New Beginnings

A very big welcome back to all members of our school community after the long summer vacation. Hopefully the holidays were an opportunity to have an extended break from busy routines and to recharge the batteries for another year of learning together.

A special welcome to all those children and parents who have joined our school community for the first time, especially our new Prep students who have started their first year of schooling. We hope your time with us is one of learning and fun as in partnership with parents we strive to achieve the school mission of “all children learning to the best of their abilities”.

There are many opportunities for parents to become involved in their child’s learning, whether it is through assisting in the classroom or becoming involved with our school parent body, the P&C Association. Parent involvement in school encourages children to have a positive attitude to their learning and so is richly rewarded.

Leadership in 2017

The school captains for 2017 were announced at Presentation Day last year when the incoming captains received their badges.

The school captains for 2017 are:

- Captains - Harley Scutchings and Holly Sturgess
- Vice Captains - Zayne Stahl and Zahra Swoboda

Staff Updates

This year we extend a warm welcome to Stephanie Mitchell, Jennifer Skinner, Elizibeth Bradshaw, Mer Sinnonon and Ciara Dowley to our teaching team. We also welcome back Sarah Dobel, Kyle Judd, Sue Wood, Natalie Smith, Ern Hall, Lisa Braden, Sue Cobb and Tarra Castle from leave.

Welcome to all of our new and returning staff. We hope you enjoy your time and new challenges here at Chinchilla SS.

![Staff Updates Image]

Sun Smart Chinchilla

Chinchilla State School is a Sun Smart School. What does this mean? The Queensland Cancer Council does not accept caps as offering adequate protection from the sun. To be a Sun Smart School, the uniform policy has to be that children wear a hat with a brim or cap with a flap at the side and back. Only children wearing hats with a wide brim will be allowed to play in the sun.

Unfortunately, caps are the preferred choice of many children, particularly as they get older. School P&C and Staff realised in making this decision that it may not be popular with some children and parents, but believed that education of children to wear sun safe hats was the responsible thing to do, with Queensland’s skin cancer rate being the highest in the world. The fact is that a hat with a wide brim offers much more protection from the damaging effects of the sun than do caps.

Parents are asked to understand why this decision has been made and to discuss the reason for the decision with their children and support the wearing of hats with a brim.

School bucket hats are available from the Tuckshop.

**INSERTS**

- 2017 Parent Calendar
- 2017 Parent Handbook
- Update of Contact Details form
- Term 1 – Tuckshop Menu
- Tuckshop Volunteers
- Years 1 & 2 Swimming Roster
- Behaviour Agreement
Bell Street Bulletin
Chinchilla State School

From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to the 2017 school year here at Chinchilla State School. Yesterday I had the absolute pleasure of welcoming a number of new and returning staff to our fantastic school. I also welcomed approximately 55 new pupils, who began their educational journey for the very first time, along with many new faces across all our year levels from Prep to Year 6.

What an exciting time for all our new families, particularly those who have little ones starting in prep. A very special congratulations and big warm welcome to all our new families. It was my absolute pleasure to introduce our 2017 school captains, Harley Scoglino, Holly Burgess, Zayne Staff and Zebra Swolcholu.

Last week our staff participated in four days of staff professional development. The 2017 curriculum, teaching and learning focus for Chinchilla State School is on the explicit teaching of reading. As a staff we are looking at the explicit strategies taught to ensure high quality teaching is occurring in every room every day. Throughout the week we had a range of excellent presentations, many of which were linked directly to reading. The Big 5 of Reading, Synthetic Phonics, Spelling, Vocabulary, Planning for and Teaching Reading the Chinchilla State School Way, and using student data as an instructional tool to get the best results for all students and families. We also engaged with our annual mandatory training in Code of Conduct and Student Protection.

It has been a truly fantastic start to the 2017 school year with all our staff fully engaging with our 2017 mantra, “Focus on Positives”.

We strongly encourage all our families to take the time to meet with classroom teachers and participate in live opportunities to communicate. We are in the form of regular emails to teachers, daily communication books, personalised messages on the bottoms of homework sheets, or other suitable methods of communication from home to school. Please discuss these options with your child’s teacher as we move forward.

Don’t forget you can also speak with either of our Deputy Principals at any point throughout the year also. The best mode of regular communication however, is with your child’s teacher.

I invite you on behalf of all our staff in welcoming you to our school community for 2017 and we look forward to working in close partnership with you and your family throughout the 2017 school year. Welcome Back!

---

CHINCILLA STATE SCHOOL

POSITION VACANT

CLEANER - PERMANENT PART TIME

20.25 HOURS PER WEEK

Chinchilla State School is seeking applications from persons interested in applying for the position of Cleaner – Permanent Part Time within our School.

Prospective employees must possess or be willing to apply for and be able to obtain a Suitability Card from Blue Card Services.

Application packages, are available to be collected from the Chinchilla State School Office, Bell Street, Chinchilla, between 8.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday or can be e-mailed to you by ringing 07-4672 9222. Applications are to be marked “Confidential” and forwarded to the Business Services Manager, Chinchilla State School, P O Box 414, Chinchilla 4413. All applications are to be received no later than 3pm 3 February 2017.

The successful applicant may be subject to a probationary period.

The School Day

Chinchilla State School has different break times for Prep & Year 1-2 and for the Years 3-6. This timetable aims to increase uninterrupted learning time for students, allowing classrooms to be calm and busy for students to achieve their personal best.

The break times are as follows:

**Prep & Year 1 - 2**

- 9:00am School day begins
- 11:00 - 11:40pm First Break
- 1:30 - 2:00pm Second Break
- 3:00pm End of school day

**Years 3 - 6**

- 9:00am School day begins
- 10:30 - 11:00am First Break
- 1:00 - 1:40pm Second Break
- 3:00pm End of school day
PBL Update

Learning to follow directions is a crucial milestone in any student’s development. It is the foundation of learning and difficulties in this area can impact a student’s ability to take notes, follow a sequence of steps, as well as show their knowledge on written assignments and even multiple-choice tests. It can also have a great impact on safety for self and others and on future success.

This year, the school will continue to communicate positive behaviour expectations with all students through weekly notices. We emphasise the importance of directly teaching students the behaviour we want them to demonstrate at school. These positive behaviour expectations are reinforced by staff during classroom and non-classroom activities. This whole school strategy is referred to as universal support as it supports all students in the school.

Some students do require additional targeted support. There might be an intervention program or specific adjustments made to support the student with their behavioural and academic outcomes. This support may be delivered in small groups or individually.

Some students may need more intensive support and/or flexible learning options to assist them to continue their learning. These are typically individualised interventions for students with highly complex and challenging behaviours.

This three-tiered approach to increasing positive behaviours replaces undesired behaviour with a new behaviour or skill, teaches appropriate skills and rewards appropriate behaviour.

It is suggested that the universal support will be effective for 80% of the student population. At Chinchilla State School, our universal support data is showing it is effective for 92.6% of our students.

It is suggested that the targeted support will be needed for 15% of the student population. At Chinchilla State School, our data is showing 6.6% of our students require targeted support.

It is suggested that the intensive support will be needed for 5% of the student population. At Chinchilla State School, our data is showing less than 0.5% of our students require intensive support.

Support at CSS at end of 2016

Suggested Support

Intensive Support

Targeted Support

Universal Support

Chinchilla State School's P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school and has two representatives on the PBL Committee, Mrs Tanya Reid & Mrs Leanne Evans.

STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents/Caregiver, if you have a child/ren who requires medication to be administered during school hours, we require you to attend the front office and complete a new "Medicine Administration Advice" form.

The accompanying medication must be the original container with a Pharmacy Labelled with doctors name on it for the school to be able to administer it.

All medication from 2016 must be collected by a parent/caregiver, we cannot give medication to students. Please call office staff if you have any queries.
Hello everyone. Welcome back to Chinchilla State School for 2017. I hope everyone has had a fantastic break. For me, it involved seeing family, having a break, spending lots of money, and at the top of the list I welcomed my second little girl into the world. So my break was relaxing to start with and now it's tiring. I hope you all managed to get some much needed rest, had time with family or friends, and are now buzzing with excitement at the coming year.

We have a full schedule ahead of us this year. Just a hint to what is coming up in the sport department this year/term. We welcome on board Mrs Eboni Davis who is helping me in the delivery of Health & Physical Education. Mrs Davis will be leading the way as we both take on the new role of delivering Health in our classrooms.

For District Sports, we hit the ground running. Week 1 and 2 will see the nomination and election of our School House Captains. Also, on Monday 30 January the District Basketball Trials are due to be held. On Friday 3 February is the District Swimming Carnival. Students from our school have been nominated from last year’s swimming carnival to participate in this event. If your student was not at Chinchilla State School last year and would like to participate in the District Swimming Carnival please contact myself, Mr Clarke. We will make all reasonable efforts in supporting your child for this event. There is heaps more on the way this term, however let’s do small steps and conquer it all together. Please keep your eyes peeled to this space for when and how District Sports will work. A busy Week 1 and 2 ahead, not to mention meeting all our classmates, new students and teachers, and not to mention the beginning of a fast-paced, fun-filled, learning-rich year at Chinchilla State School.

**Tuckshop Roster**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wed 25.1.17</th>
<th>Fri 27.1.17</th>
<th>Mon 30.1.17</th>
<th>Wed 1.2.17</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Terrie Davies</td>
<td>Sharron Maguire</td>
<td>Amanda Maguire</td>
<td>Mel Soudhich</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharron Maguire</td>
<td>Amanda Maguire</td>
<td>Mel Soudhich</td>
<td>Jan Swoboda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharron Maguire</td>
<td>Amanda Maguire</td>
<td>Terrie Davies</td>
<td>HELP NEEDED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Fri 3.2.17

Amanda Maguire, Natalie Emus
HELP NEEDED

**Uniform Shop**

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday — 8:30 to 9:00 am

---

**School Swimming**

Students in Years 1 & 2 will be swimming during Term 1. Year 3-6 students will swim in Term 4. A copy of the timetable for parent information is below.

Swimming fees do need to be paid before students can attend swimming. This payment can be made at the school office between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Those students who have not paid for swimming will be supervised at the school.

Swim shirts must be worn by all students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons. If a swim shirt is unavailable, students can wear a t-shirt. All classes are issued with a pump bottle of SPF30+ water-resistant sunscreen which is available for use during all outdoor activities.

---

**Important Dates: January 2017**

- Public Holiday—Australia Day: 26th Jan
- House & Music Captain Nominations due: 27th Jan
- Years 1 & 2 Swimming commences: 30th Jan
- District Basketball: 30th Jan
- House & Music Captain Elections: 30th Jan

---

Support Your School’s P&C Be a Volunteer A Great Way to Meet New Friends