**Author in Residence**

Now that the excitement of Book Week is over we continue our focus on literacy learning for all students at Chinchilla State School with our Author in Residence program, September 11-15.

Thanks to the generous support of our P&C Association we have Queensland author Samantha Wheeler working with all students during the last week of Term Three.

Samantha’s passion for animals all began at the age of 6 when she was given her first tortoise. This passion lead Samantha to study Agricultural Science and later teaching science and biology. Samantha’s first book, ‘Smooch & Rose’ was inspired by her concern for koalas.

We are excited to have Samantha visit our school, and assist us in nurturing the literacy skills of our students by encouraging their interest in reading and writing. All students will have the opportunity to interact with Samantha and learn some of the tricks of the writing trade that they can use in their own writing.

If you would like to know more about Samantha please visit her website, https://www.samanthawheeler.com.au/.

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**Curriculum Corner with Prep C**

It’s incredible to think that we are nearly at the end of another term of learning. Prep C have been working extremely hard and wearing many different learning hats this term. Here is just part of what we have been learning.

In English, students are learning how to write rhymes. They have been busy coming up with words that rhyme and working together to construct a rhyme. Soon they will be busy writing their own four lined rhymes to present to the class using props that they’ve made.

As part of Maths, students have been busy applying a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life and lifelike situations. They have been doing things such as making direct and indirect comparisons of mass, sequencing familiar events in time order as well as comparing quantities, equalising quantities and combining small collections.

In History, students have been identifying familiar ways that family and friends commemorate past events that are important to them. Students have been learning that past events can be remembered through photographs, artefacts, books, pictures and so on. They have also been sharing stories of how their own families have commemorated events in the past such as Birthdays, Christmas and Easter.

It is impressive to see the progress that we have all made this year with our learning and how we have all grown and matured throughout the year.

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The Wind in the Willows Performance
Holiday Bible Club 2017
From the Principal’s Desk

Next week we play host to our special guest, author Samantha Wheeler. Samantha fell in love with animals when she was given her first tortoise at the age of 6. After a childhood of rescuing puppies, kittens and a host of unusual animals, she went on to study Agricultural Science at the University of Queensland, worked with dairy farmers in South Australia, and taught science and biology before deciding to write.

Her first book, Smooch & Rose was inspired by her concern for koalas, and her second, Spud & Charli, was a horse riding adventure tackling the issue of bats and Hendra virus. I know our staff and students are really looking forward to meeting and working with Samantha Wheeler next week as part of our P&C supported Author in Residence Program.

A special thank you to our P&C Executive for their ongoing support of this program.

Unfortunately, I won’t get to meet Samantha as I am on long service leave from this Thursday afternoon. May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our teachers, staff, parents and students for all the collective effort that has gone into making Term 3 such a huge success.

A reminder that when we return in Term 4, we have our Josh Arnold concert in Week 1.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our concert.

Have a safe and restful break over the holidays.

DENTAL VAN APPOINTMENTS

Parents/Carers please remember that you MUST be here to take your child/ren to their dental appointment. Students cannot attend on their own.

Please ensure that you also have your medicare card with you for the appointment.

Should you have any questions or need to make an appointment with the dental service, please phone 0407 673 955.

ICAS Science Competition

Congratulations to those students who participated in Australia's ICAS Science Competition.

On parade this week certificates were presented, with half of our students attaining in the top 50% of Australian results.

Special commendations go to Ty Mailman and Dale Soutchiwings who attained Distinctions and to Amy Easterbrook who was awarded a High Distinction, placing her among the top 1% of Australian competitors.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 8 overall class attendance:

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Total days lost to absenteeism in Week 8 was 179 days.

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

Congratulations to 4A for the highest attendance percentage of 97.60% for Week 8.

Please make sure you contact the school by 9:30am via telephone: 07-4672 9222 or by emailing: admin@chinchilla.qld.edu.au.

School Performance

Next term’s School Performance will be presented by the Youth Touring Program, ‘Wind in the Willows’ and will be here on Thursday, 19th October 2017.

If you would like your child to see this performance, ‘Wind in the Willows’ with their class, payment for this performance must be made by Thursday, 12th October 2017.

Please place all payments in a sealed envelope and mark clearly with student’s name, class, amount, activity and hand into the front office. Cost is $130.00 for Prep and $6.00 per student Years 1-6.
PBL Update

This week’s value: Responsibility
This 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 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 truhtm, and help their peers learn. This week’s V value lesson will help students develop the habit of playing an active role in the classroom. This will encourage these students who are reluctant at times, to recognize that active participation is something that will help them to succeed in life.

As we are nearing the end of term, it is imperative that students take an active role in the classroom and engage in lessons leading up to assessment.

What can you do at home?

We ask parents to have discussions throughout the week with their children about our value this week. You can encourage your children to get involved in classroom discussions. You can explain the positives for them of becoming an active participant in the classroom.

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.

Chinchilla State School
Koalas
Is your child 0-5 years old?
Come along to our
Wednesday morning activities
from 9:00am to 10:30am
Where: Behind the school library
Taking 2018 Prep Enrolments NOW
Enrolment packs are available from
the school office 8:00am—4:00pm or phone:
4672 9222.

Lost Property

Our lost property bins are currently overflowing. If your child has misplaced something, please feel free to look in our lost property bins for it.

Items that are named have been returned to child/rooms classrooms and all remaining non—school items will be donated to charity, if not collected prior to the end of this term.

Value Champion recipients from Prep at yesterday’s assembly.
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Last Friday the South West Athletics Trials were held at Chinchilla State High School. The District Team consisted of 45 students, 13 of which attend Chinchilla State School. I would like to commend the students on their excellent behaviour on the day and also thank all of the parents who attended for their support with making sure that students were on time for their events.

The following students have been selected as part of the South West Team that will go on to the State Trials:
Browyn Hicks, Indigo Rennie, Nathan Rollings, Emily Swofford and Summer Easterbrook.

Congratulations to these students and best of luck at the State Trials.
Matt Clarke

Tuckshop Roster

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Michelle Karins

Amanda Maguire

Renay Young

UNIFORM SHOP

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

IMPORTANT DATES: Sept 2017

- CSS Koasas 9–10:30am
- OSS Softball — Redlands
- Brisbane Writers Festival
- Year 1 Fun Evening
- Author in Residence—Samantha Wheeler
- CSS Koasas 9–10:30am

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