Curriculum Corner with ACES

Wow! What a busy term we have had at BCP! We have grown substantially in numbers, which is awesome for our kids and school’s development around young children with special needs.

This term, we have been focussing on an ‘Under the Sea’ theme. The children have been working their little finger muscles very hard during fine motor activities of cutting, gluing, painting and playdough as well as working their big muscles in gross motor activities outside in our playground.

The students have weekly visits to the library, where they can borrow and return books, and recognise this as part of the school routine. Setting routines is crucial in any small child’s development, so we have the perfect opportunity to begin to do this at school, in the school environment. We eat our brain food during class, have inside and outside time and break with the P-2 students for lunch. The students pack up and return to class when our school ‘hooter’ goes, just like the rest of the students.

A few weeks ago, we had a special visit from Blazer Bear, who all the children adored! We got to have a look at the fire-truck and all the big equipment and helmets they use. It was very exciting!

We are planning an even more exciting theme in Term 2 and cannot wait to get started! If you have a child, or know someone who has a child who is not yet at school and they have a disability, speech impairment or social issues, please don’t hesitate to contact the school to talk to our HCSES about their possible inclusion to early intervention. This program is fantastic to prepare these children for school.

Concert Band

Yesterday at assembly we had the privilege of listening to the concert band perform.

A big Thank You to Miss Holmes and the Concert Band for playing us one of your musical pieces.

Run Around Australia

Begins next term:

Tuesday, 12th April at 8:45am.

Run Around Australia is part of Chinchilla State School’s physical education program. Students have the opportunity to raise their fitness level three mornings a week prior to the school’s cross country and obstacle course events.

Run Around Australia is run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. It starts at the same time as parade worlds of a Monday which is 8:45. The bell rings at 8:45 to signal students to head to their starting areas (they will have discussed with their teachers where they will meet). As soon as the majority of students are in place the hooter will sound from the oval to begin the running. We are keeping tally of which class is running the most laps this year, and also which students are leading their class.

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- High Five Awards
- Tuckshop Volunteer form
- P&C Winter Uniform order form
Welcome to the final edition of the Bell Street Bulletin for Term 1 2016. This term has been a very busy one, to say the least!

Congratulations to Holly and Ashlee Sargee who represented Chinchilla State School on the weekend at the Far North Queensland Show jumping Competition. Ashlee was the champion in the primary aged oom division, winning all three events. Holly received 6th overall in the second division, placing 3rd in her three events. Congratulations and well done, girls!

As we move towards the school holiday period, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our staff for all of their tremendous effort that goes towards assisting our students here at Chinchilla State School to become the best they can be.

I would also commend our parents and students on their hard work, determination and success for this school term. Our school is a very exciting place to work and study, and it is when we all come together in support of one another that great things happen. Thank you!

At the end of this week, Mrs Lisa Braden will be taking well-earned maternity leave, as she and her husband begin their young family. A very special congratulations and all the best to the Braden family.

Mrs Carol Schultz, our Guidance Officer is moving on from our school as of the 17th. Mrs Schultz has taken a Guidance position in Stanthorpe, where she can be at home with her family. Our new Guidance Officer, Natalie Kefferd will take up her position here as of the 17th of April. As the principal of Chinchilla State School, I know I speak on behalf of all our staff, students and families in congratulating both Mr and Mrs Braden, and welcoming Mrs Carol Schultz as she moves on with her career.

As we enter the vacation period, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and restful holiday, and I hope the time with your family is a very rewarding one.

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:

Valuables at School:
If it is necessary for students to have money at school, they should carry it in secure pockets in their clothing. Purses and loose coins are easily lost and, unfortunately, not easily found.

Precious toys, personal sporting equipment and expensive items are best left at home. They can be lost or broken at school. Students who bring non-school personal items to school do so on their own risk. School staff will not be responsible for investigating the loss or damage to these items. For safety and security reasons, jewellery should not be worn during the school day.

Please note: During contact sport or swimming, it is Departmental policy and Workplace Health and Safety Policy that NO EARRINGS or other jewellery be worn (including watches).

Mobile phones/electronic equipment (eg camera, iPod):
Parents/caregivers are requested not to send this equipment to school with their children. Students who do bring this equipment to school do so at their own risk. If a mobile phone is necessary, the children are required to hand the phone to the office. Inappropriate mobile phone use will be dealt with seriously. Please ensure names are clearly marked on each item.

Class Attendance

Week 8 overall class attendance:

- Prep - 60%
- Grade 1 - 84%
- Grade 2 - 88%
- Grade 3 - 87%
- Grade 4 - 90%
- Grade 5 - 92%
- Grade 6 - 86%

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

Koala Cubs

Is your child 0-5 years old?
Come along to our
Wednesday morning activities from 9:15am to 10:30am.
Starting: Wednesday 13th April 2016
Taking 2017 Prep Enrolments NOW
Phone 4672 9222
PBL Update

Safety: Hands, feet and other objects to self

Here at Chinchilla State School we are committed to providing a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment for students and staff. We are also committed to providing an environment where students learn. This week’s school Value will focus on keeping hands, feet and other objects to ourselves.

When children are involved in an environment where fair play and safety is emphasised, they experience how important it is to keep their hands, feet and other objects to themselves.

This week’s Value lesson will help children identify what a positive relationship is, how to create positive relationships, effective social skills and emotional resilience, which is essential for success in life.

Congratulations to the students of Q5. These students have been striving to display all of our school values and have now reached 500 Give Them A Hand slips. This first milestone awards them with a class reward on their journey in becoming self-managed learners. Well done students!

Social media and the school community

Take some time to research online networks and mobile apps, in particular the:

- terms of use
- common features and terminology
- policies for the removal of content
- privacy settings.

Search online networks for useful links such as safety centres, forms for reporting inappropriate content and terms and conditions. It may be helpful to bookmark these pages.

What if I encounter problem content?

Taking the following steps may help resolve the issue in a constructive way:

- refrain from responding
- take a screen capture or print a copy of the concerning online content
- if you consider problem content to be explicit, pornographic or exploitative of minors, you should keep a record of the URL of the page containing that content but NOT print or share it. The URL can be provided to the school principal, or police, as needed for escalation of serious concerns.
- block the offending user
- report the content to the social media provider.

Keeping the use of social media positive and constructive will continue to be published in next week’s Bell Street Bulletin.


P&C Meeting

There will be a General Meeting at 6pm this Wednesday, 23rd March, in the school Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Banking

There will be NO School Banking this week. It will resume the first week of Term 2.
Chappy Corner

Over the years I have spoken with several students, staff, members and parents who have had to face the very frightening situation of being diagnosed as having a life threatening illness.

How do you think you would cope if you had to face a similar crisis?

At first you might feel bitter and even angry but after the initial feelings of shock have passed, there is a good chance that you would discover an inner strength that you never knew existed, as well as a greatly increased awareness of what really matters in life.

You might have heard of people who have gone through this type of situation and who have actually come to a point where they have admitted that a part of them is almost glad that they went through this trial because it taught them to not take life for granted, the way they used to do.

Isn’t it a sad fact that some of us have to face the possibility of losing our lives before we actually start to appreciate the many good aspects that our lives are filled with?

Please don’t take your life for granted. Take the time to consider the blessings that your days are filled with. If there are people in your life that mean a lot to you, then let them know that and treat them well. If there are problems in your life that need fixing, make an effort to sort out those difficulties, instead of just allowing them to continue. Look after your health and treat your body wisely. Take control of the quality of your life and enjoy it to the fullest.

A message from Chappy

Annette Cousins

Tuckshop Roster

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Please note: Pandas Biscuits are still out of stock

**IMPORTANT DATES: March/April 2016**

- Celebration Day / Last Day of Term: 24th March
- Term 2 Commences: 11th April
- Parent Teacher Meetings: 11th-22nd April
- Run-Around Australia: 12th April
- CSS Koala Cuts: 13th April

**Easter Sports Clinic**

Rugby & Cricket
Free Holiday Coaching

**When:** Tuesday 29 March

**Time:** 9am to 1pm

**Where:** Roma Echidna Rugby Union Club

**Who:** For children aged 7-14 years

Trial cricket and rugby in the one day. Presented by qualified expert coaches. Morning tea and lunch provided. Lunch to follow the clinic.

For enquiries contact Jarrod Turner 0422 234 777

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