ANZAC Service

The school held its ANZAC Day Service last Thursday morning which was led by the school captains.

ANZAC Day is a time for us to reflect and remember all those men and women who have served and who are serving in conflicts and peacekeeping operations around the world, all in the name of freedom.

Mr Don Allan, representative of the Chinchilla RSL Sub-branch, was one of our guests at this year’s service. He reflected on his school years at Pelican and how many of his classmates went to war. He said although a number of people from his school went to war, many of them didn’t return.

It is 100 years since the legend of the ANZACs began and also the establishment of the Returned Service League (RSL). Mr Allen reminded students of the purpose behind ANZAC Day and how our relationship with New Zealand was formed and cemented firmly through comradeship and fighting for the common goal of freedom.

We also thank Chaplain Annette Cousins for delivering the “Prayer of Remembrance”, to our special guests, Mr Don Allan and Mr John Moffit, both from the Chinchilla RSL Branch, to Mrs Maria Cousins for playing the “Last Post” and “Rouse”, and to Antonia Roma for the “Welcome to Country.”

Curriculum Corner with PB

Welcome to Prep B – settling back into school.
Over the last two weeks we have been so busy learning our sounds, getting settled back into school life and our new routines as well as enjoying being with our school friends.

We have started our writing and reading rotations where students have been enjoying responding to fairy tale texts, including practising our phonemes for these letters to help with reading. We are using the iPads and computers for Reading Eggs to reinforce our learning. If you would like to use this online program at home, please come in and see me. In Maths students have been focusing on learning about 3D shapes as well as sorting and counting.

Students have been thoroughly enjoying buddy time on Monday afternoons where we have been listening to our buddies reading as well as reading to our buddies.

In Science we have been learning about materials and their properties by investigating as junior scientists. We have also been exploring the playground and using our observation skills.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:
Wednesday between 8.30 – 9.00am and 2.30–3.00 pm

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- High Five Awards
- Mother’s Day Stall Price List
From the Principal's Desk

Many parents have recently shared with me their concerns about the future of our Early Childhood Development Programs (ECDPs) during the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Chinchilla State School has a long history of supporting children with disability through early intervention and we are awaiting further information from the federal agency responsible for delivering the NDIS, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), on what kind of support will be available under the new scheme.

The Minister for Education, Kate Jones, has been meeting with and listening to parents, principals and school staff who have all expressed concerns about the transition. Like us, she is concerned that the NDIA has not provided information to principals, school staff and parents who rely on ECDPs.

An urgent teleconference with Queensland's school principals on Friday 15 April was held by the Minister so she could directly hear our views and answer questions. We explained to the Minister that the lack of information is causing distress and anxiety for families and staff.

Following the teleconference, the Minister wrote to the Federal Minister responsible for disability services, Christian Porter, calling on him to immediately act and start providing information directly to Queensland families.

The Minister called on Minister Porter to guarantee that children will receive the same, if not more support under the NDIS – as promised. Along with Minister Jones, we all want the transition to be as smooth as possible.

The Minister wants to ensure every child receives the same level of care and support, or better, than they do now. Minister Jones has committed to keeping ECDPs open until 2020 or until all children in ECDPs have transitioned to high quality schools or to other early intervention providers.

In 2020 we will be in a position to make a decision about the long-term requirement for ECDPs as we will know if the transition has worked and every family is supported.

During this four-year transition, ECDPs will continue to take new enrolments and operate as they are now until we know that the NDIS is able to meet the early intervention needs of Queensland children.

The Minister assured us she will continue to listen to parents, principals and staff and will advocate on our behalf to ensure we receive the information we need from the Commonwealth Government and the NDIA.

PBL Update

Belonging Value: Give positive feedback

Giving positive feedback leads to improvement and growth in a person, and a little positivity goes a long way.

This week our value is to give positive feedback. With classrooms gearing up for assessment time, it is important to celebrate each other’s successes and provide support in areas where needed. Some simple tips when giving positive feedback include:

- Create a safe, trusting relationship and environment:
  - Create opportunities to build confidence and skills.
  - Provide both formal and informal feedback

- Be positive:
  - Provide examples and instead of saying “don’t do this” try “it might help if you do this…”
  - Follow up on suggestions and feedback

- Be specific:
  - Clear, simple and direct feedback
  - “It’s great when…”

- Be immediate with feedback:
  - “In the moment” feedback is more likely to be taken on board

- Be honest:
  - Honesty is the best policy

Above all, a positive interaction will always have the best chance of a positive outcome.

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.

Class Attendance

Term 2, Week 2 overall class attendance:

- Prep - 90%
- Grade 1 - 91%
- Grade 2 - 94%
- Grade 3 - 93%
- Grade 4 - 91%
- Grade 5 - 93%
- Grade 6 - 92%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 3A for the highest attendance percentage of 99.7% for week 2.

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

Access to Administration and Staff:
Visitors to the school are very welcome. To ensure staff and administration personnel are available for discussion, it is necessary to make an appointment. Should you wish to speak to members of the Administration team, please call or visit the front counter first. Appointments should be made to speak to the Principal to ensure that she is available and that your discussions will not be interrupted.

Before School:
Children must use marked crossings on the way to school and obey the crossing supervisors.

Verandas, ramps, stairs and classrooms are out of bounds. Students must sit under "C" Block adjacent to the Administration building. They must remain seated in this area until the bell is rung at 8:30am. Students are then able to move around the school until the bell rings at either 8:45am on Monday or 8:35am on other days. HOWEVER, THE BACK CUNIT AREA BEHIND AND BEHIND THE LIBRARY ARE OUT OF BOUNDS. No balls are to be kicked during this time and the use of all forts in the school is not permitted.

Bell Times/School Hours:
First Bell (Monday) 8:45am
First Bell (Tuesday-Friday) 8:35am
School Starts 9:00am
End of School Day 3:00pm

Chinchilla State School P & C Association
Mothers Day Raffle
This year the P&C have been very fortunate to receive a donation from one of our school mums, Krystal Otto and family, for a Mothers Day Raffle.

Krystal and her family have kindly donated a wonderful Tupperware Picnic set that will be on display in the front office.

Raffle Tickets are $1 each and are available for purchase at the front office. Tickets will also be available at the Mothers Day Stall which will be held on Thursday May 5.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday May 6 just in time for one very lucky mum to receive it on her special day.

Thank you for supporting the Chinchilla State School P&C Association.

Social media and the school community
Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?

- Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.
- While many schools use social media to update parents on school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.
- If you have raised an issue with a school or know that another person has, consider refraining from discussing these details on social media, particularly the names of anyone involved.
- Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email.

If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child’s learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.

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


Chappy’s Corner
Hi Everyone,
It has been a busy first few weeks. Everyone is busy with what’s going on in their lives. So much goes on within the school community. I try and participate in as many aspects of the school as possible. Social and emotional support is one of the key role areas of Chaplaincy. Chaplains focus on promoting students wellbeing. Chaplains help students in the early stages of their development so they are better equipped to manage issues in their latter years. My services are available to everyone within the school community.

From
Chappy Annetae Cousins
CHINCHILLA STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION 2016 MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

This year’s Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday May 5. This stall provides students with an opportunity to buy a small gift for their wonderful mum.

This year we have sourced all gifts from local businesses!

We are very lucky to have some very talented mums and teachers at our school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally Harth (Lilac Apple), Karen Scouller, Carla Fogwell (Sakara Accessories), Bec Iselein, (Wix n Wax) and Chinchilla IGA for helping to provide local and delightful gifts!

Price lists will be provided to the classrooms during the week leading up to the stall so that students are able to make their choice prior to the day and that correct money can be sent along on the day. A price list is enclosed in this week’s Bulletin and on the Chinchilla State School P&C Association Facebook Page.

Gift prices will range from approximately 50c to approximately $5. It is recommended that one item be purchased per child with the exception of the purchase of Gift tags.

Thank you for supporting the Chinchilla State School P&C Association.

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SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Week 3 brings us a busy week. On Wednesday afternoon, the District Touch Football Trials will be held at the High School Grounds from 3:30pm.

On Thursday we will have our Obstacle Course for students in Prep to Year 2. This is one of the biggest events of the year for our Junior School in regards to sport. Parents are encouraged to come along and see your child/en participate in a race where students will complete some challenges and overcome some obstacles.

Students really enjoy this event, and it’s a great opportunity to share in this time with the students. The students will be given an opportunity during the morning session to walk through the course so that they know what to expect and how to complete the course, then after morning tea we will see all our students come out onto the oval and support and encourage each other. Students will start moving out onto the oval at 11:30am.

Students will sit in their age appropriate areas under the shade and on the concrete in front of the hall. Then as the day progresses students will be called out for their race. Races will be conducted in age groups, so students who are born in the same year will sit together and race together. The races will start with the youngest runners first. There will be some house captains available to lead the students through the course as required. It should be a fantastic day, and I encourage all families to come on down and watch and support our students.

On Friday we have our School Cross Country for students in Year 3 to 6. Students are to meet at school as per normal to ensure rolls are marched and everyone is accounted for.

As a whole school we will walk over to the recreation grounds. Shelter will be provided, however students are required to bring with them, a hat, water bottle, lunch (no tuckshop will be provided), and running shoes. It is expected that students will as always be wearing full school uniform, and must have runners on to complete the course, (no bare feet). House colours are encouraged.

Another reminder, students who have asthma must bring their puffer. We need to ensure that we are prepared.

Students will run in age groups, according to the year of their birth. We will start with the youngest ages first. That way, after all the Year 3 students have completed their running, they will walk back to school. We have been completing a Run Around Australia Program to help prepare our students for the Cross Country, although not everyone wishes to compete in this event. So as an opportunity to still participate in the program we have a fun run that will take place throughout the day in conjunction with the cross country for those people who don’t wish to complete the whole course.

I encourage parents to come down and watch, and support your children in their sporting events. They will love having you there to support them. Students are encouraged to wear their sports house colour shirt to the Obstacle Course and Cross Country.

IMPORTANT DATES: April 2016

P&C Meeting 6PM 27th April
Prep—Year 2 Obstacle Course 28th April
CSS Cross Country 29th April