Meet the Author

Western Downs Libraries invites you to come along and meet best-selling author Nicole Alexander following the release of her latest book, set in the Darling Downs.

Nicole will discuss her inspirations for writing, life on the land. She will also be hosting an unforgettable writing workshop for aspiring authors at the Bell Library.

This is a free event with light refreshments provided. Bookings are essential. For any further details please phone 1300 COUNCIL or visit www.westerndownslibraries.com for more information or to make a booking.

Chinchilla State School

Prep Enrolment - 2018

Is your child born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013?

To enrol your child, come along to the Prep Orientation Evening

19th July 2017 7:00pm

Prep classrooms

Enrolment packs available on the night

Curriculum Corner with 2C

After a refreshing break we are all ready to get back into learning. This term will be exciting and busy with lots of learning to occur.

In English we will be learning about Information Reports. We will explore the parts that make up the text, the language features within the report and develop the skills to use information to create our own text on the Prickly Pear.

In Maths we will be learning about a range of concepts including fractions, three-digit numbers, addition & subtraction, measuring area and capacity, calendar and money. We are really excited to have a go at multiplication and division later on in the term.

In Science we will be exploring all living things, with a focus on life cycles of both animals and plants. In class we will be growing our own plants to see the life cycle occur before our eyes. To link with our History and English we will have a closer look at the Cadoblasts lifecycle.

Our History will involve us exploring a historical event that occurred within Chinchilla. The invasion of the Prickly Pear will be our focus. We will develop our questioning skills and use information to answer these questions. We are really excited to visit the Museum to learn as much as we can about the Prickly Pear.

For the Arts this term we will be working with Josh Arnold and 2E to write and record a song. We are very excited to hear our voices on the CD.

Finally reading is a big focus this term with everyone working really hard to improve their reading. We love reading in 2C and we can't wait to read as many books as we can and improve at the same time.

Bring on Term 3!
From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 2 at Chinchilla State School.

This year we are trialling a slightly different model for our annual Athletics Carnival. The carnival itself is scheduled for the 11th of August which is Friday of Week 5. In previous years we have completed the field events over the course of a school week during lunchtimes. This year however, we are dedicating a full day for all Year 3 to 6 students to compete in an atmosphere, where all students and families can encourage our competitors to really get involved with their events. Please note that this Monday the 24th of July for our field events day. Students will assemble for parade and our events will start shortly afterwards. All parents and extended family of Year 3 to 6 students are encouraged to come along. Don’t forget to come dressed in your sports colours on the day!

Josh Arnold is back again this week to continue working with our students on their 14 class group songs and our new school song. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that given the size and complexities of this project, that we as parents need to be fully aware of the publicity this project will attract. It is highly likely that student names, photos and images will be captured and shared. In previous years when working with Josh Arnold, students have had their names and or images in the newspaper, newsletter, on the CD cover, on the website and also mentioned on radio stations. The film clip will be uploaded to YouTube where all student images will be globally visible. The songs will also be uploaded to iTunes. We will be holding a school community concert on the 5th of October in our school Hall. At this time, all students will be performing their songs and the film clip will be unveiled. This will attract social media coverage, through the use of individual personal mobile phones from the audience. As Josh is a Gilder Guitar winner and very popular across the region, there is also a chance that there may be television coverage at some point. Given all of this information, attached is a media release form for students wishing to opt into the Josh Arnold Project. I understand that for some of our families this level of media coverage will be of a concern and parents may wish to opt out of the project. Please understand that all students will still be involved in the educational value of writing the songs and the initial workshops with Josh. Families wishing to participate fully in the project, including all aspects of media coverage must sign and return the media release form that was sent home with your child today. Each child participating must have their own media release form.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 1 overall class attendance:

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Total days lost to absenteeism in Week 1 was 211 days.

Please ensure you are contacting the school everyday that your child is away from school.

Congratulations to 2D for the highest attendance percentage of 90.00% for week 1.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It is on again, as of Wednesday, 26th July our school will be taking part in Woolworths Earn and Learn. So please show your support by helping to collect the stickers.

Remember to collect your stickers and place them on the Earn-n-Learn sheets. Once you have completed a sheet, bring it into the front office and place it into the GREEN Earn-n-Learn box located in the front foyer before it closes on Friday, 13th September 2017 (end of term).

Upon redemption, the school can choose resources for our school, these resources are very welcomed and appreciated by all.

So please help our school by continuing to collect as many sticker sheets as possible to benefit the children.

Value Champion recipients from Year 2 at yesterday’s assembly.

Value Champion recipients from Year 1 at yesterday’s assembly.

**IMPORTANT DATES: July 2017**

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The week’s value: Responsibility
The week’s rule: I take an active role in classroom activities.

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 of their peers, or taking part in a subject that is not the student’s favorite. 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 attrition, 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 recognize that active participation is something that will help them to succeed in life.

The value of conversations with your children can never be underestimated. Not only do they build positive relationships within families but when the topic is about the school it sends a clear message that education is valued.

Ask your child not to just recall the events of the day but ask them how they involved themselves. Encouraging students to be an active participant will not only help improve learning outcomes but will provide them the opportunity to gain a sense of success. Knowing that positive participation links to positive outcomes will boost your child’s self-esteem and confidence.

Throughout the year we have continued to record and collate data on student behaviour at school. We have used this data to identify ‘problem’ areas in the school, designed a specific lesson to explicitly teach our students how to behave better and have rewarded students for appropriate behaviour. This process has helped us to get closer to achieving our goal; providing a positive learning environment for all students.

At this stage in the program our results are showing that the various levels of support we have put in place for all students shows that 95% of our students are meeting our educational expectations. This is a fantastic result and great news to share throughout our school community.

Please take some time to share this positive news with families and friends.

Positive talk breeds positive, happy communities.

State Schools are Great Schools!

Congratulations to the students of L2D. These students have been striving to display all of our school values and have now reached just over 3000 Give Them a Hand slips. This amazing milestone awards them with a class reward on their journey in becoming self-managed learners. Well done students!

Chinchilla State School’s P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school and has three representatives on the PBL Committee, Mrs Tanya Kidd, Mrs Leanne Evans & Mr Steven Luckraft.

Positive and Respectful Relationships

We all have different needs at different times and, in relationships, it helps to give and take in terms of each other’s needs. This is the case in all relationships, including friendships, family relationships and partner relationships.

So, how are these needs and differences negotiated in a respectful relationship? Respectful relationships:

→ acknowledge and consider everyone’s needs
→ are flexible about individual choice or participation
→ will acknowledge differences and strive to accommodate them.

Imagine you really wanted to go somewhere with a friend, but they didn’t want to go. In a respectful relationship you wouldn’t force your friend to go with you or get angry or try to get them to change their mind or feel bad. You might feel disappointed that they don’t want to go but you understand that you have different needs sometimes and your friend needs to be true to them self. You might let your friend know how you feel so they can understand but you won’t force them to change their mind.

A few things about being respectful:

→ it doesn’t mean expecting one person to put their needs aside for the other person
→ it may mean communicating how you feel and being flexible at times, but it also means being true to yourself
→ it is not about trying to change someone but rather striving to understand things from their perspective even if you’re is different


Josh Arnold Auditions

Auditions for Year 5 and 6 students who are keen to take on a lead role in the production are being held from 8am on Thursday, 20th July in the Music Room.

Year 3 and 4 students will be auditioning on Friday, 21st July. Parents with students wishing to audition are encouraged to bring them along.
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Hello again. Lots of information this week! The District Cricket Trials are coming up, on Monday 7 August, (Week 5) straight after our P&C Trail Ride. These Trials will be after school from 3:30pm down at the cricket nets behind McDonalds and the Tennis courts.

Athletics and Field Events. The Track Day, or our School Athletics Carnival will take place on Friday, 11th August. This will run identically to last year. We will have students lined up under the shade of the hall in house areas, there will be running events in the morning, younger grades will join us about lunchtime. We will also have ball games and relays planned. This will be an exciting day for students.

For the Field Events, this year, we are going to trial something new. We are going to run another full day ‘carnival’ for the field events. After parade on Monday, 24th July, (Week 3) next week, we will commence our Field events. All classes from Year 3 to Year 6 will attend until it is complete. Teachers will either man a station on an event, or they will escort their classes around to the different events.

We wish to extend an invite to parents to come and watch the athletics and the field events on both days. I’m sure your support and encouragement would make a huge difference to the children.

Look forward to seeing you all throughout these times.

Reminder – non-returned Raffle Tickets now overdue

For those that have been selling raffle tickets for the Multi-Draw Raffle, if you haven’t already done so, please remember to return money for tickets sold, completed ticket butts and unsold tickets in an envelope (with eldest CSS attending child’s name written on envelope) to the white P&C box in School Front Office. Raffle Coordinator, Bec Keating (0429 069 061), will be following up any outstanding tickets. Thank you for your support!

P&C News

Please! Help needed for school fundraising event

We are seeking over one hundred volunteers to assist with the organising and running of our school’s major annual fundraising event. Help is needed please:

- the weekend before - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th July
- the weekend before - 4th August
- on event weekend – Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August
- the Monday after – 8th August

If you have an hour to spare to help raise funds in support of the kids of the Chinchilla State School, please call, text or email – Trish Reddington-Hill, 0407 498 554, trishredhill@gmail.com, or leave you contact details at the school office.

We need people to help with setting up, running the event and cleaning up afterwards. We have tents, banners and fencing to put up and then pull down. There is a canteen to get ready and then clean. At the weekend event, we need many people to assist with registration, help in the canteen, selling raffle tickets, supervise track gates and with recovery vehicles. We can’t run this event without help!! You do not need to be interested in motorbikes to please help!! Volunteer as a group!!

A huge thank you to those that are already helping and have offered to help!!

Also, please keep in mind that for the event to keep being run in future years, we need lots of new faces at our organising committee meetings to assist with pre- and post-event planning. Many of our current committee members will be moving on as their youngest child moves on to high school. Please contact Tash if you are interested in helping in this capacity.

Request for home baking for school fundraiser

To assist with our canteen at the trail ride school fundraiser on Sat 5th & Sun 6th August, we are seeking individually wrapped home baking.

If you are able to help out with the supply of home baking, please call, text or email – Holly Batten, 0448 221 277, hollybatten1@gmail.com. It can be cooked and ready to freeze, cooked and frozen or fresh for Friday 4th August. Please discuss convenient options with Holly.

Tuckshop Roster

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UNIFORM SHOP

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

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End of line sell out—Girls Gabardine skirt, $10.00.

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