Bicycle Helmets

Over recent weeks we have noticed an increase of students not wearing helmets when riding to and from school. This is of great concern for the safety of our students.

We encourage parents and carers to ensure their children are appropriately equipped for biking and scooter riding. Please see the message below from the Queensland Department of Transport.

When you ride a bicycle or scooter you must wear an Australian Standard (AS) approved bicycle helmet.

You must securely fit and fasten it.

An approved bicycle helmet means a helmet that complies with the Australian Standard.

You may only carry passengers on your bicycle if the bicycle is designed to carry passengers. If you carry a passenger on your bicycle, they must also wear an approved helmet, securely fitted and fastened.

You do not need to wear a helmet if you have a doctor’s certificate stating that, for a specific amount of time, you cannot wear a helmet:

- for medical reasons
- because of a physical characteristic that makes it unreasonable for you to wear one.

If you have a doctor’s certificate, you must carry it with you when you ride without a helmet.

From the Principal’s Desk

Wasn’t it fantastic to see so many parents and community members join us down the street on Friday morning? I can’t say I have ever had the pleasure of standing on an intersection, dressed as batman whilst directing the traffic! There is a first time for everything in life...

A sincere thank you to all of our staff, students and parents for all of the effort that went into making our 2017 Book Week celebrations such a huge success. A very special thank you to Mr Phil Gray, Mrs Celeste Lee, Mrs Fenny McCullough and Mr Lee Dallmann for all of their assistance. On behalf of all our staff I need to thank each and every parent for the tremendous amount of work that went into this year’s costumes. What a fantastic effort by all. Thank you for your assistance in making our day very special for our students.

Parents, it is that time of year again where we start working closely with Chinchilla State High School to ensure that our students transition from Year 6 to Year 7 as smoothly as possible. Mr Scott Rowan, Principal of Chinchilla State High School is busy preparing a range of transition activities and information sessions for our students and their parents. It is very important for all our families of students who are transitioning to the high school, to ensure that they prioritise the following dates, as all information gathered goes towards a very healthy transition. Please see the date planner below. For students in our ACES 2 class who are transitioning, please find the correspondence from Miss Carly Mc Ginchy that was sent out earlier in the week.

Upcoming Year 6 dates:

- Tuesday 5 September: Year 6 into Year 7 Information session (4:30 – 5:30pm)
- Tuesday 17 October: Year 6 into Year 7 Enrolment night (collect personalised enrolment pack, book enrolment interview time). Time TBA.
- 6 – 10 & 13 – 17 November: Enrolment interviews take place.
- Tuesday 28 November: Year 6 orientation day (all 2018 Year 7s invited to spend the day at high school)

Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher for further information in relation to high school transition.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 7 overall class attendance:

- Prep – 86.00%
- Grade 1 – 90.00%
- Grade 2 – 92.43%
- Grade 3 – 89.33%
- Grade 4 – 91.16%
- Grade 5 – 91.56%
- Grade 6 – 89.29%
- Target: 95%

Total days lost to absenteeism in Week 7 was 236 days.

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

Congratulations to 3D for the highest attendance percentage of 98.18% for week 7.

Please make sure you contact the school by 9:30am via telephone: 07-4672 0222 or by emailing admin@chinchilss.eq.edu.au.

Instrumental Music Camp

Last week, 10 talented Chinchilla State School Instrumental Music students attended the Darling Downs and South West Region Grades 5 – 7 Music Camp held in Toowoomba.

Our students were amongst the 280 students from 42 different schools that participated in this camp. All students worked incredibly hard throughout this 3 day camp preparing repertoire that was to be performed at the end of camp concert.

All students are commended on the way in which they represented Chinchilla State School and of their continual commitment to our Instrumental Music program.

Kellie McKensley
Instrumental Music Teacher
PBL Update

This week’s value is: Belonging

Our rule for the week is: Do my class jobs.

Each day students are responsible for themselves in their daily lives at school. Adults in their lives help them to learn strategies to manage their tasks to get them through the day as successfully as possible.

The first step is understanding the purpose of attending school. The core message here is that students have the job of learning and teachers have the job of supporting them with that learning. However, we do know that school provides much more than that but by providing students with a clear focus can help them to identify the skills they need to develop to do that job well.

Teachers will examine this focus with their students this week. They will identify with their students key skills that are important to develop to enable students to be the best they can be at school. These skills might include: raising your hand to speak, ask questions to clarify meaning, stay seated during learning time, refrain from making noises while learning, use the toilets at break time, check I have all my resources for the day and the start of the day, put things away where they belong, and many more.

Over the week the students will track how they are going with developing these skills and will form part of a constructive conversation at the end of the week. We encourage parents to ask their students what their skills are that they are focusing on for the week. These conversations at home will provide great support toward positive attitudes and toward appropriate behaviours at school.

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

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)
- 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.

Woolworths earn and learn

It is on again and our school is registered. So please show your support by helping to collect the stickers.

Remember to collect your stickers and place them on the Earn & Learn sheets. Once you have completed a sheet, bring it into the front office and place it into the GREEN Earn—a—Learn box located in the front foyer before it closes on Friday, 15th 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.
**Sports with Mr Clarke**

This week we have our South West Athletics happening on Friday. Good luck to those students. Our District Cricket team is also going well at the moment, and they are still training on Monday afternoons.

In other news, I would like to welcome Ms Claire Valler to the team for a short time. Ms Valler is a local in Chinchilla and she is completing her university degree in Teaching. She is going to be shadowing me and all our PE happenings over the next 2 weeks. Please help her feel welcome and say hello.

Including this week, we have only 3 weeks left of school for this term, its going very quickly.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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**Chappy’s Corner**

"CAMP IS ABOUT HAVING FUN, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, CHALLENGING YOURSELF AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHO GOD IS! ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE A WEEK OF FUN?"

WHO: 9-13 YEAR OLDS

WHERE: GLENHARRY CENTRE, ATKINSON DAM/MT TARA MAPA

COST: $180 PER CAMPER - BUS AS NUMBERS PERMIT

MILES: CHINCHILLA - DILLY - TOOWOOMBA - CATHIN

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.SUCAMPS.ORG.AU

CAMP QUERIENES: SHINE474@HOTMAIL.COM

CAMP DIRECTORS: DEB PERKINS - 0412 277 474 OR MATT GEORGE - 0408 304 776

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**Year 6 - CSHS Information**

**Year 6 into 7 Information Afternoon**

Chinchilla State High School welcomes its future Year 7 students and their families.

Please join us as we detail the subjects and opportunities your child will experience in Year 7.

**Tuesday 5 September 2017**

5:00pm: Opportunity to meet our teachers & tour our school

6:00pm: Presentation

All are invited to meet in our High School Hall, Zeller Street.

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**IMPORTANT DATES: Aug/Sept 2017**

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**Support your School’s P&C**

BE A VOLUNTEER!

IT’S A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS!