Curriculum Corner with 1B

It has been a big start to the year with swimming in the first few weeks and very hot weather. The students have been working hard despite being tired.

We are writing every day, retelling events from stories and making personal connections with what we read. Reading groups have started every Tuesday to Friday mornings and we are learning about teen numbers and counting in 2s in Mathematics. Our big challenge is learning to complete tasks within a set period of time! However, despite being told they are working too hard, all the students are working fantastically well.

In history we have been learning about the past and the present. The students have been talking about toys and games people played in the past and what they play now. Unfortunately, Mrs Brady is old and showed the students some of the games she played at primary school (marbles and elastics).

I was informed by many excited students that some of their parents, or grandparents played the same games. So we all had some fun playing some games from the past.
From the Principal’s Desk

Yesterday morning our leadership team were host to our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Adam Myers who dropped in to pay us a visit. Mr Myers and I worked through the leadership expectations and the annual developing performance processes, and the view to working towards a very prosperous 2017 for all students and staff here at Chinchilla State School.

In our last Bulletin I spoke about our ongoing work with Dr Lyn Sharratt. As part of Adam’s visit he took our leadership team on a walk around our school that was focused on strategically questioning children in classrooms to gauge a detailed understanding of how the teaching and learning cycles across the school are going in terms of consistency from room to room. The breakdown of instructions and information around learning intent for children and the efficiency of feedback to children were also of focus.

Over the years I am sure as parents we have all heard of Explicit Instruction, and would have seen the WALT (We are Learning to), WILF (What I’m looking for) and TIB (This is because...) posters in our classrooms. Dr Sharratt uses a similar model that involves a two-step process (Learning Intent – What is the actual intent of the curriculum and my lesson?) and (Success Criteria – What do children of all ability levels need to be able to demonstrate to show they have been successful and do they know?). The questioning process asks these five questions:

- What are you learning today?
- How well are you doing?
- How do you know that’s how you are going?
- How can you improve? and finally,
- Where will you go for help?

These five easy questions are vital for ongoing school and classroom improvement. Does the child actually know what he or she is learning and have they fully understood my instructions? Can they articulate how they are going and how they know they are being successful and why? Is the feedback I am giving to the children strong enough to ensure they fully understand the learning journey, and do they have enough strategies to seek assistance in the classroom beyond simply putting up their hand?

As parents we all question our children at the end of the school day with a simple, “How was your day?” Generally we get a, ‘Good’, ‘Ok’ or ‘Alright’ response. As we move forward in 2017 I encourage our parents to try and dig

Class Attendance

Term 1, Week 5 overall class attendance:
- Prep – 92.45%
- Grade 1 – 90.22%
- Grade 2 – 87.94%
- Grade 3 – 90.73%
- Grade 4 – 93.41%
- Grade 5 – 91.95%
- Grade 6 – 94.79% Target 95%

Congratulations to 93 for the highest attendance percentage of 99.13% for week 5.

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

Coloured Bulk Bill Form

There are a number of Bulk Bill Forms still outstanding. All students have received one of these coloured forms to take home from their class teacher.

If you have one at home can you please return it to the office ASAP so invoices can be raised and sent home. If you have not received one from your child/ren, please come into the front office to complete one. School Performance Events are to be paid, prior to your child/ren attending.

Value Champion recipients from Year 2 at yesterday’s assembly.

Value Champion recipients from Year 1 at yesterday’s assembly.
PBL Update

Respect - Respect others’ right to learn

At Chinchilla State School, every student has a right to participate and learn, not just those who are more assertive. Each day, students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

This week’s Value lesson teaches students to respect others’ right to learn, by raising their hands to speak. Students will be encouraged to control their own behaviour and show respect for the feelings and rights of others, by raising their hands to speak.

It is important that students raise their hands to speak, as students who participate achieve higher than those who don’t. Allowing students to call out gives socially confident students an unfair advantage. Shy or less confident students, then, are left feeling unwelcome and disconnected from the rest of the class.

Encouraging students to raise their hands to speak discourages selfishness in a supportive environment where all students have a voice and can learn.

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:

Assemblies:

School assembly is held every Monday morning at 8:45am. Students in Prep to Year 2 attend the assembly held in the Undercover Area while the students in Years 3 to 6 meet in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Both assemblies are presented by either the Principal or Deputy Principal with the student school leaders. A whole school assembly will be held at the start of each term in the Multi-Purpose Hall and for special events throughout the year.

This is the time when notices and announcements are made and student achievements are publicly acknowledged. Parents are invited to attend.

Lunches

Healthy lunches are key to improving learning and development.

If you are packing sealed foods, please check that your child can open the packet. Alternatively, cut the edge of the packet in the morning at home so that your child can easily tear and open the packet themselves.

If you are packing tinned food, please check that your child can open the tin themselves. Alternatively, place the contents into a small plastic container with a sealable lid that your child can open themselves.

If the food you pack requires a fork or spoon, please remember to put this into your child’s lunchbox. Unfortunately, the school does not provide these utensils.

Non School Items

To ensure personal items are not stolen, lost or broken, we do ask all students to leave their personal, non-school items at home. All mobile phones and electronic devices must be handed to the office upon arrival each morning and can be collected at 3pm.

To help ensure school staff are focusing on learning outcomes for our students, we do ask parents to help us in this matter.
Sports with Mr Clarke

More District Trials are upon us. Next week we have NETBALL, RUGBY LEAGUE and SOCCER trials happening. District Trials are for students turning 10, 11 or 12. Rugby League is special, due to legislation and guidelines, only students who are 11 or 12 this year are eligible. Students have been asked to see Mr Clarke if they are interested. If there is significant interest there may be a trial process involved, however expect notice to come home later this week with information regarding these trials, if your child nominated for it.

Congratulations to the swimmers who went to Charleville on Friday. Our District Team composed of 6 students who attended the carnival. From Chinchilla State School in particular we had Hailey Scutchings, Nathan Rollings, Emily Szwoda, Zarah Szwoda and Alice Iverson. All of these students did really well, and without having seen the official results yet, I firmly believe we had a couple of Personal Best times swam on the day. However stand outs were Emily Szwoda, Alice Iverson and Nathan Rollings, as they have progressed to the next level of competition. Waiting on results from the convenor as to which events specifically they have made it in for but they were successful. Also special mention to Nathan Rollings and Alice Iverson as they were awarded Age Champion medals on the day.

Chappy’s Corner

Food For Thought:

Is there someone in your life who has greatly upset you? Does the mention of their name cause you to become angry? If this is the case, then the following words of wisdom will release you from that burden.

‘Talking about every little irritation and piece of gossip only keeps the fires of anger going. Refusing to discuss them cuts the fuel line and makes the fires die out.’ (Life Application Study Bible)

When thoughts of past hurts come into your head, don’t allow them to control your mood and steal your peace of mind. Take control of your life back and deliberately distract your mind with doing something positive.

This might be: going for a walk, doing housework, playing some music or doing something fun with your family, whatever works best for you. The more you practice this, the easier it will become to leave the past in the past and to enjoy your present.

Project Club Raffle

The lucky winner for the signed Broncos Jersey is:

Mr Niwa Morl

Congratulations and a huge thank you to all those people who brought a ticket to help support our Project Club.

IMPORTANT DATES: March 2017

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UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:
Monday and Wednesday — 8.30 to 9.00am