**Curriculum Corner with 5B**

This term 5B have been working so incredibly hard that they should now be known as 5Busy! The action never stops when you’ve got so much learning to do in just ten short weeks. Enthusiasm levels are high and brilliant work is constantly being produced.

In English lessons, students have been letting their creative juices flow as they write powerful poetry describing the beauty of nature. Metaphors like “soft gentle petals are the joyful tears of angels” (Porsha Drabash) and “clouds are giant lost pillows of the Gods” (Connor McDermott) are just a few examples of imagery being created. Students have been collating their poems into a poetry anthology which when complete will showcase their poems proudly in a class display.

Solving investigations using eggs has been the focus of our latest Maths assessment. Students are working through multi-step calculations to find the income, expenditure and profit of a home-grown egg business. They have also explained ways to increase the business's profit margin and input figures into a financial plan.

Gold fever has struck our class as lessons in History have been delving into the Australian gold rushes. Students have been gaining understanding of the hard life many had on the goldfields and developing a new appreciation for the impact this event had on shaping our nation. We are currently learning about the circumstances leading to the Eureka Stockade and the role Peter Lalor played in bringing about significant change.

If you see light beams shining from the 5B windows, don’t be alarmed. We promise we aren’t having a disco! We are actually in the middle of Science lessons investigating the properties of light and how it can be manipulated. Students have found themselves perplexed staring into their reflection and thinking about why the image is flipped. They have also made their very own rainbows using prisms and sunlight.

As you can see we are having an absolute blinder of a term so far in 5B.

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**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.
From the Principal's Desk

As you would be aware, last week our school participated in a Full School Review, where three experienced principals came to our school and ran the review process across 9 school improvement areas. Whilst the results are preliminary, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Chinchilla State School staff and community for all the hard work and community partnerships, required to run a school of this size and complexity. The review team were very impressed with our internal processes, policies and programs, making commendations around the level of optimism across our school staff, students and community. Please accept my sincerest thanks for your ongoing support. I look forward to receiving the finalised findings.

On Thursday and Friday last week our leadership team travelled to Toowoomba to a professional development workshop entitled “Putting Faces on the Data” led by Canadian researcher Dr Lyn Sharratt. The two days were strategically aimed at school leaders and classroom teachers acknowledging the whole child in the curriculum. Knowing the student, his or her interests and backgrounds, his or her academic areas of success, areas to grow, and using his or her results to explicitly inform the next phase of teaching and learning. Dr Sharratt’s work is being used state and nation wide to inform best practice across schools. As the Principal of Chinchilla State School, I had to apply for our school to be accepted in the program, and I am very happy that we were successful. I look forward to working with Dr Sharratt and our team as we move towards 2017 and beyond.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 7 overall class attendance:

- Prep: 91.11%
- Grade 1: 87.08%
- Grade 2: 94.45%
- Grade 3: 92.07%
- Grade 4: 97.55%
- Grade 5: 86.00%
- Grade 6: 96.72%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 2A for the highest attendance percentage of 99% for week 7.
Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.

Opti-Minds

On Sunday, 28th August 28 students comprising of four teams participated in the Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge. It is an inclusive team challenge which EMPOWERS participants to THINK, CREATE & COMMUNICATE.

This year we had two teams doing Language and Literature and they had to create a solution involving a mystery story which included riddles, rebuses and raconteurs. Some creative solutions were presented and they were a pleasure to watch.

We also had two teams doing the Science & Engineering Challenge of creating a Pongle. Whilst a lot of last minute ideas were being put together, these two teams came through and presented their machines with gusto. Both teams came away with a Spirit of Opti-MINDS award.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for allowing their children to participate in this program over the last 10 weeks, and for travelling to UQ Gatton campus. There is also a very special thanks that needs to be given to Mrs Kidd for all of her help throughout the afternoon practices. I couldn’t have done it without her.

Mrs Hurley.

Year 6 Camp

Final Payment for the year 6 camp is Friday 28th October
This week students will be focusing on the Responsibility and Safety rule, paying specific attention to bike racks and busses. Students will be taught the rules surrounding these two areas. These rules are (but are not limited to):

**Bus Foci:**
- Responsibility
  - Have your name marked on the bus roll
  - Sit quietly in the bus line
  - Listen to the bus driver
- Safety
  - Wait inside the gate until the bus stops

**Bike/scooter Foci:**
- Responsibility
  - Keep my helmet in my school bag while at school
  - Lock my bike/scooter to the bike rack
- Safety
  - Walk bikes/scooters in the school grounds and to corner along Colamba St (use gate near janitor’s shed)
  - Use own bike only

- Bike racks are out of bounds between 7am and 3pm.
- Students must go directly to bus lines at 3pm.
- Students must sit under ‘C’ block until 8:30am bell.
- 8:30am – 8:35am is to prepare for the day – not play.

**Speed limits in school zones**

School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.

Speed limits which apply include:
- 40 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 50 km/h, 60 km/h or 70 km/h.
- 60 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 80 km/h.
- 60 km/h or 80 km/h on roads where the speed limit is 90 km/h or 100 km/h, depending on the amount of school related activity on or near the road.
- 80 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 110 km/h.


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

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**This Week’s Value Champions**

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**Chinchilla Casket & Newsagency**

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**MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10**

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SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Chinchilla State School is now focussing on a Jump Rope for Heart Program that is all about raising money for Heart Disease.

The project club are getting right behind this initiative, and they have started really well. We have been lucky enough to source a few new skipping ropes, and most classes are getting their students skipping. I am a strong supporter of this program for a number of reasons. I have now seen a huge shift in the activities being held during lunch. There is a large number of students who are skipping in their play times, and having lots of fun together. It really helps with fitness, and also a lot of coordination goes into it. Another reason for me being a strong supporter is that this program provides a fun and healthy alternative to raise awareness of and raise money for a worthwhile cause.

When Jump Rope For Heart first approached Chinchilla State School they told me that last time the program ran at our school we raised over $15,000. That is a massive effort. If we get close to that number again, that would be out of this world good. However if we just do our bit, it all helps. Please get behind this program, register online, get your students skipping, and try and raise awareness and money through your circles. I believe the project club will be holding a big jump off at the end of term, (in the next few weeks). This will be an exciting day.

Thanks, Matt

Tuckshop Roster

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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
Phone 4672 9222

Lost Property Bins

The Lost property bins are overflowing. If your child has misplaced something please come and have a look in the lost property bins located outside the office under the stairs. If items are not collected by the end of term all lost property will be donated to Vinnies. Please ensure all property is clearly named so it can be returned to the correct child.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

Monday 8:30 – 9:00am
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am

IMPORTANT DATES: Aug / September 2016

| Year 4 Camp | 31st Aug – 2nd Sep |
| Bimsbame’s Writers Festival | 1st Sep |
| Regional Track and Field | 1st-2nd Sep |
| Year 1 Fun Evening | 9th Sep |

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