**Sound it out**
When your child is reading and comes across a word they don’t know, pause to let them work it out themselves. If they can’t prompt them to sound it out and then put the sounds together to make a word — this is phonics practice in action. If your child still struggles to sound out the word, say the sounds with them. For example, ‘You seem to be getting a bit stuck on this word — let’s sound it out together ba-g, bag — Grandpa takes his bag to the beach. ‘Great! Let’s keep reading.’

**Sight words**
When you come across a ‘sight word’ when reading with your child, talk about how it’s different, for example ‘Oh, that’s a tricky word — we can’t easily sound it out like the other ones! That word is ‘said’. If your child has already learned the sight word at school but has forgotten, prompt them first, for example ‘Hmm, that’s one of your sight words. See if you can remember it.’

**Repeat tricky bits**
When your child has worked through a tricky word or sentence, encourage them to re-read it. This will give them more practice at the words they found difficult, and help them to remember the words next time. It also gives them a chance to focus on the meaning of the sentence, which will make their reading more enjoyable.


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**Choir Show Performance**

On Friday, the Chinchilla State School Choir performed at the annual Chinchilla Show.

They performed two show stoppers — Hey Soul Sister (Originally by Train, they sang the KidsBop version) and Shotgun by George Ezra (accompanied by some stellar dance actions). The Choir was a great crowd pleaser and they look forward to performing this week at the Official Botanic Parklands opening (Tuesday 28th May) and the Botanic Parklands fun day (Saturday 1st June).

Miss McDonald

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**Curriculum Corner with 4B**

Wow, we’re in Week 6 already! 4B are in full swing with their learning and what a busy time of year it is. We’ve been fortunate to have Mr Tunks, a practicing teacher, in our classroom one day a week for the past five weeks, and he will be in our room all week this week. He helped the students put together our ‘Belonging Tree of 4B’ for our class display at the Chinchilla Show. If you didn’t get to the show, we’ve got a picture here for you.

We’ve been learning about Australia before, during and after European settlement in HASS, which has also helped us to write an historical recount from a child’s perspective at the time of the arrival of the First Fleet.

In Science this term we’ve been learning about erosion and weathering and how it affects the Earth’s surface. We’ve also been looking at ways of preventing erosion, to limit the impact of erosion in real life contexts.

Our Health unit has really got the students thinking about their healthy eating and what makes a healthy meal. We’ve looked at the five food groups and our daily recommended intake of these. They’ve realised that sugar is not a food group and that 5 teaspoons (25g) is the daily recommended intake of sugar.

Digital Technology and Media Arts have been a bit of a highlight for the students this term. They’ve worked in pairs and have had to take a short humorous poem and create a presentation. These presentations were done on the iPad using Scratch Jr, using movement, sound effects, voice overs and other special effects. I am blown away by the amazing job those students have done, and the teamwork they’ve achieved, not only in their group, but by helping other groups in the class.

As we near the end of the term, please remember that ‘Every Day Counts!’ We still have plenty of learning to achieve before the holidays. By now you should have received your child’s camp note and we look forward to receiving these notes back as soon as possible, with payment. Camp is an amazing experience for the children, and this camp is a load of fun that links to our curriculum content throughout the year.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to all students for their behaviour over the last two weeks at the annual Chinchilla State School Athletics Carnival. A very big thank you to Mr Holdsworth, Mr Kerr and the staff who helped set-up as well as pack-up on the days and for all the teachers, parents and staff who supported us during the competition. It was a very big carnival with excellent participation rates in all events. I saw a lot of our students encouraging each other and giving positive feedback during both days. This is what being in a team is all about. It fits nicely with our 2019 AIP Agenda – “Students working together in house teams to improve achievement.” Thank you to the P&SC for running the canteen and for once again supporting our school and students. Congratulations and good luck to the 64 students who have been selected to represent our school at the District Athletics Carnival to be held in Jandowae on Thursday.

Sickness

At present we are experiencing a high number of sick students who are ill. Where possible a replacement teacher is sourced for the class. In rare circumstances where a replacement teacher cannot be sourced the class is split between the other classes in the year level. To add to this we are daily sending students home who are unwell. To prevent spreading of illness please keep your child/ren home if they appear to be sick. In the case of vomiting and diarrhoea students are not to return for 24 hours after their last bout of illness ceases. Good hygiene practices such as washing hands, covering the mouth when sneezing and putting tissues in the bin will also help with spreading illness.

Class Attendance

Term 2, Week 5 overall class attendance:
- Prep — 94.20%
- Grade 1 — 96.23%
- Grade 2 — 93.26%
- Grade 3 — 95.47%
- Grade 4 — 95.61%
- Grade 5 — 83.44%
- Grade 6 — 97.66%

Target: 95%

Please ensure you are contacting the school everyday that your child is away from school. Congratulations to Year 4A for the highest attendance percentage of 95.66% for Week 5.

Please make sure you contact the school by 9:30am via telephone: 4672 9222, text message: 0426 395 434 or email: admin@chinchillas.qld.edu.au if your child/ren are going to be absent from school.

Colin Boyce - Tent Donation

Chinchilla State School would like to thank, Mr Colin Boyce member of Callide for his kind donation of a shade tent for our school. The tent will make a great addition to our current tents to help provide shade for our students at various school events.

Ms Jessica McDonald our Music teacher kindly accepted the donation on behalf of our school.

PHOTO DAY

Chinchilla State School Monday 10th June, 2019

Important Information

Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits. To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.
- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY.
- If your child does not hand an envelope to the photographer, they may not be photographed for individual portraits.
- You can place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- Make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 32657488.

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PBL Update

The week’s value: Learning
The week’s rule: I pay attention to my lessons.

Chinchilla State School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment for students and staff, where students learn. Each day, students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

Attention is integral to almost everything we do in our daily lives. From simple actions like writing the date, to more complex actions like buying a house, the amount of attention we give to an action, will determine the success of the action.

The same can be applied to students and their learning. The level of attention paid in class will have a direct result on that students learning and outcomes. There are several aspects involved in paying attention and maintaining this attention;

1. Contribute to class discussions in a positive and constructive way
2. Be an active listener
3. Keep your belongings neat and tidy
4. Be organised for your lesson
5. Eat well and get enough sleep
6. Exercise!

Active listening is an important skill that involves the whole body, not just the ears. Being an active listener involves five stages: receiving, understanding, evaluating, remembering, and responding. When students are paying attention to their lessons, they are giving themselves the best opportunity to succeed.

Congratulations to the students of Prep C. These students have been striving to display all of our school values and have now reached 1000 Give Them a Hand slips. They are the first class this year to reach 1000 slips. This first milestone awards them with a class reward on their journey in becoming self-managed learners. Prep C celebrated with some ‘game time’ at the end of the day on Friday last week. Well done students!

Chinchilla State School’s P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school.

Safety tips for cycling

If your child is in primary school, ride with them until they are confident. Once they have the skills and feel safe, try to find a friend from their school they can ride with.

Teach your child:

- the safest route to school (such as on a bike path or through suburban streets)
- to ride on the left side of the road, at least 1 metre from the curb (if they are in high school and feel comfortable), or on the footpath (if they are in primary school or not confident at cycling)
- to try and stay 1 metre behind vehicles or bikes in front of them
- to wear their helmet correctly (so that it cannot move back or forward when they move their head)
- the [bike road rules](https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/public/schoolsafety)
- to wear bright coloured clothing when riding
- to avoid being followed closely by vehicles
- that they shouldn’t ever ‘double’ their friends
- to ride with a maximum of 2 cyclists side by side
- what to do in an emergency—it’s a good idea to have them carry a mobile with emergency numbers on speed dial
- to use hand signals to let others know where they are going and what they are doing
- how to lock their bike up securely.

Value Champion recipients from yesterday’s assembly.
Sports with Mr Holdsworth

Wow what a week it has been in the world of sport at Chinchilla State School. A big shout out to all teachers, parents and students who made Thursday (Field events) possible. Well done to all students who won their events over the two days and made it to the District Athletics Carnival on Thursday. Results will be announced on Monday’s parade with medal and trophy presentations.

On Monday, I was lucky enough to travel to Tara for the Regional Cross-Country where I caught up with Mr Clarke who was the teacher before me and he sends his best wishes to the students who were here during his time. We had a number of runners participate and try their very best but with no luck making it to the next stage of qualification.

Lapunyah Art Gallery Workshop

Indigenous youth aged 10 to 18 years old are invited to explore traditional techniques of painting and coil basket making under the tutorage of Indigenous artists Anthony Turnbull, Val McGrath and Peta Richardson.

“Coming together” Youth Art Workshop

- All workshops are free
- Parental/ Caregiver permission is required before workshop
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Participants may register for a maximum of 2 workshops only

Workshop 1: Painting with Anthony Turnbull — Tuesday, 4th June 9:30am — 2:30pm
Workshop 2: Painting with Val McGrath — Thursday, 6th June 9:30am — 2:30pm
Workshop 3: Coil Basket Making with Peta Richardson — Sunday, 9th June 10am — 2:30pm

Bookings essential for more information please telephone: 4660 9900

School Fees due

Parents/ Caregivers,

School Resource Scheme Term 2 fees are due.

Overdue Term 1 fees require immediate payment. Parents/ Caregivers will be contacted to follow up on outstanding payments.

Should you want your children to attend any upcoming performances, your school fees must be paid.

Showgirl Entrants


Aysha said: “It was fun!” We helped out at the local Chinchilla Show by presenting ribbons to people and putting ribbons on horses. We got to meet a lot of new people.

Tuckshop Roster

Wed 29.05.19 Fri 31.05.19 Mon 03.06.19 Wed 05.06.19
Amazons Magazine Tamara Scorgie Amazons Magazine No help required Lane Evan

Fri 07.06.19
Tama Scorgie Amazons Magazine

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on: Monday and Wednesday — 8:30 to 9:00am