Cross Country and Obstacle Course

On Thursday we had our Junior Obstacle Course. It was a fantastic day. Lots of work was put in by so many people to make it a success.

This year we had a large number of students at the Obstacle Course and it came with unrivalled support from parents and the community. By 11:00am, I found parents and families starting to find a good seat to watch the day’s proceedings. For every race we had lots of cheering, lots of support and a great atmosphere.

Congratulations to the students on a successful day at your Junior Obstacle Course. You showed great behaviour, and fantastic running, jumping and crawling skills. You displayed outstanding effort with a top attitude. Everyone got in and had a go. Thanks to all who helped, great work to all involved.

Thank you to all of the teachers for their tireless efforts, and their commitment and enthusiasm. It’s great to work with such amazing staff. Also, thank you to all of the School House Captains who worked tirelessly for your support before, during and after the Obstacle Course. Their efforts were substantial and they did it all with smiles on their faces. Another special mention needs to go to Super Man, (AKA Mr Stephen Dryden) for such an amazing costume and the fitness and effort to run in four different races with the kids. So much help makes a day run smoothly. So thanks again to all of those who helped out.

Chinchilla State School’s Cross Country was a great day. We had so many students who turned up ready to participate and give it their all. As the students arrived at the Recreation Grounds on Friday morning it was a sea of house colours worn proudly by the students. All day long there was a constant hum of war cries that could be heard from afar. Such a huge thank you goes to all the teachers who helped out on the day. Whether it was sitting on the checkpoints to ensure safety, or helping out marshalling, or whether it was all the work behind the scenes. A special thanks to Mrs Julie O'Sullivan, Groundsman Bob Kerr, and Mrs Linda King for their help setting up the day and packing up. The day wouldn’t have happened without your help. Also big thanks for all the effort of the house captains. The house captains had practiced war cries (with their teachers as well), and were able to lead their houses in a day filled with encouragement and house spirit and good sportsmanship. However, it is not all about how we look, how we sound and how we act. On Friday we had a large number of students who tried really hard during their running, and were able to demonstrate resilience, dedication and great bravery in their efforts to give their best. We had some fantastic results.

The Age Champions for the Chinchilla State School Cross Country of 2015 are:

- 9 Years Boys: Nathan Rollings (Gorokey)
- 9 Years Girls: Summer Eatherbrook (Baradine)
- 10 Years Boys: Adam Francis (Marlee)
- 10 Years Girls: Prelee Nothdurft (Gorokey)
- 11 Years Boys: Cameron Rollings (Gorokey)
- 11 Years Girls: Lara Pegler (Baradine)
- 12 Years Boys: Cody Scoular (Warren)
- 12 Years Girls: Seraphina Dickman (Gorokey)

Now for the all-important house trophy. After combining points from the Junior Obstacle Course and points from the Cross Country the houses finished at:

- 4th place goes to Marlee with 177 points.
- 3rd Place goes to Gorokey with 221 points.
- 2nd Place goes to Warren with a total of 231 points.
- 1st Place goes to Baradine on a total of 248 points.

It’s interesting to note that Baradine only had 2 students who were age champions. This highlights the importance of everyone trying their best and participating. Turning up on the day and having all students running in a race and getting the best results they can allow for a house to win any carnival. If 2 good runners won’t get you a win, Gorokey had 4 age champions and only managed to get 3rd place. I encourage everyone to make sure that they are doing everything possible to play your part for your house, supporting, encouraging and participating in any school events.

Please be aware that the **Uniform Shop** is open on:

- **Wednesday** between 8:30 - 9:00am and 2:30 - 3:00pm

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- High Five Awards
- Funky Chicken Flyer
From the Principal’s Desk

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. This year the NAPLAN testing will begin on Tuesday the 10th of May and conclude on Friday 13th of May 2016.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.
NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Please don’t hesitate to contact your classroom teacher for further information about NAPLAN.

PBL Update

Responsibility: Take an active role in the classroom

Sometimes for students, playing an active role in the classroom can be difficult. This can be for a number of reasons. For example; trying something new for the first time, a more reserved student voicing an opinion in front their peers, or taking part in a subject that is not the student’s favourite. It is then up to us, the teaching staff, support staff, parents, carers, and wider community, to assist these students to ‘have a go’ and try their best.

Engaged students are successful students. They earn better grades, have lower rates of attention, and help their peers learn. This week’s Value lesson will help students to develop the habit of playing an active role in the classroom. This will encourage those students who are reluctant at times, to recognise that active participation is something that will help them to succeed in life.

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 3 overall class attendance:

- Prep — 88.74%
- Grade 1 — 88.92%
- Grade 2 — 88.64%
- Grade 3 — 90.06%
- Grade 4 — 89.41%
- Grade 5 — 87.97%  
- Grade 6 — 90.66%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 2B for the highest attendance percentage of 99.4% for week 3.

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.
Curriculum Corner with 3B

Wow! What a start to Term 2! We have so many things going on at the moment, especially with NAPLAN just around the corner.

In Science this term we are looking at day and night and how the Sun, Earth and Moon work together. We will be investigating shadows and how they change throughout the day. The class are really enjoying this concept so far.

History this term is about Celebrations and Commemorations. We will be looking at the types of celebrations we have and the history behind them, and what commemorations are and why we have them. We created a beautiful painted hand print wreath, with poppies, for the laying of our class wreath for the ANZAC Service.

To coincide with our History unit this term, we are doing our Dance unit for The Arts. We are so excited to have invited guests from our community to come and teach us dances from different cultures. We have guests coming in to teach us Aboriginal dance, Torres Strait Islander dance and Indian dance. We can’t wait to show the parents at the end of term!

On a final note, at the end of last term we reached our 1000 orange slips. What an amazing achievement that was, considering it was a short term. Bring on the rest of Term 2 and all it has to offer!

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:

- Students are not allowed to arrive at school earlier than 8:30am. There is no supervision prior to the school day beginning at 8:30.
- At 8:30am students are asked to take their bags to their bag racks and to prepare for their day of learning. Students may play at the front of the school. Only handballs are permitted during this time.
- School forts are not to be used before or after school. This is for the safety of all children. Each fort area is designated for a particular age group in mind. Children who are either too heavy or light can cause damage to either the fort or themselves.
- Bikes, scooters, and skateboards are not to be ridden in the school grounds. Students with this equipment are only to use the gate next to the groundsman’s shed along Columbus Street.
- Chinchilla State School is a sun safe school which requires students to wear a broad-brimmed hat. Caps are not to be worn at school. This is for health and safety of our students. School hats can be purchased from the Tuckshop each Tuesday afternoon from 2:45pm to 3:05pm.

The cooler weather is now upon us and students are starting to wear warmer clothing. Parents are asked to ensure their students are in correct uniform as agreed by the P&C Association. Different coloured clothing does not help to promote unity and a sense of belonging to Chinchilla State School.

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 her 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 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 for her special day!

Thank you for supporting the Chinchilla State School P&C Association.
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Such a busy part of our year with lots of events happening through school sport. On Friday 22nd April we sent away a District Rugby League Team and District Netball Team. Students participated in these events fervently and applied themselves to the task at hand. They showed determination, great resolve and grit and maintained a positive attitude.

In District Sport, we had our District Touch Football Trials on the 27th. These trials were at the High School grounds. It was a successful day, and although I am yet to confirm 100% of the team, I do know that we had some very strong players and a good all-round side. A big thanks to Mr Adams, Mr McKenzie, Mrs Hart and Mrs Ellen for giving up their time to help our children in their sporting ventures.

Until next week – Matt

Chappy’s Corner

Hi everyone,

It is important to tell your family that you love them.

Love is patient and kind, Love is not jealous, Love is not brag, and it is not proud, Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong.

Love never ends. - 1 Corinthians 13:14-8

Tuckshop Roster

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Please Remember that Tuckshop is now open on a Monday as well.

CHINCHELLA 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 (Sazarla Accessories), Bec Iselin (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. Correct money can then 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 through to approximately $10. 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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