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 one of the school parent bodies, of which there are a number. Parent involvement in school encourages children to have a positive attitude to their learning and so is richly rewarded.

Leadership in 2016

The school captains for 2016 were announced at Presentation Day last year when the incoming captains received their badges.

The school captains for 2016 are:
- Captains: Max Hart and Jordan Fox
- Vice-Captains: Cameron Rollings and Faith Hurley

Student Medication

Parents, if you had a child/ren who required medication administered at school last year, we ask you to please come to the front office to collect the remaining medication, as medications can’t be held or used again this year. Upon your children’s return to school in 2016, you will need to complete a new “Medicine Administration Advice” form and the accompanying medication needs to be in a Pharmacy Labeled container so the school can administer it. If your child requires Ventolin but is capable and confident to administer their own, a form is available from the office. This is required to be filled out for your child to Administer their own Ventolin.

INSERTS

- High Five Awards
- 2016 Parent Calendar
- Parent Handbook
- Behaviour Agreement
- Scholastic Book Club Flyer
- Student Banking Application Pack
From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Chinchilla State School for the 2016 school year.

What a fantastic start to our school year it has been, as we have welcomed so many new students, including approximately eighty Prep students to our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the parents of our early years students for their understanding around our school swimming program which has started already. Swimming is an important part of our school curriculum, to mention a vital life skill, and we like to get our students into the water quite early in the year.

Parents, yesterday was the first of our two official Staffing Enrolment Collection days – Day 4 and Day 8. On Day 4 all schools submit their current enrolment numbers at that point in time to Central Office in Brisbane and then again on Day 8. At 12 o'clock on Friday the 5th of February we will submit our final numbers and our staffing will be calculated at that time for the remainder of the 2016 school year. Can I please ask that you are super vigilant in ensuring your children are in full attendance or if sick, that you contact the school at your earliest convenience to assist us in this process as it truly does come down to the individual student.

Finally, may I please take this opportunity to welcome all our new staff, families and students to our school. I hope your time at Chinchilla State School is a very rewarding one.

Welcome one and all!

Library News

We will be kicking off our love of reading at CSS with issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club. At CSS, we use the L.O.O.P system for purchasing book club.

There is even an app to make the payment process pain free. Please see the information included in this bulletin if you are a first time user. Cash payments will not be accepted. Purchases through Book Club fuel your child's love of reading and helps resource our school library. Catalogues will be sent home on 2nd Feb and orders will close on the following Tuesday 9th Feb.

School Banking will resume tomorrow Wednesday the 3rd of February.

Curriculum Corner with 5B

Less than a week in to the school year and the students of 5B have hit the ground running. They have returned fresh faced, revitalised and ready to learn. Their books have been labelled neatly with exciting subjects that await to be explored throughout the year and new friendships have been forged. All signs point to a great year to be had.

Curriculum-wise Term One for 5B will be a blast. In Science, students will become mini botanists as they search signs of animal life around the school. They will analyse creatures and identity adaptations used to survive in extreme environments (so move over Dear Grylls), Geography lessons will take students on an overseas adventure to the continents of Europe and North America. There they will learn about the different landforms, climates and communities. Trolls, goblins and dragons will be visiting our classroom as fantasy narratives will be the focus of English. Students will get to author their own short narrative putting their imaginations to the ultimate test. On top of all this, students have engaging experiences planned for them in Maths, Health, The Arts, Technology, PE, LOTE and also a brand new subject called ‘Economics and Business’ with which to wrap their brains around.

5B have a big year in store from them, but I’m confident the brilliant bunch summoned to be part of 5B for 2016 will rise to the challenge with smiles on their faces.
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

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 in future success.

This year the school will continue to communicate positive behaviour expectations with all students through weekly lessons. We emphasise the importance of directly teaching students the behaviour words that they need 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 behaviour 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 93.7% 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 47% 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 1.5% of our students require intensive support.

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. Chinchilla State 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 reasons for the decision with their children and support the wearing of hats with a brim.

School bucket hats are available from the Tuckshop.

The School Day

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

The break times are as follows:

**Prep & Years 1-2**

- 8:00am  School day begins
- 11:00 – 11:40am  First Break
- 1:30 – 2:00pm  Second Break
- 3:00pm  End of school day

**Years 3 - 6**

- 8:00am  School day begins
- 10:30 – 11:00am  First Break
- 1:00 – 1:40pm  Second Break
- 3:00pm  End of school day

Chinchilla State School’s P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school and has two representatives on the PBL Committee, Mrs Tanya Kiddle & Mrs Leanne Evans.
P & C Tuckshop and Uniform News

Welcome back to another exciting school year. I do hope that everyone has had a nice relaxing break. Our tuckshop reopened last Friday and continues to operate as per usual every Wednesday and Friday. Last week your child took home a copy of our Term 1 menu. If you do not receive a copy of this menu please feel free to pick one up from the school office or tuckshop as there is a couple of new menu items available, as well as two new packs for this term.

To help our tuckshop to run a little more efficiently I am asking that all students please use a separate bag for both 1st and 2nd break, clearly labelled with 1st or 2nd break, their name and their class along with items to be ordered and if they require change. Also, please remember not to use any sticky tape or staples on bags.

A tuckshop volunteer letter was sent home last week. If you are able to spare any time at all please fill in this volunteer form and return it to the school office or tuckshop as soon as possible. Our tuckshop can only operate with a team of wonderful volunteers. Our uniform shop will have some new opening days and hours in 2016. It will now be open every Tuesday morning from 8:30am to 9am and then again every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm – 3pm. If you are unable to make it on these days you may fill in an order form. You will then need to place this order form along with payment into a yellow envelope, which will then need to be placed into the uniform box located in the school office. Order forms and yellow envelopes are both available from the school office. These orders will then be filled within the week and items along with any change will be delivered to your child’s classroom for them to bring home.

Thank you in advance for your support with these changes.

Regards
Kathryn Trundle
Tuckshop convenor/Uniform coordinator

---

School Procedures and 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 classrooms 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 – in front of Prep rooms, Years 1 & 2 - under Year 1 building; Years 3 & 4 – in the Undercover Area; and Years 5 & 6 – under ‘C’ Block.

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

---

**School Swimming**

Parents are reminded that Term 1 swimming began last week, on Friday 28 January. Only students in Years 1 & 2 will be swimming during Term 1. Year 3-6 students will swim in Term 4.

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.

Swimsuits 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.

---

**Tuckshop Roster**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wed 3.2.16</th>
<th>Fri 5.2.16</th>
<th>Wed 10.2.16</th>
<th>Fri 12.2.16</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jessica Townsend</td>
<td>Tanika Stewart</td>
<td>Dianne Smith</td>
<td>Leanne Evans</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natasha Lindsay</td>
<td>Help Needed</td>
<td>Morgan Friebance</td>
<td>Jessica Townsend</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help Needed</td>
<td></td>
<td>Help Needed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please note: Panda Biscuits still out of stock

---

**IMPORTANT DATES: Feb 2016**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Day 9</td>
<td>5th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meet the Teachers: 3-6</td>
<td>9th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meet the Teachers: P-2</td>
<td>10th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2 Sleepover Payment Due</td>
<td>19th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P &amp; C AGM Meeting 5pm</td>
<td>24th Feb</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Support Your School’s P&C Be a Volunteer**

A Great Way to Meet New Friends