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 within 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.

Curriculum Corner with 4C

We are all now refreshed and 4C students are ready to finish Year 4 with a strong attitude in our learning. To finish last term the students were given some reward time with Jumping for Heart activities, with Tyla, Shanae, Brooke and Predee really taking a liking to skipping as the photos demonstrate.

Over this term the students will have fun in Technology when they will digitally design a poster that will persuade how we should recycle at Chinchilla State School. This will be linked to what we are doing in our Geography unit of sustainability of natural resources.

In English, this term we will be learning and understanding how persuasive techniques are used in all different types of advertisements in newspapers, TV advertisements, on breakfast packaging and how this has changed over time depending on the audience’s knowledge. Some fun times ahead for the term.

In Maths this term, we will look further at how fractions are used but also how they are compared when being represented as decimals. In the next couple of weeks we will concentrate on how data in relation to everyday events is represented and how it can be collected.

In Science, we will start looking at discovering how forces are linked with motion. Students will see how games incorporate forces and learn the relationship friction has between these forces.

It has simply been an amazing year seeing how the students have grown and developed, we all hope this final term they will showcase their skills and as we say in 4C, be the best they can be.

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
• Term 4 Swimming Timetable
• Term 4 Puckshop Menu
From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to week one of Term Four. It was absolutely fantastic to see the high number of students in attendance and in full school uniform on Tuesday morning at our full school assembly. I hope all our families took some quality time as a family unit and enjoyed some well-earned rest and relaxation over the break. I know my trip to Cape York was absolutely exceptional.

On Tuesday morning I took the opportunity to highlight the fact that we have 50 school days remaining in 2016. 50 days to make a difference, to achieve our goals as planned, and to prioritise on quality teaching, learning and assessment. I also invited nominations for 2017 school captains. There will be four positions, two captains and two vice captains. Nominations opened on Tuesday and will close on Friday the 21st of October. Students need to complete a nomination form which will be given to them shortly, have a staff member other than their own class teacher endorse their application and present a 2 minute speech to their peers in the coming weeks. Please encourage your year 5 student to have a go.

Class Attendance

Term 3, Week 10 overall class attendance:

- Prep — 84.6%
- Grade 1 — 85.6%
- Grade 2 — 84.4%
- Grade 3 — 89.6%
- Grade 4 — 82.3%
- Grade 5 — 83.4%
- Grade 6 — 84.7%
- Target: 95%

Congratulations to 3B for the highest attendance percentage of 94.4% for week 10.

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

Attendance Matters

Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve their full potential.


Head Lice

Head Lice have been detected in many classes throughout the school.

It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on 4672 9222.

School Performance

“Have you ever heard a Wombat Sing”

Please ensure that all school fees are paid in full so your child can attend.

Year 3 Camp

Year 3 camp payment is due tomorrow Wednesday 5th October
PBL Update

"Be prepared and ready"

Welcome back to Term 4! This week our focus is on being a successful learner. This does not happen accidentally – everyone must plan for success! One part of the plan is to be prepared when you come to school each day.

In this week’s value lesson, students learn what “Personal Responsibility” and “Being Prepared” mean and how each concept contributes to their success as students. This lesson will help students determine the materials needed for each school subject and how to take responsibility for having their materials ready.

- Set up simple routines at home to make things more efficient.
- Talk to your kids regularly about planning how they use their time.
- Make a list of homework tasks and ask your child to tick each one off as they finish.
- Set a timer for working or playing on the computer if there are a few people wanting to use it.
- Praise your child’s attempts to improve their organisation.

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.

DON’T FORGET to download the QSchool App.

Go to the school website [https://chinchilla.qld.edu.au/ Pages/default.aspx](https://chinchilla.qld.edu.au/ Pages/default.aspx) and underneath Quick links click on the "Download the QSchools App".

If you already have the App, please make sure that you have the most up to date version.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

- **Monday** 8:30 – 9:00 am
- **Wednesday** 8:30—9:00 am
Sports with Mr Clarke

Welcome back everyone. Hope your break was everything you needed it to be. I had all these amazing plans of camping and various other activities; although I ended up just taking a few days to unwind.

It has been such a big year, but there is 1 more term to go, or 10 weeks. For me in the classroom that means the equivalent of 10 lessons of PE, or 6 swimming lessons for the upper school. So there isn’t long left for this year.

Remember while we are coming towards the end of the year, we will need to be mindful of the weather and being safe. As it starts to turn up the heat we should be reminded to keep up the use of sunscreen, keep a hat on our head, and ensure we are drinking plenty of water.

For Grade 3 to 6 it’s our turn in the pool, so hopefully that helps us a little staying cool. A quick reminder that students are required (compulsory) to have a swim shirt and appropriate swimwear to be able to attend swimming lessons at school.

Sunscreen will be provided, but if you have your own bring that too. I look forward to our time together this term.

Matt

Sun Safety

Chinchilla State School is a Sun Smart School.

What does this mean? The Queensland Cancer Council does not accept caps as offering adequate protection from the sun. To be a Sun Smart School, the uniform policy has to be that children wear a hat with a brim or cap with a flap at the side and back. Only children wearing hats with a brim will be allowed to play in the sun.

Unfortunately, caps are the preferred choice of many children, particularly as they get older. CSS P&C and staff realised in making this decision that it may not be popular with some children and parents, but believed that education of children to wear sun safe hats was the responsible thing to do, with Queensland’s skin cancer rate being the highest in the world. The fact is that a hat with a brim offers much more protection from the damaging effects of the sun than do caps.

Parents are asked to understand why this decision has been made and to discuss the reason for the decision with their children and support the wearing of hats with a brim.

School bucket hats are available from the Tuckshop. Any hat with a brim is acceptable.

Swimming Term 4

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

Tuckshop Roster

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Reminder:

Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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