Sue Larkey Workshop Invitation

On Monday, 17th October, it is a Staff Professional Development Day and this year we are very fortunate to have Sue Larkey presenting to our staff. We extend an invitation to all parents of Chinchilla State School to join us on this day. Start time: 9:00am. Finish time: 3:00pm.

Sue Larkey is an international author, Autism spectrum specialist and teacher. She is uniquely positioned with the Education System having both taught as a Primary School Teacher and Special Education Teacher.

Sue has taught students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in mainstream and at a Specialist Autism School. She combines the practical experience with extensive research to provide participants with practical strategies to take away and use in any setting.

Teachers are provided with a limited number of Professional Development Days during the school year. These days are highly valued by staff as it is a time when they can improve their knowledge, understanding and skills with the ultimate goal of providing the best learning opportunities for students. It is with great pleasure that we extend an invitation to our families to join us on this Staff Professional Development Day.

To assist us in preparing for Sue’s visit, we ask you to contact the school by Friday, 17th October. We do hope you can join us on the day.

Curriculum Corner with 1A

This term 1A have been working very hard and having lots of fun in our learning. This term we have had a major focus on money. In terms of its uses, its value and the features of the coins we use. In the classroom we have created a shop which the students have been using every day. The students have been responsible for all aspects of the shop including the managing of jobs and roles each person plays such as the cashier, shelf packers, cleaners and customers.

“I love pretending to buy different things from the shop” Lucy.

“I like using the cash register” Cooper.

“I enjoy using the different amounts of money in the shop” Dale.

“I enjoy making sure everyone can see the items on the shelves” Keely.

“I enjoy buying the phones in the shop” Sam.

“I love being able to buy different items each time I use the shop” Lillea-May.

It has been fantastic to see all students getting involved and using and building upon their knowledge of money.

The students have also been using their knowledge of different landscapes to plan, design and create a diorama of an environment. The number of different environments was fantastic ranging from beaches to farms all the way through to volcanoes and the snow.

“Everyone made a really nice diorama” Hannah-Belle.

“It was a lot of fun making the diorama” Darcy.

“It was really good fun and even better that I could make a farm with horses in it” Molly.

We are all looking forward to this week’s celebration day as well as the upcoming holiday to rest and recharge ready for term 4.

CSS KOALAS

Is your child 0-5 years old?

Come along to our
Wednesday morning activities
from 9:00am to 10:30am
Where: Behind the library
Taking Prep Enrolments NOW

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• High Five Awards
From the Principal's Desk

Last Friday saw the Official Opening of the Health-E Regions Program and celebrated the strong community partnerships between Chinchilla State School, QGC and the University of Queensland. This project enables our students to access Speech and Occupational Therapy via video link up without the need for travel to major centres.

CSS Koala’s is a great opportunity for your pre-prep child to meet other children and become familiar with our school and staff while having fun. You will meet a variety of special guests from our school and community in an informative yet relaxed atmosphere. CSS Koala’s runs each Wednesday behind the Library between 9am and 10:30am. I would love to see you there.

This Friday is Celebration Day. Celebration Day is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students in our school who consistently model our five school values and exhibit exemplary behaviour. What a fantastic way to finish Term 3!

I wish you all a rejuvenating break and look forward to working with you again in the final term of the year.

Regards

Erin Hall

Students Jump Off for Heart Health

Last Friday, September 9, Chinchilla State School hosted a Jump Off to promote fitness and help prevent heart disease. Children from Prep to Year 6 participated on the day and, in the lead up to the Jump Off, by collecting donations for the Heart Foundation.

Since 1983, the Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart is known for being Australia’s most popular physical activity and fundraising program in schools. Our school’s event was organised by the Project Club.

At first, students were treated to a display of skipping skills by the Year 6 students. Many Year 6 students jumped to the music in a show of talent and expertise, concluding with a demonstration of the very difficult Double Dutch. After the initial presentation, classes moved to a rotation of skipping activities including relays, games and long and short rope activities. Rain could not even stop the fun and the day was a ‘skipping’ success with wide smiles on the faces of the children participating.

Fundraisers need to complete their donations by this Wednesday September 14 to receive their rewards from Jump Rope. Prizes will be distributed early next term.

By Chloe Honnery and Mikayla Henningsen

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 9 overall class attendance:

- Prep - 90.3%
- Grade 1 - 90.2%
- Grade 2 - 90.5%
- Grade 3 - 90.5%
- Grade 4 - 96.6%
- Grade 5 - 91%
- Grade 6 - 91.1%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 3A for the highest attendance percentage of 97.39% for week 9.

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.
PBL Update

Respect: Respect others' right to learn
At Chinchilla State School, every student has a right to participate and learn, not just those who are more assertive. This week's Value lesson teaches students to respect others' right to learn. Students will be encouraged to control their own behaviour and show respect for the feelings and rights of others. Ways this can be achieved is having students raising their hands if they wish to speak. It is important that students raise their hands to speak, as students who participate achieve higher than those who don’t. Allowing students to call out gives socially confident students an unfair advantage. Shy or less confident students are then left feeling unwelcome, left out and disconnected from the rest of the class.
Encouraging students to raise their hands to speak discourages selfishness in a supportive environment where all students can have a voice and can learn.

This Week’s Value Champions

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

CSS Koalas

CSS Koalas is a great opportunity to meet other parents and students of 2017. There will be some time to sit and chat with each other, for the children to meet and play with one another, and to meet a variety of guests who are keen to meet you and share a little about themselves.

CSS Koalas takes place behind the library from 9am to 10:30am each Wednesday morning until 30th November.
We’d love to see lots of mums and dads with their future student/s, so come along and join us.

‘Word Play’ Wonderment at the Brisbane Writers’ Festival

This year’s Writers’ Festival ‘Word Play’ was held on September 7 at the Southbank Cultural Precinct. Forty-three Chinchilla State School students, parents and teachers travelled to Brisbane to meet a variety of famous Australian authors.

The children were up early (even before the sun came up!) to travel to the Festival. The excursion was organised for students who had demonstrated a love of reading and writing. Children, identified by their teachers, were invited to the Festival and then required to participate in a lead up sessions during their lunch breaks where they talked about the books they had read. They also had to write a letter to staff outlining why they should be selected for the opportunity. Over 70 students initially attended the sessions.

Several students were also invited to introduce authors at the Festival. Keegan Luckraft was proud to introduce Tristan Bancks, author of 'Two Wolves' and the 'My Life' series. Mikayla Hennington introduced the 'horror king', Lee Battersby, author of 'Magrit and Through Soft Air'. Samantha Wheeler was presented by Peter Mizen. Samantha writes animal books that educate kids about animal endangerment. Several younger students got to see different authors and Danielle Riden had the privilege of announcing Katherine Battersby.

The day was an incredible success being educational, fascinating and thoroughly entertaining. Most students returned with books signed by their favourite authors, tired but excited to tell all about their experiences.

By Keegan Luckraft, Max Hart and Cam Rollings
Sports with Mr Clarke

Well officially all of our District Sports and Extra Curricular activities directly related to Physical Education have ended for the year. It has been a massive term and a massive year so far. We are about to head into the holidays and attempt to unwind, relax and rejuvenate before we head into our final term for the year. It has been a very successful year with our sporting endeavours that we can only hope to mirror again in the future.

Things to look forward to for next term are our school Swimming Carnival, and swimming lessons for the upper half of the school. I am currently in planning stages of the swimming lessons, and looking forward to spending some of the warmer days ahead around the pool with our students. Remember school swimming lessons are not sufficient alone to help teach your children about water safety, and learning how to swim. It’s a great building block; however, make sure you are enjoying the water with your children to help build confidence and experience.

Have a great, well-deserved break and I’ll see you next term.

Swimming Term 4

Swimming commences week 3 term 4. Payment needs to be received prior to you child attending their lessons.

Tuchoolshop Roster

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Fri 07.10.16

Narelle Nofzger

Morgan Pridham

Jackie O’Brian

Discontinued Items

Fried Rice,
Spaghetti Bolognaise and Crunch Cups

Important Dates: September/October 2016

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