ROBOGALS ATTACK!!!

Last Tuesday, 8 November, the Robogals Team visited Year 5 classes in our school library. Robogals are people who visit schools; teaching students of all ages about mechanical and electronic engineering through working with robots.

The children were arranged into groups of three. They had to program a robot to go through a Barrel Race course. The children had to figure out the correct angles and distance through wheel rotations for their robot to travel. The activity was challenging and the students had to repeatedly test their thinking by trialling the robots.

The students were enthusiastic to work on the computers and with the robots. Brooklyn said, “It was cool because of all the robots. We learnt new things on the computer.” Percusus commented, “It was a fun experience because we got to do a maze.” “It was fun, different and hard,” was Elijah’s response. All classes enjoyed the program and it certainly encouraged the children to think about engineering as a possibility in their future.

Written by Zane Staib 5B

Curriculum Corner with 2B

The students in 2B (2 Brilliant) have been super busy this Semester. So far this Semester, we have been exploring History which involved exploring the local area and the Prickly Pear Problem. Students developed questions, researched the history and designed posters about the Prickly Pear Problem in Chinchilla.

We have also looked at Science concepts based around ‘Push and Pull’ and Earth’s resources and students have explored places of personal meaning and maps in Geography lessons. The students have been completing many English tasks to develop their reading, writing, spelling and speaking. Students have continued working on fractions, time, shapes, graphs, addition and subtraction, counting patterns and place value for maths this Semester.

In 2B, we have been working on writing as a focus for learning before entering Year 3 next year. Students have been completing “Muscle Writing” which is quiet, independent writing for 15 minutes each afternoon. Students are given a topic or a sentence starter to complete their writing. This has helped significantly with writing stamina, neatness and the engagement of writing tasks. I am so super proud of all the students in 2B for how far they have come with writing and spelling this year!

Happy learning everyone! Enjoy the last few weeks of the school year!

Regards, Miss Fogwell

BOOKLISTS FOR 2017

2017 Book Lists were handed to ALL students last week, Friday 11/11/2016. If you have not received one, please check your child’s school bag or see the front office.

INSERTS
• High Five Awards

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From the Principal’s Desk

Last Thursday afternoon I had the pleasure of joining our Year 4, 5 and 6 students, many staff and family members, at the 2017 school captain speeches and election. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Robyn Reardon for organising the afternoon, and also our current school captains for their ongoing leadership at the event. It was fantastic to see the strong community support, and the level of engagement from all our students who sat quietly and attentively throughout the 21 speeches. My sincerest congratulations must go out to each of the nominees for the outstanding manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the individual speeches. There were 21 excellent speeches and they each were a true display of the quality student leadership at Chinchilla State School. I am very glad that the students vote in the successful nominees, as I would not like the job of having to select a successful candidate based on the high quality speeches. Thank you must also go out to all the families who supported the nominees in the lead up to this event.

The school captain and vice captains for 2017 will be announced at the Year 6 Presentation Day celebrations on Tuesday, 6th December 2016.

A reminder for all parents to take advantage of the parent/teacher meetings taking place from now until the end of the year. This is a great way for you to stay up to date with your child’s progress, and to formally sit down with your classroom teacher to discuss your son or daughter’s progress over the year.

I am currently receiving a lot of inquiries from families in relation to class placements for next year. Please be patient, as it is early days yet. I won’t have finalised classes or class teacher allocations until later in the year, as this information is dependent upon student enrolment numbers and an allocation of teachers from the department. If you are intending on moving on from Chinchilla State School at the end of the year, please take this opportunity to inform the school. Likewise, if you have a new enrolment to our school for 2017, please prioritise an enrolment meeting as soon as possible so that we can include your enrolment and finalise our staffing planner for 2017.

Class Attendance

Term 4, Week 6 overall class attendance:

- Prep – 97.06% Grade 1 – 88.51%
- Grade 2 – 84.32% Grade 3 – 86.66%
- Grade 4 – 90.57% Grade 5 – 90.00%
- Grade 6 – 90.48% Target: 100%

Congratulations to 1/2D (Year 1) for the highest attendance percentage of 97.00% for week 6.

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

Chinchilla State School
POSITIONS VACANT

POSITION TITLE: TEACHER AIDE – STUDENT ESCORT
CLASSIFICATION: CASUAL

Chinchilla State School is seeking applications from persons interested in applying for a Casual Teacher Aide – Student Escort Position. We are currently seeking 2 people to work as Student Escorts to a Prep aged student. The successful applicants will be required to work on an alternate roster and be able to fill in for each other when required.

The hours of work will be 7am to 9am and 12:30pm to 3:30pm Monday to Friday. The successful applicants will commence on 23 January 2017.

Prospective employees must possess or be willing to apply for and be able to obtain a Suitability Card from Blue Card Services.

Applications should include a covering letter and Resume and are to be marked “Confidential” and forwarded to the Business Services Manager, Chinchilla State School, PO Box 414, Chinchilla 4413. All applications are to be received no later than 4pm Tuesday 29 November 2016.

Education Queensland is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Value Champion recipients from yesterday’s assembly.
PBL Update

Responsibility:
“Keep your food to yourself and dispose of litter correctly”

Chinchilla State School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment for students and staff, where students learn. Each day, students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

In this week’s Value lesson students will explore the question “What is litter?” and will develop a sense of food safety awareness. Students will identify areas on the school grounds or nearby areas where litter is a problem and offer ways to solve the problem.

Students will be strongly encouraged to keep their food, tuckshop vouchers and tuckshop money to themselves. They will also be instructed to clean up after themselves in an effort to keep a clean and tidy school.

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.

The School Day

School commences at 8.00am. Students are expected to be at school by 8.45am. Students who arrive at school after 8.00am are required to report their late arrival to the school office.

There has 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 8:30am are required to sit under ‘C’ Block (building adjacent to Administration). At 8:30am 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 8:30am each day.

Kids Helpline

We’d all like to think that when our children and young people have problems, they can talk openly to an adult they trust – but this isn’t always the case.

Kids Helpline is Australia’s free, confidential and anonymous telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between five and 25.

More than 12,000 calls and online contacts are made to Kids Helpline every week about issues ranging from relationship breakdown, bullying, sexual abuse, mental health issues, homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and drug and alcohol usage.

The service provides counselling over the phone or via email and the web. All counsellors are fully qualified, paid professionals who undergo additional accredited training.

The demand for the Kids Helpline service increases in the lead-up to Christmas. So don’t let a child you know become a statistic – make sure every child knows where they can get support.

The Kids Helpline number is 1800 55 1800.

Prep Enrolments 2017

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
Enrolment packs are available from the school office 8:00am - 4:30pm or phone 4672 9222
SPORTS WITH MR CLARKE

This week is our final week of swimming lessons for the year. Out of a massive 76 lessons all up, I look back on it and think ‘gee that went quick.’ Each week I find it such a pleasure to see the student’s skills develop.

This term I have been extremely fortunate to have the help of the instructors down at the pool. I need to say a big thanks to the P&C for their contribution and commitment in funding this initiative. It’s times like this that I’m happy I went along to the P&C fundraiser this year and did my very tiny bit to help support them. As now the students are reaping the rewards of their efforts during their swimming lessons. They are truly unsung heroes in schools. I, for one, am grateful for their thoughts.

I am also starting to look at the Swimming Carnival that is coming up in Week 5. I have some big plans for the carnival this year. I plan on changing a few things around and changing some of the events. Maybe even add a couple of events if we are lucky. Keep your eyes and ears peeled to this space, because soon I’ll be going through some of the changes. I am excited about what is on offer for the upper school this term in their Swimming Carnival.

We have had some crazy weather this past week, scorching hot days, stormy weather and even a couple of cold nights. All I can say is stay safe and think about how you look after yourself in this type of weather. Make sure your drinking plenty of water during the day, even if you go swimming, you still need to be getting that water into you to hydrate yourself. Stay safe, have fun and look forward to the end of the year with you all.

Matt

Tuckshop Roster

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STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents/ Caregiver, if we are holding medication for your child/ren, you will need to collect in before the end of the School Year. All medication must be collected by a parent/ caregiver, we cannot give medication to students. Please call office staff if you have any queries.

Book Club

Last week, students were sent home with the last book club for this year, all orders close on Sunday, 20/11/2016. Please note that all orders and payments must be done online.

We do not take any orders or money here at the school for book club; it is all processed online directly to Scholastic.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

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

IMPORTANT DATES: Nov/December 2016

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