Student Leadership

Last week our senior students voted on the House Captain & Music Captain positions for 2016. We congratulate all students who nominated for one of these positions.

Our House Captains for 2016 are:

Warren Captains: Cody Scoulter and Kobi Jenkins
Warren Vice-Captains: Halee Kliedon and Victoria McCullough
Goroke Captains: Keegan Luckraft and Seraphina Dickman
Goroke Vice-Captains: Brody Thompson and Brooke Barber
Baradine Captains: Patrick Dobel and Ashlee Sturgess
Baradine Vice-Captains: Shaun Paterson and Courtney McConville
Marloo Captains: Lachlan Maloney and Kate Smith
Marloo Vice-Captains: Marcus Fortier and Dana Hart

Meet the Teacher

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 Resource Centre. 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, 9th February, at 5:00pm
- Years 5 & 6 - Tuesday, 9th February, at 6:00pm
- Prep - Wednesday, 10th February, at 5:00pm
- Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday, 10th February, at 6:00pm

Thank You Brown’s Carpets

The Prep Class would like to thank Browns Carpets for kindly donating new carpet squares to the school for the Perceptual Motor Program. The carpet squares are used in various activities to help the children develop their gross motor and co-ordination skills. Thankyou!

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:
Tuesday between 8:30 and 9:00am.
Wednesday between 2:30 and 3:00 pm

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- High Five Awards
- Junior Rugby League flyer
- Year 1 and 2 Amended Swimming Flier
- P & C Flyer
Dear Parents,

Last Friday was Day 8 for all State schools in Queensland. Day 8 is the day each year when school principals submit their active enrolment numbers as part of the annual staffing enrolment collection. It is on Day 8 each year that schools are formally notified as to how many classroom teachers they will have for the year. As we continue to grow and prosper here at Chinchilla State School, it was no surprise to find myself submitting our current enrolment number at 531 students. With enrolments this high, we have been fortunate enough to be given another classroom teacher for the 2016 school year, which takes our total classes to 24.

It is always a challenging time when schools have to create or reduce a class as a direct result of Day 8 numbers. There is a detailed need to make the adjustments, move the children into their new room with their new teacher and settle everyone back down again so as to not disrupt the teaching and learning process for students any more than absolutely necessary.

Here at Chinchilla State School we were fortunate to be able to split our P/1 class and make a straight Prep and a straight Year one class. We also split our two Year 1/2 composite classes making a straight Year 1 and a straight Year 2 class. Based on our high enrolments we then made a Year 1/2 composite class to ensure that our class sizes across our school were as small as possible. I look forward to welcoming our new teacher to our school in the coming days when he or she is appointed. May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our staff and families for their understanding, patience and commitment to our school throughout this challenging time.

Mosquitos

Since the rain last week, we have noticed an increase of mosquitos. To assist our students being comfortable throughout the school day, families may consider applying an insect repellent to their children at the start of the day. Please do not send insect repellent to school due to other students with possible allergies.

Curriculum Corner with 3/4D

“Welcome to our classroom!”

Year 3/4D would like to extend a happy and enthusiastic “Hello” to the readers of this week’s Curriculum Corner. We have been extremely busy in the classroom already this term; setting up our room, allocating jobs, beginning our school work and making lots of new friends. So far, we have been working very hard on our five school values and focussing on the belonging value. We have come up with a class mantra; FRED: Friendly, Respectful, Energetic and Determined. We enjoy being FRED’s!

This term for English we are learning about persuasive texts. We’re hoping to try out our new skills in persuasion on the people around us to really understand how important this genre of writing is – practice makes perfect! We have started literacy groups encompassing all aspects of literacy and are beginning to work hard on our reading and spelling through fun, interactive and engaging lessons.

For Mathematics this term we are focussing on units of measurement and number and place value. We love Maths in 3/4D and we are always wanting to do more.

The other key learning area we are really excited to learn about is Technology and Design where we will have to repurpose an item of clothing. Our minds are already swirling with great ideas for example; turning an old boot into a pot plant!

We hope to have a really exciting and eventful term in 3/4D as we strive to be the best FRED’s possible.
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 student’s focus lesson was on the arrival and departure of the school day. Many students travel to and from the school by bus, some ride bikes or scooters, others walk and many students travel by car. After assembly on Monday, those students who travel by bus met in the bus shelter for their value’s lesson while all other students returned to class for their value’s lesson.

This week the value lesson reflects our respect value with a focus on following adult directions.

A respectful, orderly, and safe school is the foundation for a successful learning environment. Children and adults have a right to expect standards of behaviour which allow teaching and learning to take place, and which make school a happy and respectful place for all.

This week’s Value lesson will help students become aware of the importance of following adult directions whilst at school and other social settings. 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 behaviours of respect for 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 been 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.

School Performances

Students are able to attend a range of ‘school performances’ each year. These are staged generally in our school hall at a cost of $5 to $10 per performance per student.

School performances are delivered from a variety of organizations such as Artslink 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 1 – Chores, $6, 25th February (Payment is due by 18/02/16)**

This slapstick acrobatic show is about a boy who hates doing his chores. This show gives students opportunities to explore tenacity, teamwork, trust and cooperation.

**Term 2 – Funky Chicken, $8, date-T.B.A**

This literacy-based show is designed to invite children to read for the joy of reading. Students will be challenged and inspired to pursue their own dreams.

**Term 3 – Thoughts Have Feelings Too, $8, date-T.B.A.**

A gentle and funny performance that teaches students how to talk positively about the feelings they experience in their day-to-day lives in a primary school environment.

**Term 4 – Have You Ever Heard A Wombat Sing? $8, date-T.B.A.**

Students will go on a journey with two singer songwriters who are passionate about music and how music can express what you believe and what you feel.
**SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE**

Hello and Welcome to Sport for 2016. As it is the start of a new year it is a great time to remember the purpose of sport in our school and our district. This year we will be looking at a number of different sports including: cricket, soccer, Oz tag, athletics and swimming. Our preppies have an exciting year ahead with physical activity. They will be learning how to move, how to play together and hopefully enjoy being physically active.

Yesterday we had a big day with District swimming in the morning and Basketball trials in the afternoon. We were very busy but everyone involved had a great day.

I hope you are all looking forward to a great year in sport.

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**Year 1-2 Swimming Exhibition**

This event has been moved forward by one week. The new date is Friday, 26th February.

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**Chinchilla Tennis Association Inc.**

Friday Night Junior Tennis for Primary & High School Students

**Commencing Friday, 12th February @ 5:30pm**

Tennis Courts, Boyd Street

Enquiries: Rita Paerau, 0428 720 743 (After Hours)

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**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:

**Parking at the School**

There is a school zone around Chinchilla State School for drivers to reduce their speed to 40km for the safety of our school children.

A designated bus zone in Bell Street is from the corner of Colamba St through to the house next to the school in Bell Street. No parking is permitted in this area from 8:30am to 9:00am and again at 3:00pm to 3:30pm. This is for the safety of our school children.

We ask all families not to encourage their children to cross any roads other than at the corner. This is dangerous behaviour. Crossing from the middle of the road near parked cars or between buses is risky behaviour which can result in serious injury. We ask families to support the school in teaching their children to cross the road in a safe manner.

Children are only to cross Bell Street or Colamba Street at the corners with the Crossing Supervisors. To avoid any accident, we ask parents not to direct their child across the middle of these streets. All students must follow the direction of these supervisors when crossing the road. **This is for the safety of our school children.**

In Colamba Street there are two designated parking bays for disabled persons and another one parking bay for handicapped drivers. You must display an authorised disabled parking permit in your windshield to park in these areas. **This is for the safety of our school children and school community.**

To avoid any accident, we also ask parents not to double park along Colamba Street. **This is for the safety of our school children and school community.**

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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