School Concert

Students, families and friends are all welcome to attend our school concert this Thursday night at 6pm when our new school song will be unveiled with Josh Arnold.

All classes worked with Josh during Term 3 to create their own song. Classes will be performing these on the night.

CD’s of all the class songs will be available to purchase on the evening for $10.

Our P&C Association will have a BBQ at 5pm.

Come along and join us on this special occasion.

School Performance

This 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 $15.00 for Prep and $8.00 per student Years 1-6.

CURRICULUM CORNER WITH 1C

Last term in Year One Science we were studying natural, managed and constructed landscapes. We read a few books related to the topic including ‘Last Tree in the City’, ‘The Lorax’ and ‘Window’. These books helped the children understand how people can change landscapes for the better or worse.

We investigated the impact of pollution on environments and how the cutting down of trees increases the amount of erosion in particular areas. To further the children’s understanding of erosion we all took to the sandpit. Armed with shovels, buckets as well as sticks and leaves we found on the ground we went to work. The students were required to create a scene where erosion would take place and use water to demonstrate the effects of erosion. Some groups modelled the sand dunes at the beach being washed away by the waves and others made hills where the trees had been cut down. Overall, it was a fun way to re-enact what we had been discussing in class.

This term in Science we are learning about light and sound. Miss Pugh is back with us for another four weeks and we are all refreshed ready for our last eventful term.
From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Term 4 at Chinchilla State School. I hope that you have had the opportunity to take some well-earned time as a family to relax and get away over the two week vacation period. This morning on our assembly I had the pleasure of welcoming all our staff and students back to school. I also took the opportunity to highlight that this term, like all school terms is set to be a very busy one.

Congratulations to young Cooper Zerk who had the wonderful opportunity to toss the coin at the recent rugby league grand final between the Cowboys and the Melbourne Storm. Cooper assures me that while it was a fantastic opportunity, he had nothing to do with the result with the Melbourne Storm winning. Congratulations also to Holly Sturgess who competed in the National Show jumping Championships over the break. Holly informs me that whilst the Queensland Primary School Team came 3rd overall, it was Queensland who took out the Championships as a whole. Well done to both students.

On a more serious note, our thoughts and prayers go out to young Jaymon Gaul from 3B who remains in a critical condition at Lady Cilento Hospital, suffering from Influenza A and B. I was fortunate enough to speak with Jaymon's mum this morning, and while Jaymon continues to battle his illness, he is a very unwell young man. There is a Go Fund Me page set up for Jaymon if anyone would like to contribute towards his recovery. Jaymon's mum is hoping to be able to get him a laptop to assist with his education, to support his love of music and his overall wellbeing and recovery.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 10 overall class attendance:

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Total days lost to absenteeism in Week 10 was 245 days.

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

Congratulations to 1/2D for the highest attendance percentage of 98.8% for Week 10.

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

Staffing Update

We welcome back Mr Dale Magner from a trip to Victoria and Mrs Erin Hall from leave. Welcome back to Mrs Cathy Clark who has had an extended break this year travelling to many interesting places across Australia. We hope you are all rejuvenated and ready for Term 4.

This term Mrs Lisa Braden moves across to 1/2D for the remainder of the year as Miss Kylee Judd is Principal of Kogan State School for Term 4. Mrs Sue Cobb will be teaching 3C full time in Term 4. Many thanks to Mrs Braden and Mrs Cobb for your continued support of the students at Chinchilla State School.

Welcome to Mrs Vikki Knight who is replacing Mrs Sarah Dobbs while she is on maternity leave. Mrs Knight will teach 1C each Monday and Tuesday for this term while Mrs Melissa Verdon continues in her role on Wednesday through to Friday.

Mrs Anita Rollings will be supporting students in the ACES and ECDP this term. Mrs Rollings is an experienced teacher who has worked in many of our classrooms supporting the students of Chinchilla State School.

This term we have many students from the Queensland University of Technology completing their internships here at our school. This internship is part of their studies in gaining a Bachelor of Education. Welcome back to Miss Georgia Proberts, Miss Ashley Leonard, Miss Tamra Francis, Miss Renee Stewart and Miss Carmyn Fagh who will be working in classrooms for the first four weeks of this term. Miss Emily Irwin from the University of Southern Queensland will also be here during the same time completing her internship. Later this term we will welcome Miss Renee Richards from the Australian Catholic University who will also complete a four week internship.

Author in Residence: Samantha Wheeler

With special thanks to our P&C, students were very fortunate to have published children's author Samantha Wheeler, spend the week working with all of our school as part of the Book Week celebrations at Chinchilla State School.

Students participated in various author and writing workshops across the week and were given an insight to what it was like for Samantha to become a published author after starting her writing career with just one small idea.

Most importantly students learnt from Samantha not to be daunted by that big empty page when they write, but to fill it up with what's inside of them. Samantha encouraged students to write from the heart, say so much in a few cleverly chosen words and most of all - finish it and believe in their story. A special thanks also to those who came along to Samantha's parent writing evening.
PBL Update

Safety Value: Appropriate use of toilets while at school

A respectful, orderly, and safe school is the foundation for a successful learning environment.

Children and adults have a right to expect standards of behaviour which allow teaching and learning to take place, and which make school a happy and secure place for all.

This week’s Value lesson will help students become aware that the school toilets are a public area used by many people for a common purpose. Classes will discuss appropriate use of toilets which includes:

→ No loitering / playing / congregating / taking refuge
→ Best time to use toilets
→ Correct route to toilet
→ Straight there, straight back

Students will also become aware about the need for thoroughly washing hands especially after going to the toilet and will learn how germs are spread to others and on to objects shared (e.g. pencils, books, desks).

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.

Cyber Safety for Parents

Remember, you already possess the skills to supervise. Apply these skills to technology and the online world.

To help keep your child safe when they are online, you can:

→ put computers in open spaces within your home
→ remind your child that content can be posted instantaneously, the downfall is that they can potentially post something without thinking about the ramifications.
→ educate your child about appropriate online behaviour (https://www.qld.gov.au/aboutus/being-safe-knowing-your-rights/protection-yourself-online) and the need for respectful communication with other internet users
→ keep an eye on what your child is doing online (both in the home and on any mobile devices they may have access to e.g. phones, music devices and tablets).
→ set clear rules about what sites and activities they are allowed to access
→ install software to limit their use and monitor restrict the sites they visit
→ discuss a plan with your child about how to address any cyber-safety issues that may arise (make sure they know you will be supportive if they mention anything and that they will not get in trouble)
→ encourage them to find someone they feel safe talking to, such as yourself, a relative, a teacher or a trusted adult.


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.

STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents/ Caregivers, if you have a child/ren who requires medication to be administered during school hours, a “Medicine Administration Advice” form must be completed.

The accompanying medication must be in the original container with a Pharmacy Label, Labelled with doctors name on it for the school to be able to administer it.

All medication that is no longer required at school must be collected by a parent/caregiver, we cannot give this medication to students. Please see the office staff if you have any queries.
Welcome back from your holidays everyone. I hope you had a chance to relax and unwind. Feeling rejuvenated and ready to go for another 10 weeks.

This term we kick things off straight away with swimming in week 1. Students will have received a timetable last term and have 6 lessons each. Just a few reminders concerning swimming lessons. We are a sun safe school and therefore require a few rules to be followed at swimming. Students are required to wear sun shirts and sunscreen or they are not allowed to swim. If you have any concerns with this please just let me know.

There have been cases where students have been allergic to sunscreen and other issues. I'm happy to work with you, and make the best decision for your child, but please just communicate so we are all on the same page. Look forward to seeing you all down at the pool.

Year 6 into 7
Chinchilla State High School welcomes our future Year 7 students and their families. Please see below upcoming important dates to remember:

- 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 2017 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.

Tuckshop Roster

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Fri 13.10.17
Renay Young
Michelle Kerin
Amanda Maguire

UNIFORM SHOP
Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday — 8.30 to 9.00am

IMPORTANT DATES: October 2017

- CSS Koolas 9-10:30am
- Josh Arnold School Concert
- QSS Track & Field — QSAC 9th—10th Oct
- CSS Koolas 9-10:30am
- STUDENT FREE DAY
- Primary IM Camp (Years 4&5)
- 4th Oct
- 5th Oct
- 9th—10th Oct
- 11th Oct
- 16th Oct
- 17th-19th Oct