Curriculum Corner with 1/2D

Term 4 has been exceptionally busy for 1/2D as we have been getting to know Mrs Braden and continue to grow taller, think bigger and use new vocabulary daily!

This term in English, we have been exploring simple poetry structures, the language features and word types that are used in these poems. We have been reading and listening to a range of poems and are in the process of creating an imaginative poetry reconstruction of “Jack Sprat” to present to our class.

Currently our reading strategy focus is on fluency and retelling. In 1/2D, good readers think about what they are reading, ask questions and retell the text in their own words to show understanding. We will continue to focus on these skills to build comprehension skills throughout the term. Mrs Braden has also been teaching us about choral reading and close reading. This week our reading goal is to use the punctuation in the text to improve our fluency.

In our science unit we have been investigating light and sound and how they are produced by a range of sources. We have been having fun experimenting, by making our very own musical instruments out of various recycled materials. Some students made maracas filled with rice, whistles out of drinking straws and bongos out of Pringle cylinders. There has certainly been lots of excitement to be had this term in our classroom!

Mrs Braden & 1/2D

Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year

Parents of children born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 who are starting Prep in 2015 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.

To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

- Visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don’t leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

From the Principal's Desk

This Saturday, 11th November is Remembrance Day. As such, our school will pause for one minute of silence at 11am on Friday. As adults we know the significant importance of ensuring days like Remembrance Day, Anzac Day and the anniversary of all other conflicts are never forgotten. Many of us are able to recall the stories of our parents and grandparents and their efforts and experiences throughout different military conflicts, which we then pass on to our children in the hope that they will continue to embrace not only the family histories shared, but the significance of these events. As parents and as educators we all hope to build a greater understanding in our children of what war and conflict actually means. What it actually means to be in the armed forces and to serve your country, like so many men and women are today.

I personally remember the family stories of my grandparents who both served, my grandfather as a light horseman and my grandmother as a cook in the Airforce. I also remember the stories of my father who spoke of his emotional distress that out of all of his friendship group at the time, he was the only one who was not selected to serve in Vietnam. While he never acknowledged it as such, perhaps it was a blessing.

Please join us, wherever you happen to be on Friday at 11am, as we pause to acknowledge the many lives lost, and the many men and women who stand and serve today.

Class Attendance

Term 4, Week 5 overall class attendance:

- Prep - 84.75%
- Grade 1 - 86.75%
- Grade 2 - 92.14%
- Grade 3 - 92.75%
- Grade 4 - 89.89%
- Grade 5 - 87.06%
- Grade 6 - 91.90%
- Target: 95%

Total days lost to absenteeism in Week 5 was 149 days.

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

Congratulations to the highest attendance percentage of 98.33% for Week 5.

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

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.

Reminder to Year 5 and 6 parents

Just a reminder to our Year 5 and 6 parents, can you please remember to return your responses for your assistance with Presentation Day (Tuesday, 5th December). We are just following up and reminding parents to return their response slips as soon as possible.

Value Champion recipients in Year One from yesterday's assembly.
Bell Street Bulletin
Chinchilla State School

PBL Update

This week’s value: resilience

This week’s Value lesson will help students to develop the habit of being resilient and will encourage them to be persistent. Teaching children to be resilient can provide them with the tools they need to respond to the challenges of both childhood and adolescence to navigate successfully in adulthood.

Despite our best efforts, we cannot prevent adversity and daily stress, but children can learn to be more resilient by changing how they think about challenges and adversities. Throughout the next week, students will be engaging in a variety of lessons, some topics may include:

- Getting along
- Confidence
- Accepting themselves
- Persistence

What you can do at home...

You can engage in discussions with your child/ren about never giving up when things get hard. Give examples to them of times in your own life when you have had to have resilience. Encourage and praise your child/ren when you see them having resilience with a task.

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.

School Procedures & Routines

For new parents and as a reminder to all parents, there are a number of procedures and routines to help our school run smoothly.

School commences at 9.00 am. Students are expected to be at school by 8.45 am. Students who arrive at school after 9:15 am are required to report their late arrival to the school office.

There have recently been a number of students arriving very early at the school. The school does not provide supervision for students before the school day.

Students who arrive prior to 8:30 am are required to sit under ‘C’ block (building adjacent to Administration). At 8:30 am, a bell is rung to indicate to the students to get ready for the school day.

We ask all families to assist us in helping to create a safe school environment for their student/s and all school community members by organising student arrivals no earlier than 8:30 am each day.

Volunteers make a Difference

There are many good reasons to volunteer at school. It’s a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.

Volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for our school community. Each year we express our thanks at our Volunteer & Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea. All school volunteers are welcome to come along to this Thursday’s morning tea at 10:30 am on the library deck.

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Value Champions recipients in Prep from yesterday’s assembly.
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

Over half way through the term now, there are only 23 days of school left. We have all recently been to some PD where we were urged to make the most of our time with our students. For some people learning opportunities only come during school time. We have 23 days left to encourage and dream with our students. We have 23 days left to push them to their learning limit. 23 days left to foster the attitude and excitement of students in the area of school, learning, ready, maths, imagination, (and for me physical activity). We have been encouraged to use every minute possible and to keep the work coming right up to the last minute. So I encourage you to push your children. Encourage them to keep up the energy at school. Keep up the learning and the reading and all that goes with attending school. We have a tad over 4 weeks of school left for 2017. Let’s make the most of this time as we never get it back again.

Tuckshop Roster

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| Amanda Maguire | Relay Young | Michelle Kerin |

UNIFORM SHOP

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

IMPORTANT DATES: Nov 2017

- QSS Boys Cricket—Nudges: 5th–9th Nov
- CSS Kealas 9-10.30am: 9th Nov
- Volunteer & Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea: 9th Nov
- 2018 School Captain Speeches: 15th Nov
- CSS Kealas 9-10.30am: 15th Nov
- CSS Kealas Transition Program 9-10.30: 22nd Nov
- Years 3-6 CSS Swimming Carnival: 27th Nov

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.

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 are returned to child/ren classroom and all remaining non-school items will be donated to charity, if not collected prior to the end of this term.

Parents/Caregivers, please ensure all items are named so we can return them to your child i.e. hats, coats, swimmers, towels, lunchboxes etc.