookson – 1st Place
- Modern Woodwind Solo Grades 7 – 9 – Zahra Swoboda, Holly Sturgess – Highly Commended, Rashmi Chandran – 3rd Place
- Modern Brass Solo Grades 7 – 9 – Lucia Sperling – Highly Commended
- Woodwind Sight reading Grades 7 – 9 – Zach Gerke – Very Highly Commended
- Classical Brass Solo Grades 7 – 9 – Lucia Sperling – 2nd Place
- Secondary Woodwind Duet – Claire Francis and Abbey Franz – 3rd Place, Casey Ryan and Seth Gerke – 1st Place

A special congratulations goes to the Stage Band and Saxophone Quartet who have been asked to perform at the winner's concert as a result of the high marks they were awarded in their sections.

Kellie McKensey

Instrumental Music Teacher

WIN A REMOTE PILOT LICENSE TRAINING COURSE VALUED AT \$2,000



In the lead up to the second annual Dalby Drone Industry Forum, the Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) is inviting senior high school students to submit a short proposal with their vision for drone usage in the future, especially in the agriculture, mining and resource industries.

Remote Aviation will provide a two-day drone training course for the best male and female student proposal. Upon successful completion of the training, the students will receive their Remote Pilot License (RePL).

How to enter

Simply answer these two questions:

1. How do you believe drones could be used to assist an industry in the Western Downs region - now and in the future?
2. Why do you want to obtain your Remote Pilot License (RePL) and how could you use this license to help the Western Downs become "the drone capital of Australia"?

For more information including entry form, terms and conditions:
visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 COUNCIL

Applications close
Sunday 9 September 2018

