From the Principal

Happy Holidays
Wow! It is hard to believe that the 2013 school year is almost over! The year has been extremely successful for Charters Towers Central, and has seen our school continue to grow and prosper. Our school’s academic results have been very successful, and are set for further outstanding achievements in 2014. School will officially close for the summer holiday at 3pm this Friday afternoon. School will resume on Tuesday 27th January 2014. The school office will reopen on Wednesday 22nd January. For urgent enquiries, please contact Education Queensland Townsville District Office on 1300 300 749.

2013 wouldn’t have been such a great year without our wonderful team at Central, and I thank the wonderful team of staff who work at Central. Everyone from the teachers through to the lolly pop ladies do a simply amazing job for the children at Central and the Charters Towers Community, and I can’t thank them enough. Without such a dynamic team, our wonderful school would not be able to operate as efficiently and cohesively as is evident at the moment. The children at Central really are the soul and spirit of the school and this year’s students are no different. I’d like to congratulate the children at Central for another amazingly successful year. The Central students really are a credit to their school and their community, and as a whole, represent their school with pride and passion.

Farewell to Four Wonderful Teachers
This Friday our school farewells four outstanding teachers. Rebecca Williamson will be relocating to RHSS; Lesley Bowen and Micaela Smith are taking take leave in 2014, and Trina Wood-Brown is relocating to Alice Springs. On behalf of Central SS I would like to thank each of the teachers for their commitment and dedication to Central SS and wish them the very best of luck at their new schools and adventures. The four ladies are very involved in Charters Towers Central SS and their departures will be missed by students, families and staff alike.

Congratulations Year 7’s
This week concludes 8 years of primary school for our Year 7 students, with the students feeling very mixed emotions. Most students are very excited about the prospect of starting High School next year, however many are also sad to farewell their primary school years. On behalf of Charters Towers Central State School I’d like to congratulate our fantastic Year 7’s, and wish each student the very best of luck with their future schools and education.

School Captains & Awards Night
During Monday’s Awards Night, the 2014 School Leaders and House Leaders were announced. Please join me in congratulating the following students, who have secured leadership positions in 2014.

School Leaders:
Lachlan Piper and Crystal-Lee Walsh

Billabong House Leader: Clay Moore
Matilda House Leader: Skye Telford
Coolabah House Leader: Matthew Foster

Report Cards
End of semester report cards have been sent home this afternoon with the newsletter. Please contact the Office if your family has not received their report cards by Friday afternoon at the latest.
Break Up Day
The annual Break Up Day will be held at Central tomorrow (Thursday) commencing at 1.40pm. The Break Up Day activities will involve a supervised, fun, water play on the school oval. The school sprinklers will be switched on creating a fun atmosphere on the oval. A water slide will also be in operation. Students are encouraged to bring water pistols to school however these are to be stored in their classrooms prior to the water fight. Children are to come in their regular school uniforms tomorrow and will be able to change into their swimmers at the second break. Children are to wear sun safe swim ware eg, swim shirts, t-shirts etc. Students whose behaviour has not been acceptable this term will not be invited to the fun activities and will be supervised by teachers elsewhere in the school. Note—no water bombs will be allowed.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland’s School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

Happy Holidays
I’d like to conclude by thanking the Charters Towers for continually supporting the school throughout 2013. I have thoroughly enjoyed 2013 at Charters Towers Central State School and are eagerly awaiting the new school year to continue my journey at Central. Thank you for your continued and very valued support.

Finally I’d like to wish everyone in the Charters Towers community a very happy and safe Christmas. The school office will be closed from Monday 16th December, however it will reopen again on Wednesday 22nd January. If you are travelling over the holiday period, please travel safety and remember to take regular breaks. Happy holidays, and once again, thank you for supporting the wonderful Charters Towers Central State School. Remember school resumes on Tuesday 28th. Have a happy, safe and very merry Christmas.

Congratulations 2013 Awards Night Winners

Instrumental Music Award
Vanessa Richter

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Breakfast Club Award
Jack Jones

Indigenous Cultural Award
Taye Kennedy

CT Host Lions Citizenship Award
Cyrral-Lee Walsh

Citizenship Awards
Harley Fischer, Montana Griffiths, James Groos, Anna Meeks, Cartney Pollard, Vanessa Richter, Mea Telford, Crystal-Lee Walsh, Felicity Walsh and Daimylee Yasserie

P&C Junior Award
John Kennedy

P&C Senior Award
Alex Louk

Scholarship Awards
Brookes Nibbs, Mikaela Calderbank, Samara Pehi, Rae Gordon, Chloe Wilson, Emma-Jane Poustie, Vanessa Richter, Trent Salmon, Lori Kazmaier & Alex Louk

Shane Knuth Student Councillor Award
Crystal-Lee Walsh

Active After School Award
Brandy-Jay Griffith and Clay Moore

Sportsmanship Awards
Isabel Ferguson, Matthew Shepardson, Isabelle Krause, Scott Brown, Keiley Hermann, Shane Gordon, Stephanie Lowe, Shane King, Dom Lucas & Colin Davis

Sports Girl of the Year
Crystal-Lee Walsh

Sports Boy of the Year
Cadeem Morganson

Kip McGrath Education Award
Jack Paterson

CT Regional Council Bursary
Lochlan Piper and Crystal-Lee Walsh
Prep—Miss Mathews

It is hard to believe that the term is over and the holidays are here. While we have worked exceptionally hard this term, I think next year is going to be even busier. Thank you for all your kindness and support this year. Wishing you and your family a Happy Christmas and safe holiday period.

Kind regards, Miss Mathews

PS. We send a huge thank you to Mrs Nibbs for helping us each Friday morning.

Year 2—Miss Cran

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the families of the students in Year 2 for their support this year. We have worked really hard and had lots of fun throughout the year. I am very proud of the achievements of many students and their efforts should be congratulated! I’d also like to say a big thank you and well done to those who came to the awards night and sang their hearts out for our class performance. I hope you and your families have a very safe and happy holiday and will see you all back next year!

Resource Centre—Mrs Bojack

We are pleased to announce that a grand total of $1445 was raised at the recent Book Fair. Thank you to all who participated and supported the school. Your support has enabled us to spend nearly $300 in resources for the school. Most students have returned books, however we ask that those who still have books outstanding, continue looking for them over the holidays.

Have a wonderful break. See you in 2014!

Cheers, From 'The Library Team'
Year 3—Miss Boyle

Thank you to all parents and students for a wonderful year. Congratulations to Scott Brown and Dom Lucas for receiving the sportsmanship award for Grade Three, also congratulations to Rae Gordon and Lori Kazmaier for receiving the scholarship award in grade Three and to Daimylee Yasserie and Cartney Pollard for receiving the Citizenship award for grade Three. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays. Looking forward to seeing you all back at Central in 2014.

Yr 4—Miss Williamson

I would like to congratulate all my children on a wonderful year. It has been very pleasing for me professionally to see the growth that has occurred in all students over the last two years. I hope their efforts continue next year as they move into Year 5. I am sure I will still see you around next year, please make sure you come up and say hello.

I would also like to thank you, the parents who have supported not only me, but your children over the last two years with homework tasks, collecting materials for tasks, returning notes, and the list goes on and on!

Enjoy the holiday break and please try to read a book or two!
Year 5/6—Mr Moore

Welcome to the last couple of days of school. The year has been a very large rollercoaster ride where we had a lot of ups and a lot of downs. It was great to have one of our highest ups toward the end of the year, being camp. The students have all, in their own way been a pleasure to teach this year and throughout the year every one of them have improved academically, behaviourally and socially. I congratulate all of the students on their dedication and hope that they continue to improve next year and the rest of their schooling career. Special mentions for large improvements go to; Jayden (reading), Brandon (behaviour), Emma-Jane (mathematics), Shane (writing) and Alexis (leadership).

A special congratulations goes to Emma-Jane Poustie (Year 5/6 Outstanding Academic performer), Crystal-Lee Walsh (Year 5/6 Outstanding Sport performer) and also Skye Telford, Matthew Foster and Clay Moore for achieving the honour of leading Matilda, Coolabah and Billabong respectively as House Captains for 2014. I would also like to congratulate Crystal-Lee who will lead the school in 2014. This has been a very successful year for Year 5/6 and I hope that the determination and will to succeed will continue in 2014.

Thank you very much on a great year I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute and especially appreciated the different personalities I have had the pleasure to teach. I wish you all a safe and fun holiday.

See you all in 2014.

Learning Centre—Mrs Wood-Brown

Thank you to all my beautiful students and the improvements they made throughout the year. I have really enjoyed teaching every student in my class—you all certainly taught me something new. If there are any questions about report cards please feel free to come and see me before 9 am each morning. I was very impressed with Mr. Moore and my students’ performance. Fantastic job!

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

Year 6/7—Mr Crow

All the books are packed, the room is clean and the Year Sevens have been for their Transition Days. Tonight (Wednesday) our Year 7 students attend their last official primary school function – the Graduation Dinner. It will be a time for the students to reflect on the first phase of their education and to celebrate their achievements with family and friends.

In a few weeks the Year Sevens will embark on a new journey which will define what they do in their adult life. To the Year Sevens I say thank you for allowing me to facilitate your learning during 2013. The year has held many social, emotional and academic challenges for each individual. It has been a privilege to watch each student mature and provide a snapshot of who they will be in the future. To each and every Year 7 I wish you every success for the future. Be the best that you can be. Don’t take the easy option. Strive for success. Remember every choice you make has an impact and also a consequence. Not all of the choice you make will be good ones, but learn from your mistakes. Good luck and best wishes for the future.

To the Year 6 students who are returning next I wish you a fun-filled holiday. Don’t forget to relax as you have a very busy final year at Primary School ahead in 2014. When you are bored grab a book and have a read. Go to the library...it’s cool and quiet. Read the newspaper or actually read the instructions on the computer games you receive for Christmas. There might be some cheats supplied. See you in 2014. To those students moving to new schools...good luck with your future studies!

Best wishes to all the Central students and their families for a relaxing Christmas holiday. If you are heading to a cooler, wetter location for the holidays please travel safely on the roads. I wish you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Central Chatters

CTCSS Students of the Week and SWPBS Winners

Merry Christmas from the Central SS team.

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