Leadership in 2017

With the start of each new school year, new school leaders are elected for all sorts of duties at school. Two of the exciting leadership roles at school for students is being elected as a House Captain or Music Captain. Last Friday and yesterday after assembly, elections for House and Music Captains were held with a number of candidates putting themselves forward. Two captains and two vice captains were elected from each house and they will perform various jobs this year such as helping at carnivals and sports room duty. Our music captains will be responsible for many duties including the music on assembly each week and introducing our bands at performances. For those people who missed out, just remember that it will take more than four people to help cheer, support and encourage your team. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their peers to take on these very important roles.

Our House Captains for 2017 are: (pictured below)
Warden Captains: Brock Hammarskjold/ Lily Kennedy
Warden Vice-Captains: Marnie Clarke/ Lakala Leeding
Goroke Captains: Cooper Bevan/ Cassi West
Goroke Vice-Captains: Perceaus Mimo/ Priya Singh
Baradine Captains: Bronwyn Hicks/ Brodie Wright
Baradine Vice-Captains: Jazlyn Delier/ Jack Moffat
Marloo Captains: Adam Francis/ Sophie Harland
Marloo Vice-Captains: Aiden Cox/ Ally Chuter

Pictured right are our Music Captains for 2017 they are Mia Graham and Amity Lithgow.

Curriculum Corner with 5C

Hello from 5C with Mrs B and Mrs C! Students in 5C have had a fantastic couple of weeks back at school and we are all very enthusiastic about the year ahead and all of the wonderful things they are going to learn. 5C Students have been exceptionally busy getting to know one another and setting goals for our reading, spelling and behaviour, for the term. It has been a busy start to the year, but the A Team have settled into a great routine and have got SWAG! SWAG is our class motto for 2017!

Success Willpower Attitude Goals

Currently in English, students are reading and examining character traits in the fantasy novel ‘Forest of Silence’ by Emily Rodda. This is the first book in a very popular fantasy series. So far this novel has proven to be a rather epic adventure and all of the students are ever so eager to find out what will happen next!

In Science, we are having a lot of fun focusing on how animals and plants survive in the Australian environment. Students have been examining the structural features and behavioural adaptations that assist living things to survive in their environment. 5C students have been gathering evidence and collected data to develop explanations of how certain plants and animals adapt to their environments. They will then use this knowledge to create a creature with adaptations which are suitable for survival in a prescribed environment.

On our first day of school, students were asked “what are you looking forward to the most about Grade 5?”, and these were some of our responses:

“T’m looking forward to making new friends and improving my algorithm skills” – Lincoln

“T’m looking forward to a great year with great teachers and improving my handwriting” – Jamaine

“T’m looking forward to reaching my full potential this year, particularly in maths” – Cooper

“T’m looking forward to reaching all of my learning goals and having an awesome year with Mrs B & Mrs C” – Amity

“T’m looking forward to refining my trombone and resilience skills” – Spike.

5C- Mrs Braden & Mrs Cobb

INSERTS
- Hi 5 Insert
- Parent Teacher Night

Chinchilla State School
"All children learning to the best of their abilities"
**From the Principal’s Desk**

Yesterday morning, I had the pleasure of assisting our school captains, Harley Scutchings and Holly Sturgess as they presented our 2017 Music captains and Sports House captains with their badges. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our new captains and I thank them for displaying the courage and leadership required to step up and have a go. Well done!

I also took the opportunity to speak to our year 3 to 6 students about the importance of maintaining focus and fully committing to our five school values. It was fantastic to see so many students being acknowledged for their outstanding effort and behaviour in our school and classrooms as they came forward to collect their Hi 5 awards and their Values Tokens. Congratulations to these students also.

As our school year gets off to a flying start I am delighted to announce that we have progressed through the Day 8 process and we are in a strong position, maintaining our current staffing and classroom formations. My sincere thanks for all our families, teachers and staff for their patience, perseverance and dedication throughout this time. The first 6 days of a school year are exceptionally busy and very uncertain with enrolments arriving and moving on to new school communities. At this stage we should progress through 2017 without any major changes.

**Class Attendance**

Term 1, Week 2 overall class attendance:

- Prep – 97.14%
- Grade 2 – 96.50%
- Grade 4 – 96.26%
- Grade 6 – 97.56%

Grade 1 – 96.52%
Grade 3 – 90.26%
Grade 5 – 96.16%
Target: 100%

Congratulations to 5B for the highest attendance percentage of 98.13% for week.

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.

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**CAR PARK CLOSURE**

The two Council car parks:

- Behind our school library, and
- Next to our school hall,

that our school community has access to will be closed on **Friday, 17th February** and we will have limited access to these carparks on Thursday, 16th February.

**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
- Year 1 & 2: Wednesday, 15th February, at 6:00pm

In support of our Project Club, there will be a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the undercover area. To assist the Project Club in their organisation of this project, please complete the interest form in the Bell St Bulletin this week to help with the catering. These forms can be returned to the school office by Friday, 10th February.
PBL Update

Respect – I follow adult instructions

This week’s Value lesson will help students become aware of the importance of following adult directions. Students will be able to identify and demonstrate inappropriate and appropriate verbal and non-verbal language responses to following adult directions.

As an adult, modelling the respect children means behaving in the way you expect your children to behave. You can encourage your child to follow adult directions in the home setting also to create a respectful, safe and orderly home.

During the first fortnight, all class teachers have established 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.

School Procedures & Routines

For new parents and as a reminder to all parents, there are a number of procedures and routines to help our school run smoothly.

Listed below are some school routines:

Student Absences: If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school as soon as convenient, either by note or phone call. The school requires the reason for the absence.

School Hours: Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8:30am. Any child who arrives at school after the commencement of classes is to proceed to the Administration Office and sign the late register. Children leaving school early must be signed out by a parent or guardian. This register is located in the Administration Office.

Visitors to School: Any parent who enters the school grounds during school hours to deliver items to their child or assist in the classroom is required to sign in at the Administration Office before they go to the classroom.

Lunch Areas: All children are required to sit and eat their lunch in the designated areas at both breaks until the teacher on duty releases the children to play. The designated lunch areas are: Prep – front of Prep rooms; Years 1 – under Year 1 building and Year 2 – un under B Block; Years 4 & 6 – in the Undercover Area; and Years 3 & 5 – under ‘C’ Block.

Lunch Routine: Tuckshop operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No students are permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day.

Calendar Amendments

Year 4 Camp: 12-14 July
Year 4 Camp Payment Due: 7 June
School Performance - Dinosaur Time Machine: 15 June
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

We have completed our first week of swimming now, and half way through our second. It is fantastic to see the effort put in by some students into these lessons. We are learning quite quickly the importance of some of the basic skills that are required to help us improve. I have the very lucky opportunity to have an instructor from the pool helping out this time; the ladies at the pool are very capable, very knowledgeable and so helpful. We are going great, and all things aside, I believe it is a great start to the year, especially with how hot it is at the moment.

All other PE lessons are underway now too and are beginning to introduce some new skills or concepts to students, and for others it is a great chance to practice some imbedded skills and improve our own abilities.

Health is fun and we are beginning to bite down on the important information and really starting to prepare ourselves for the assessment. Teachers are also doing lots of work on how we are presenting this sort of information for parents and students, and it will be exciting to see how this helps us improve.

Lost Property

Our lost property bins regularly over flow with water bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers, hats, etc. if your child has misplaced something, please feel free to look in our lost property bins for it.

Named items are returned to child/ren’s classroom and all remaining items will be donated to charity, if not collected prior to the end of this term.

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.


STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents/ Caregivers, 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 in 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.

Tuckshop Roster

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Candice Hanney
Amanda Maguire
Natalie Ennis

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

Monday and Wednesday — 8:30 to 9:00am

IMPORTANT DATES: February 2017

- Meet the Teachers Years 3-4 @ 3pm — 14th Feb
- Meet the Teachers Years 5-6 @ 3pm — 14th Feb
- Meet the Teachers Prep @ 3pm — 15th Feb
- Meet the Teachers Years 1-2 @ 3pm — 15th Feb
- P&C AGM Meeting @ 6pm Resource Centre — 22nd Feb