Curriculum Corner with 6B

WOW one week down and the students of 6B have hit the ground running. They have returned refreshed and ready to be the new 2017 leaders of our school. So far all signs point to an amazing year ahead.

Curriculum in Term One will take the students on a journey. In Science, students will become scientists as they learn about Matter and how these can undergo both reversible and irreversible changes. Short stories are our focus for English. Students will become authors and will write their very own short story, putting their imaginations to the ultimate test. On top of all this, students will explore Maths, History, Civics and Citizenship and The Arts. They are all excited about starting Health and PE with Mr Clarke and LOTE with Mrs Hicks.

6B is a team, full of great minds and amazing friends and they have a year of adventure in store for them. It is their last year of Primary school and it is set to be a big one. I’m confident this brilliant bunch of Year 6’s will rise to the challenge and make this one of their best years of Primary school ever.

Meet the Teachers

Parent teacher night is a very important night in the school calendar. It provides parents with the opportunity to understand what is happening in their children’s classrooms and to get involved in their children’s education.

There is the opportunity for parents to establish a connection with their child’s teacher. This relationship is so important for a successful year for your child.

The first half hour will be in the Library. The second half hour will be in your child’s classroom with your child’s teacher. This will be about classroom routines and expectations.

- Years 3 & 4: Tuesday, 14th February, at 5:00pm
- Years 5 & 6: Tuesday, 14th February, at 6:00pm
- Prep: Wednesday, 15th February, at 5:00pm
- Years 1 & 2: Wednesday, 15th February, at 6:00pm

Healthy Hints

Healthy Eating & Better School Performance

Being well-nourished is more than the absence of hunger; it requires a balanced intake of the many nutrients that our bodies require to grow and optimally function. Poor diet and hunger have been shown to decrease attentiveness, motivation and other behaviours critical to school performance. Malnourished children are often tired and unable to concentrate. Even short-term deficiencies influence children’s concentration and ability to perform complex tasks.

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Parents this Thursday is Day 8. Each year as you know, every state school in Queensland submits student enrolment numbers to Central Office by 12pm on the 8th day of school. I am very happy to say that we are travelling along nicely and our Day 8 numbers would appear to be in a similar range to our numbers submitted this time last year. There are however, still a number of students who are yet to return from the Christmas vacation. These students cannot be counted as being in regular attendance if they have not presented at school, or made formal contact with the school prior to the enrolment collection, on Thursday. The Day 8 collection process is always a timely prompt to remind families about the significant importance of regular school attendance. Last year our school attendance data was just over 90%. Using a total enrolment of 600 students, having 10% of students away on average, resulted in approximately 60 students away from school every day (That’s 2 whole classes). This year we aim to significantly close that gap for our students. If you are having any trouble whatsoever getting your child to school please contact the office and make an appointment to speak with us.

A very special thank you to all our families who do their absolute best to ensure that students are in full attendance every day.

**Attendance Matters**

Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve their full potential.


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**CHINCHILLA 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.
PBL Update

As mentioned in last week’s Bulletin, students are explicitly taught an expected behaviour for the school environment each week. Last week the students’ focus lesson was on sun safety.

Many students travel to and from the school by bus, some ride bikes or scooters, others walk and many students travel by car. This week our focus lesson is on responsibility and safety when travelling to and from school.

After assembly on Monday, those students who travel by bus meet in the bus shelter and those who ride a bike or scooter meet at the bike rack for their value’s lesson while all other students returned to class for their value’s lesson.

All students who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet and lock their bike/scooter to the racks provided. They must enter the school grounds only through the school gates near the groundsman’s shed along Colamba St. They must not ride in the school grounds or along the footpath of Colamba St for the safety of all of our school community.

Students who travel by bus must go directly to the bus lines from their classroom at the end of the day. The buses are on a very tight schedule transporting students from all schools. If your child travels by bus, please inform the school office.

During the first fortnight, all class teachers will be establishing routines to enable all students in every class across the school to have the opportunity to reach their potential and to enjoy their peers’ companionship along the way. A goal of these lessons is to help establish a sense of belonging for every student in every class.

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

Calendar Amendments

Year 4 Camp: 12-14 July

Year 4 Camp Payment Due: 7 June

School Performance - Dinosaur Time Machine: 15 June

School Performances

Students are able to attend a range of ‘school performances’ each year. This year they are staged in our school hall at a cost of $8 per performance per student.

School performances are delivered from a variety of organisations such as Artlinks Queensland, Cultural Infusion, Queensland Opera, School Performance Tours and others. These school performances are both educational and entertaining for the students.

Attendance is not compulsory. Parents indicate on the Bulk Bill form whether they would like their child to attend these performances and are invoiced accordingly. To be eligible to attend, payment must be made at least 1 week prior to the performance.

This year’s presentations include:

Term 2 - Dinosaur Time Machine, $8, 15th June

Buckle up and take a trip in a giant time machine to set up close and personal with a life sized T-Rex. Learn about the ancient world of dinosaurs in the most exciting way possible.

Two adventurous performers use science, circus, puppetry and imagination to give you a glimpse into history that you won’t forget.

Dinosaur Time Machine incorporates up to date science and discoveries made about dinosaurs and the world that they lived in, and presents it in a fun and highly visual way, incorporating circus, puppetry, simple narrative and imaginative play in this unique educational theatre production.

Dinosaur Time Machine has just returned from an award winning season in Adelaide where it received Best Children’s Show from Adelaide Advertiser.

Term 4 - The Wind in the Willows $8, date T.B.A.

Kenneth Graeme’s rollicking tale is one of the true enduring classics of children’s literature, and legendary Queensland theatre-makers, La Boite Theatre Company have given it a fresh coat of paint.

Join Ratty, Mole, Badger and the inescapable Mr. Toad on their journeys, trials and misadventures around the river, the Wild Woods and beyond. Featuring a magical set with plenty of surprises throughout, and playful costume and props, the performance will take creatures (small and large) on a heartfelt and humorous adventure that explores humanity, time and the value of friendship.

This touring version is a one-man show, so there will be plenty for students to appreciate and respond to in the performance and its design.
**SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE**

Two weeks down already, and we have had a District Basketball Trial, about to lead into the District Swimming Trial and also many other things on the way. I started teaching some of my health classes last week and I’m excited about where this is going to take us. We have lots to learn, and I’m sure we can have fun getting there.

Also in Week 2 we have started our Junior Swimming Lessons. Grade 1 and 2 will be completing their swimming block over the next 4 to 6 weeks, ending in a swimming exhibition. It is exciting to see how students have progressed from last year and also meeting all of our new students as well.

As we look forward, look out for the announcement of house captains or Parade next Monday Morning. Broncos are planned to visit our Grade 6 students this Wednesday.

Also, if you look forward in your calendar we have a couple of clashes with some of our Representative sports. Regional Trials for Swimming and Basketball are scheduled for the same day, so just be aware that if you are trying out for a sport, make sure that you are available to be at the trials. Otherwise you might end up being double booked?

Have a safe week.

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**Chappy’s Corner**

Welcome back to our second week of school. I hope everyone enjoyed the first week. I’m excited for what’s ahead for our school in 2017.

I would just like to remind everyone that breakfast is necessary to help children to be ready for learning. Breakfast restores glucose levels, which is essential for the brain to function. There are studies that point out that breakfast helps with memory and to improve concentration. Breakfast can also help to improve how we feel and decrease stress levels. I’m sure all these positive points about breakfast would make everyone happier. Our entire body depends on glucose to function, the brain needs energy to help children to stay focused so they are able to learn.

There is some healthy breakfast ideas at eatforhealth.gov.au.

From Chappy Annette Cousins

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

The first day for school banking will be **WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2017**, if you would like your child to take part, please call into the Commonwealth Bank and ask one of the staff about SCHOOL BANKING.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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** UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

** Monday and Wednesday — 8:30 to 9:00am**

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**IMPORTANT DATES: February 2017**

- Bronco’s visit: 1st Feb
- District Swimming: 3rd Feb
- Project Club Nominations due: 3rd Feb
- Project Club Elections: 6th Feb

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**Your Pharmacy Chinchilla**

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