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From the Principal

I’d like to firstly congratulate the children at Central for their fantastic efforts in the classroom. All classes are now beginning to revise the concepts that have been taught throughout the term, and will shortly commence their end of term assessment. Parents and guardians, it’s vital that your child continues to attend school every day, especially at this time in the term. If children miss just one day from school, they will quickly begin to fall behind their peers, which only makes learning more difficult. I am pleased to note that our student attendance at Central has improved this term, with most of our children attending school each day.

This week I have been away from the school attending the annual Year 7 trip to Brisbane. A number of children from Central SS joined other Year 7 students from RHSS and MSS and travelled to Brisbane last Sunday, and will return Saturday afternoon, no doubt very tired, but excited after their trip to Brisbane.

Eisteddfod
I’d like to congratulate the Charters Towers Central State School children who participated in the recent Charters Towers Eisteddfod. The children performed amazingly and represented our school with pride and passion. The judges continually praised Charters Towers Central State School children for their impeccable manners, tidy presentation and quality performance. Congratulations students and well done! You have made your school very proud. Special congratulations to Rayne and Vanessa who were awarded prizes during the Eisteddfod, and also to our school choir, who were awarded 2nd place and the Encouragement Award. Charters Towers Central SS would like to thank our music teacher Mrs McGuire and our instrumental music teacher Mr Mossley for their efforts coaching and supporting our students in the lead up to the Eisteddfod.

Parent Teacher Interviews
All teachers at Central SS will shortly be offering formal Parent Teacher Interviews. Your child should have already brought home an Interview Booking Request form. If you would like an interview with your child’s teacher ensure you complete the form and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. If you have not received your Booking Request Form please let Admin know and we will organise a form for you. Regular communication between school and parents is vital in ensuring children can achieve their best at school. Research clearly proves that regular open communication between parents and their child’s teacher greatly improves each child’s academic performance at school, therefore, I would urge parents to make an appointment time with their child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress.
Interschool Sports Carnival

Last Friday, CTCSS and MSS co-hosted the Interschool Sports Carnival, which was held at Friemann Oval. All primary schools from the Charters Towers region, including Distance Education and the numerous small schools attended, resulting in quite fierce competition. Almost 50 children from Central attended on the day, including Preps, and I must congratulate the students on their sportsmanship and willingness to give all events a go. While there are literally too many students to mention who won places on the day, every student deserves to be congratulated for representing Central proudly. I would like to thank our PE teacher Mrs Miller for her support with organising this year’s carnival; our school staff who assisted on the day; and also our P&C for assisting in the canteen.

Book Week

Book Week was celebrated at Central last week with most children from Central being involved in Book Week Activities. A special Book Week parade was held last Monday with many students dressing up as their favourite book characters. I would like to congratulate the students and Library staff for the success of this year’s Book Week celebrations. Photos from Book Week can be found in the newsletter.

Student Behaviour

Over the last two weeks the school has witnessed an increase in the number of students bringing home/community issues to school to resolve. Incidents such as family arguments, weekend sport conflicts and incidents that do not involve the school have no place at school and must stay outside of the school at all times. I am urging parents to talk to their children and remind them that incidents from home must stay at home—not at school. While only a small number of children are not following our school’s behavioural expectations, it impacts on all students at school as learning is disrupted, student morale is impacted and children who are following the school rules and behaving feel victimised. As part of our school’s School Wide Positive Behaviour Program, children who consistently have behaved throughout Term 3 will be invited to attend a special party at school. This party will be held from lunch time onwards on the last day of the school term, and children who have had two or less detentions, and no suspensions, will be invited. Those children who have more than two detentions this term, or have been suspended this term, will not be invited to attend and will be provided with an alternative program at the school. Shortly, students who are invited to attend will be receiving invitations to the party.

Regular School Attendance

While our school’s attendance rate is improving, there are still a number of children who regularly miss school for no reason. Presently 85% of our students attend school everyday, which is well below the Education Queensland target of 92%. Attending school every day, all day, is vital. Taking a day off to go to the shops, or to buy shoes, or to just stay home, or because there is not any food at home is not acceptable. Children are required to attend school by law. Children are only to stay home if they are sick or urgent family business has arisen. Remember—Every Day Counts.

Come Visit!

Finally parents/guardians, please feel free to visit the school and discuss your child’s education with teachers or the administration team at any time. The school is fortunate to have such a fantastic staff working at the school and together, we’re all keen to achieve the best results we can for your children. If there’s anyway we can help support or assist you and your family please do not hesitate to visit or phone the school.

Have a wonderful week everyone.
Nick Shirley—Principal Charters Towers Central SS

Follow Central on Facebook!

Charters Towers Central State School has a dedicated Facebook site allowing parents, community members and past students to stay connected and up to date with the events occurring at our school. Key messages, events and updates are posted regularly, as well as occasional photos where possible. Follow us on Facebook to ensure you’re connected with the school events and activities.
Parent/Teacher interview notes were sent home at the end of last week. However, please check with your child if you did not receive this note to see if I had requested an interview with you.

Thanks to the parents and guardians who have already made a time to meet me about your child. As we are still in year one, it would be helpful to check your child’s bag each day to see if they have forgotten to hand you any notes at home. You should have also received an invoice this week, which needs to be returned, if you would like your child to join in on swimming lessons next term.

Thank you to everyone who helped your child to complete an interview with their grandparent or special older person. We will soon be writing our historical narrative to compare the past and today and see what interesting changes we found out!

Our assessments are almost finished but the last few weeks will be a very busy time at school. I have already found some very pleasing growth in reading with the students I have tested so far. Well done Felicity, Mikaela, Tara, Aaliyah and Carla. I look forward to testing everybody else and hope they have progressed just as well!

Congratulations to our class award winner this week Isabelle. She received the award for always putting in an excellent effort. Students have really enjoyed completing their latest maths assessment task, which required them to create clues for others to guess their mystery 3-digit number. Students had fun reading all the clues and guessing the numbers. We are well underway with our SOSE assessment, creating a wanted poster for a community helper and this week we should be completing our final copy. I have been so impressed with the amount of students who are returning their homework each and every week. This has really improved over the term and it is great to see.
Year 3—Miss Boyle

Parent teacher interview letters will be sent out this week. If you would like to arrange a meeting please send the letter back with times that suit you.

Well done to Kyron, Yasmin and Rae for attending the interschool athletics carnival and being excellent representatives of our school.

Thank you to those parents who sent in the water bottles for our science experiment. The students had a great time making a water cooler for their bottle and there were some very successful results.

This week students are beginning to write a narrative for their English assessment. Some students are showing a lot of creativity through inventive story writing and are excited to share their work with others. After they have planned, written and edited their story they will publish it on power point and present it to their classmates.

Year 4—Miss Williamson

Thank-you to those parents/guardians who supplied their children with new school supplies as requested. This is greatly appreciated.

Throughout the last half of this term, the students have been studying a quest novel called ‘Rowan of Rin’. Every student has been captivated by the novel and is eager to continue work every session. In Maths, the students have learnt about converting measurements, area and perimeter and decimals. In science, we have learnt about the different properties materials have and will now focus on ochre.

In all subject areas we are now commencing assessment pieces.

Year 5/6—Mr Moore

The term is continuing to go very quickly and I would like to congratulate the majority of the class who are continuing to be great role models and exhibit the correct behaviours all the time.

Interschool Athletics occurred last Friday and we had a number of representatives from Year 5/6 and some pleasing results. Well done to; Clay, Crystal-Lee, Alexis, Tara, Jester ad Angela for their participation and a particular congratulations needs to go to Crystal-Lee who was awarded Under 10 Girls Age Champion and also was selected in the Charters Towers team to compete at the North Queensland Championships.

Parent/Teacher interviews began this week and I am missing a fair few notes. If you have not received a Parent/Teacher interview note then please let me know. If the assigned times are not convenient for you then also please let me know and I will try to make a time that suits both of us.

Keep up the good work Year 5/6!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week & SWPBS Winners

Bucket Hats are now available for purchase from the school office.
Price—$12.00 (Cash sales only)
Reversible, house colour one side, blue with school logo other side.
Sizes 54cm & 56cm available now, smaller sizes at a later date.
Swimming Term 4

Beginning Thursday 17 October, all Central students will participate in swimming lessons as part of the HPE curriculum. The swimming program will run for 8 weeks and lessons will focus on skills such as water familiarisation, water safety, water survival and basic stroke development. The cost of swimming per child for 2013 will be $44.00, Charters Towers Central State School has subsidized the costs of swimming to reduce the overall charge for parents. Payment must be received by Monday 14 October. Information letters and invoices have been sent home with students. If you require any further information please call admin.

Learning Centre—Mrs Wood-Brown

Only a couple of weeks left at school and we are hitting the testing period. I am really happy to see the progress of some of my students. They have realised they can succeed and are showing this in their improved work results. At the moment we have Colin and Anna away on the Year 7 camp enjoying themselves, little do they know they have a lot of work to catch up on when the get back! Parent Teacher Interview letters went home last week, with only two parents wanting a meeting. If you did not receive a note please ask your child to get another one. Parent Teacher meetings are a great way for you to see how well your child is going and to discuss where they are headed academically and socially. Unfortunately, behaviour at the moment is becoming an issue both in and outside the classroom. Depending on the severity of the behaviour students are given 2 warnings, time out or buddy class then the final step is detention. If your student gets to the stage of detention then a letter will be sent home to you, please ensure this letter is returned to the school. If letters are not returned then the issuing teacher or aide will ring you in regard to the detention. This is our way of keeping you up to date on what is going on and for you and the teacher to discuss concerns or reasoning for the behaviour. Please remember to send a note or ring the absentee line (4756 2366) when your child is absent.

2013 Central Instrumental Eisteddfod Results

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Central Chatters

I am Safe, I am Respectful, I am a Learner

Book Week 2013—

“Read Across the Universe”

Best Dressed Costumes

Prep— 1st Gypsy Telford
        2nd Brooke Nibbs
Year 1— 1st Kayesla Butler
        2nd Mikaela Calderbank
Year 2— 1st Isabelle Krause
        2nd Mea Telford
Year 3— 1st Cartney Pollard
Year 4— 1st Keiley Hermann
        2nd Montana Griffiths
Year 5/6— 1st Emma-Jane Poustie
        2nd Skye Telford
Year 7— 1st Tedi-Annah Pehi
        2nd Storm Bohl

Best Dressed Teacher—Miss Matthews

Trivia

1st - Clay Moore
2nd (Tied) - Alexis Nibbs & Jester Petchpasit
3rd - Shane Gordon
4th - Skye Telford
5th - Crystal-Lee Walsh

Colouring in Competition

Prep to Year 2

Winner Sarah Clark
Runner-Up Nikita Hatchman

Years 3/4

Winner Keiley Hermann
Runner-Up Ivor Kennedy

Year 5/6/7

Winner Joeleno Dotoi
Runner-Up Tedi-Annah

Year 6/7—Mr Crow

A reminder for parents of Year 7 students: High School enrolment packages were recently sent home with your child. If your child is planning on attending the High School next year these need to be completed and returned to the High School next week. Students who do not return packages may not be permitted to attend the next Transition Day (which is in the final week of this term). Please note that the Enrolment Forms need to go to the High School, not our school’s Office.

Notes regarding the next Transition day will be sent home next week.

The students are currently analysing and interpreting poems. They need to type up their portfolio of work and present this for assessment on Monday, 16 September. This task will require your child typing up their tasks in their own time. This idea behind this is to prepare your child for doing that little bit extra in preparation for completing High School assignments.

The ability to read fluently is the most valuable gift you can give your child. Whilst we spend a large percentage of school time on a variety of reading related activities, it is very important that your child reads to someone each night. The difference between those students who read regularly and those who do not is very apparent. Please take some time each night to encourage and support your child to become a better reader.

A number of students have exhibited inappropriate, irresponsible or immature behaviours in the last few weeks. This will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to the school’s behaviour plan. It is disappointing to write this comment as we expect our senior students to ‘step up’ and act as role models for our younger students.
Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but . . . . . .

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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

'Every Day Counts!!'