New Prep Drinking Trough
Thanks to Cameby Downs Mine

The last week of Term 2 saw a brand new shiny water drinking trough installed in the outdoor prep play area, thanks to a generous funding donation from the Cameby Downs Mine. Just over $4,500 was sourced by the P&C via a community funding application, for the supply and installation of a 4-faucet drinking station on the northern wall of one of the Prep kitchens. This extra drinking station was identified as a dire need to increase the number of available water bubblers for up to 100 students that utilise that outdoor area. The P&C would like to thank the Cameby Downs Mine for their generous support of the school’s emerging needs and would also like to recognize Pitts Plumbing Service for undertaking the work. A sign will be installed near the drinking trough in acknowledgment of this donation.

Curriculum Corner with PC

Wow, halfway through the year already and what a great beginning to Term 3 we have had! Last week the children were busy getting to know Miss Murphy and began to explore a number of interesting units.

In Science the children put on their weather forecaster coats as they explore daily/seasonal weather changes in our environment and how these affect their everyday lives. The children are keeping track of these changes daily using weather chart calendars.

In History we are learning to identify and reflect on important personal and family events that we commemorate. The children are beginning this journey by creating a class memory quilt.

Writing continues to be a large focus this term and each week we are learning new phonemes and sight words. We are also exploring rhyming words and are working towards being able to create and present our own rhymes.

The Prep kids reading skills are progressing throughout the year and we would like to thank parents and guardians for all of your support at home and in reading groups so far!

Triple P offers free parenting help

Sick of nagging your kids to get ready? Find out how Triple P strategies fixed this problem for a Queensland family, plus get tips that work, recipes and more, in your ‘Triple P Parent’ tippaper.

Read it online now at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qlq-ukea/blog-and-more/queensland-parent-magazine/.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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From the Principal's Desk

The annual School Opinion Survey is being conducted across Queensland from the 11th to 29th of July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students have been invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to share your thoughts about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. This survey will be conducted online. Hopefully by now you will have received your access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey.

Recent student protection concerns have highlighted the need for schools to be even more vigilant in checking student attendance. Principals have been directed to tighten routines around roll marking. In addition to advising carers immediately in circumstances where a student in out-of-home care is identified as absent without explanation, Principals are asked to begin implementing same day notifications relating to unexplained absence for all students - something that Chinchilla State School has been doing for some time now. In order to continue to comply with this state-wide policy change we are asking for your cooperation in ensuring that your contact details are up to date and you are fully available for either a phone call or phone message using the details held by the school. Unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call to parent/caregivers from 9am daily. Therefore if your child is unable to attend school please notify the school office by 9am to avoid a phone call. All absences are to be emailed or phoned through to our attendance officer Mrs Katrina Densley who will contact each student's class teacher. Of course the full promotion of 100% attendance is always the best for student learning.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 1 overall class attendance:

- Prep - 90.81%
- Grade 1 - 94.26%
- Grade 2 - 92.64%
- Grade 3 - 91.10%
- Grade 4 - 94.54%
- Grade 5 - 89.10%
- Grade 6 - 92.53%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to Prep B, Mrs Brady's class, Mrs Purnell's Class and Mrs Hogan's class for the highest attendance percentage of 98% for week 1.

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: Care for school, others' and own property

Chinchilla State School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment for students and staff, where students learn. This week's Value lesson will focus on respecting and caring for school, others' and own property.

Students will be taught and encouraged to take care of their own property as well as that belonging to the classroom and school environments. Students are encouraged to take pride in their desk space, classroom and their eating areas as well as encouraging others to do so.

With the cooler months upon us, it is of the utmost importance that students clothing is named. It is very difficult to return unnamed items and the lost property bins can only fit so many things!

Students are encouraged to keep their classrooms tidy and orderly: there is a great opportunity for students to have a special ‘job’ in their classroom in order to do this.

Finally, it will help students to understand the importance of taking pride in our school property and environment.

This week's Value lesson will encourage children to care for their property and that of the school in developing positive behaviours and a sense of pride in our school community.

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 Lorraine Evans.

Paying attention may save a life

As our lives get busier it's very easy to take on two tasks at once — even while driving a vehicle. However, Queensland Transport has urged all road users to take extra caution and always remain alert and ensure safety on our roads.

The ever-changing driving environment is creating more instances that increase the risk of driver distraction and inattention. Driver distraction is a serious road safety problem and there needs to be a serious deterrent to ensure people stay focussed while driving. Any activity that distracts the driver or competes for their attention while driving has the potential to diminish driving performance and have serious consequences for road safety.

During 1 January to 30 June 2008, there were 20 fatalities as a result of crashes involving drivers or riders attributed with inattention and no other violation, within Queensland.

Putting sunglasses on, turning the radio, inserting a CD, applying make-up, checking a street directory or looking at paperwork are all actions that should be done while a vehicle is parked.

Motorists should wait until they have stopped to retrieve something out of the glove box or an object that has dropped onto the floor and should not try to pick up or reach for objects while driving.

Paying attention while driving is even more critical around school zones as young children aren’t as capable as adults to judge speed and distance, and their lack of experience on roads means they simply forget to look out for cars.

Remember that everyday simple actions can become extremely dangerous when undertaken by drivers - keep our roads safe by keeping your concentration. Queensland Transport, Paying attention may save a life, 2009

The Buy Smart Competition is back — become smarter consumers

Students can exercise their creativity, learn important tips and skills, and have a chance at winning a share of over $11,000 in prizes for themselves and their school in the Buy Smart Competition.

The Buy Smart Competition is run by the Office of Fair Trading and helps students learn how to become informed consumers and avoid financial problems now and in adult life.

To take part, students will have to identify and research a consumer issue before developing a creative project to explain the issue to a target audience of their choice. The more creative, the better!

Students can enter on their own or as part of a group of up to six people.

The competition is open to students across Queensland and has three categories: Years 4 to 6, Years 7 to 9 and Years 10 to 12.

SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

It's that time of year again where we have our Athletics Carnival and Field Events. Last term our students had a high focus on all things athletics. We have just completed our field events in Week 1 for all students who are 9 years old and above. Our students showed great determination and skill. However now we look to the Track events and our ball games, all of which will take place on Friday 29th July (Week 3). Our Morning will start at 8.45am. Students will meet in their classrooms to get the roll marked. Then at 8.55am we will have a welcome and introduction on the Oval. First Races will be at 9.00am. Prep to 8 year old students will have a normal morning until 11.30am. At which point they will meet on the oval to start their sprints.

Tuckshop will not operate as normal on the Friday of sports carnival, however a big thanks to the P & C and Mrs Trundle as she has organised for some lunch packs and a canteen to operate on the day.

Please ensure students wear their full school uniform including shoes and hat, however if students wish to wear their house colours and support their house that is encouraged as well. Students will also need to bring lunch and water.

Obviously this is one of the 3 big events of the year for the Physical Education Department, and parents are encouraged to come along and support students if it’s possible. We would love to see you here on the day and share in your child’s successes.

Thanks
Matt

Tuckshop Roster

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Additional Subway order forms available at the office.

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 the accompanying envelope (with child’s name written on envelope) to the white P&C box in School Office waiting area. Raffle Coordinator, Bec Keating (0429 069 051), will be following up any outstanding tickets. Thank you for your support!