Curriculum Corner with 6C

I love Year 6 because of the fun subjects, awesome teacher and friends. - Courtney
I like our new classroom because it is big and clean. - Tyler
I am looking forward to Science next term when we learn about electricity and use the circuit kits. - Dana
I liked the angles assessment we did this term. - Jed
I like our new classroom because it’s bigger than the other one and there is more room to learn. - Jack
I am enjoying this year because I have a nice teacher and so many friends like Charlie, Malakai and Tallan. - Ajay
I like to see my buddy and make her smile, also we always learn something new. - Xanis
I like the new classroom because it gives us more space to work. - Malakai
My favourite subject is History because we learnt about the wars. - Tallan
Our technology assessment has been really fun because we get to make a game for our buddies. - Faith
Art is my favourite subject because I like drawing and creating things. - Jordan
My favourite thing to learn about was volcanoes and earthquakes in Science. - Lara
My favourite subject is Science because it is fun and cool to learn about things like natural disasters and what the earth is made up of. - Trinity
I like Mrs Valler being my teacher and all the fun activities we do. - Kate
I am looking forward to Celebration Day this term. - Tori
The new classroom is very spacious and has plenty of room to work. A relaxing workspace improves work. - Jemina
I’ve enjoyed making the technology game, it was very challenging and really fun. - Shaan
The best thing about being in 6C is, it’s fun and you get to make new friends. - Vicky

Fanfare

It was an early start for Miss Holmes and the Concert Band students last Wednesday for their trip to Toowoomba to play in the finals of Fanfare.

Fanfare is a biennial state-wide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland State Schools. It showcases the exciting music making that occurs in school-based ensembles across the state.

It was a nervous wait behind the stage, tuning instruments, warming instruments, focusing on pitching one note for precision, and trying to maintain a firm hold on our equipment before our performance.

Framed by the theatre’s grand proscenium arch, the curtains were raised, the audience was silent and our Concert Band looked spectacular. With their eyes on Miss Holmes waiting for their initial instruction, the band displayed their talents that brought them through to the finals.

Our Concert Band competed against Dalby State School’s Stage Band and Middle Ridge State School’s Senior Concert Band. At the completion of all performances there was a nervous wait to see who would be going on to the grand final in Brisbane in August. It was a close competition with all schools playing well. Congratulations to Middle Ridge State School who were awarded as the finalists.

A very special congratulations to our students and Miss Holmes. This has been an outstanding achievement and you should be very proud of your achievements as the school community is very proud of you all.
From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 9, and hasn't the cool weather set in for the beginning of winter?

It wasn't that long ago we were all talking about how winter was late arriving this year.

I bet there weren't too many of those conversations on Saturday morning when it was too cold to venture out.

Parents, please remember to name all of your child's winter uniforms clearly so that when they are left on the oval or in the undercover areas we can easily return them to you. There are currently four bins of lost property and many items are unnamed.

Please come and check the lost property if you have misplaced any items. There are lunch boxes, school bags, shoes, socks and clothing items.

As the weather continues to cool it is important that we stay focussed on attendance. Attendance does matter even when it is hard to get up and running of a morning. Our school attendance target remains at 95%. Last week there were approximately 160 school days lost to absenteeism from Prep to Year 6. As I am sure you understand, many of us will get the winter bugs and illnesses between now and September, and we will need to take a day or two from school in order to recover, and we more than understand the impacts of illness. This in mind though, we need to be very conscious that every day where possible is paramount to educational success.

Influenza (Flu) season

Winter is here and it brings the cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health's influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment.

Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

Class Attendance

Term 2, Week 5 overall class attendance:

- Prep  - 93.5%
- Grade 1 - 92.6%
- Grade 2 - 83.5%
- Grade 3 - 90.8%
- Grade 4 - 87.2%
- Grade 5 - 90.7%
- Grade 6 - 93.2%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 5A for the highest attendance percentage of 97.5% for week 8.

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

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 non – school items (i.e. mobile phones, games, toys etc) must be handed into the front 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.

Bus / Parking Zones & Crossing

There is a 40km school zone around Chinchilla State School for drivers to reduce their speed for the safety of our school children.

Bell Street has a designated bus zone directly in front of the school. No parking is permitted in this area from 8:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:30pm, as it is a designated ‘Time Zone for Buses’ and also for the safety of our school children.

In Colamba Street there are two designated parking bays for disabled persons and another parking bay for handicapped drivers. You must display an authorised disabled parking permit in your windshield to park in these areas. This is for the safety of our school children and school community.

Children are only to cross Bell Street or Colamba Street at the corners with the Crossing Supervisors. To avoid any accident, we ask parents not to direct their child across the middle of these streets. This is for the safety of our school children.

To avoid any accident, we also ask parents not to double-park along Colamba Street. This is for the safety of our school children and school community.

Thank you for helping to keep our school children and community safe.

Lost Property Bins
The lost property bins have been sorted into named items and unnamed item. All of the bins are overflowing. If your child has misplaced something please come and have a look in the lost property bins located outside the office doors. Please ensure all property is clearly named.
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Just some fantastic efforts that I want to acknowledge this week.

Tay Blower has been selected for a very special opportunity in the game of AFL. Tay has been selected to play for the Presidents team, and he will be playing in the first state championships.

Also, last week on Wednesday Seraphira went off to Toowoomba to participate in the State Trials for Basketball.

Both of these students are turning out to be great little athletes. I am really enjoying my job as a teacher because of students like this. They are always putting in 100% and giving it everything they can. They also do it with a smile on their face and with exceptional manners.

Keep up the great work, and I look forward to hearing about anyone else who has great stories of adventures like this.

PBL Update

Belonging: Play fairly - invite others to join in

When children are involved in an environment where fair play is emphasised, they experience how important it is to treat others fairly. Teamwork, taking turns, sharing and inviting others to join in, all reinforce social skills that help children interact successfully at home, in the classroom and on the playground.

Encouragingly, students will learn that playing fairly does not always lead to winning; a reality of competition. Essentially, the true goal in any competition is to involve others, do your best and enjoy participating.

This week’s Value lesson will help children identify with developing positive relationships with others, effective social skills and emotional resilience which is essential for success in life.

This week’s Value Champions

School Banking

School banking is due every Wednesday. If your child does not currently have a school banking account and would like one, come to the office to collect a school banking program for parents kit, which will give you all of the information you require.

Tuckshop Roster

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