



CHARTERS TOWERS CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Produced for the Charters Towers Central State School Community



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Central Chatters



UPCOMING EVENTS

Playgroup

Held every
Wednesday and
Friday. Everyone is
welcome to attend

Parade

Held every Monday
afternoon starting 2.40
in the Hall

Active After School

Tuesdays &
Wednesdays.
Must return permission
form before students
can participate

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 19th
3.15pm June

School Holidays

School Resumes
Monday 8th May

**Remember our
school's number:**

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Office Hours
8am to 4pm
Week Days

From the Principal

Greetings Everyone,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school term, I would once again like to congratulate the large majority of students on their excellent behaviour and for their great progress this year. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for the ongoing commitment to our school and our students. The staff at Central are an extremely dedicated group that always have the best interests of the students at heart. And last, but definitely not least, I would extend a thank you to our parents/carers, particularly those who encourage excellent attendance, keep us informed of important issues in your child's life and maintain strong communication with myself or the class teacher. Remember, when we work together, your child benefits.

Report Cards

Report Cards have been sent home with this week's newsletter. Teachers have spent a great deal of time and effort to ensure the individual student reports reflect the achievements of your child and offer advice on how to further develop your child's skills. Formal parent teacher interviews will be held towards the end of Term 3. Parents/Guardians wishing to discuss their child's report card this week are encouraged to contact their child's teacher at school to make an appointment.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program

Charters Towers Central State School's School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program (SWPBS) has been operating at Central for over two years, and has seen a marked improvement in student behaviour during this time. SWPBS rewards students with incentives if they follow the school's rules and expectations while at school, or in school uniform. Each week students are given tickets (similar to Gotchas) if they are following the school's expectations, and three winning tickets are drawn at parade each week, and those students receive a prize. At the end of each term, all tickets are collected and placed into a second chance draw. The Term 2 second chance draw will occur at Central this Friday at 11.30am in the Hall. The winning student will receive a \$50 Toyworld voucher however they must be present to receive the prize. If they are not present the prize will be redrawn. Students who consistently follow the school's expectations throughout Term 2 have been invited to a SWPBS party, which will be held this Friday from 11.40 to 1pm. Students with zero suspensions and 2 or less detentions have been invited to attend, and I am very pleased to report that nearly 95% of Central children have been invited. During the party students will have the choice of watching a new release movie or participating in supervised games on the oval. Students who are not invited have been notified, and letters forwarded to their families via mail. These students will be supervised by Mr Barath and myself and will complete additional school while the SWPBS is held.

Tuckshop

Once again, we are looking for volunteers to come in and give a hand to organise tuckshop. This involves preparing the orders and selling drinks etc during second break. If anyone has a couple of hours free and would be willing to come and give a hand, or alternately if there are a number of people who could come in just once or twice in the term, we would love to hear from you.

Library Resources and Home Readers

As we approach the school holidays, all families are asked to return any Central SS Library books or home readers. Thank you to those families who have already returned their Library books or home readers.

Burge's Foodworks

Charters Towers Central State School recently received a donation from Burge's Foodworks, worth over \$400. On behalf of Charters Towers Central State School I would like to thank Burge's Foodworks for their very kind donation and for their continued support of our wonderful school.

Disco

This Friday afternoon, the Student Council will be holding a Disney Disco at the school, with entry \$2.00, starting from 1.40pm and concluding at 3pm. There will be a range of activities for the students during the disco. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the disco, which will be held in the Hall.

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 number is on our school sign for easy reference. 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.

Athletics Carnival

The 2013 Central Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 1st August, at Friemann Oval. Ensure this date is placed into your diaries as we would like all parents/guardians to come along and support their children.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of our wonderful school team, I would like to wish all our families and the community a safe and relaxing school holiday. School resumes on Monday 8th July. If you are traveling over the holidays, be sure to travel safe.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Nick Shirley—Principal Charters Towers Central SS



As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. **We're now at the important** stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Prep—Miss Mathews

Hi everyone,

I can't believe how quickly the term has flown by. Where did the past 10 weeks go?

Thank you again for your continued support with homework each week. We are all really happy with the children's progress this term and homework has been a big part of this success. A second big thank you goes out to Mrs Nibbs for being our parent on roster each Friday morning. Many thanks Nita. If you would like to come along and help out next term you are more than welcome. Mrs Bojack will join us in Term 3 for reading groups and another parent would be a great help also.

Finally, if you have any questions about your child's report card please make a time to see me early next term.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone.

Kind regards, Miss Mathews.

Year 1—Miss Bowen

Well done to everyone for making it halfway through the year already! We have learnt so much already and I've loved doing assessments and seeing improvements from the start of the year! The Year 1's should be very proud of their achievements, including parents who have been involved in the children's learning each week also. Even though some Year 1's are still developing in some areas, we are only halfway through the school year, so with some hard work, we will continue on track to get us to our benchmark level by the end of the next Semester.

Remember to continue practicing reading and sight words over the holidays. You could even try to do some handwriting using the red and blue lines, using capital letters and full stops for the start and end of sentences. Any extra bit of work can always help! But remember to have a good safe break and have some fun too! I'm looking forward to seeing you all after the break to see how much you have all learnt over the holidays.

Year 2—Miss Cran

As it is almost holiday time, there are just a few little reminders for the end of this term and the start of the next. All home readers and Library books need to be returned this week—if children have any of these still at home can they please be returned ASAP. We will get new home readers in week 1 of Term 3 and our first Library borrowing day will be the first Wednesday back after the break. Also this week I will be getting children to do a check and write down any equipment that they have run out of, or are nearly out of. Can you please check this note to make sure that your child has what they need for the start of Term 3? Well done to Izaak for receiving the award on parade this week for a great effort in class and a big congratulations to Clayton and Ryan for being drawn out as SWPBS ticket winners. Have a fun and safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone dressed up at the Disney disco!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week and SWPBS Winners



Year 3—Miss Boyle

This week students are presenting their procedural texts to the class. Students took on the role of a character from the story 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and created an informal procedure where one character instructed another on how to do a task.

This week I will be sending home notes about students needing some more equipment for school. Most students only require some more pencils, glue and rubbers. Please make sure your child has what they need for the start of next term.

Ms Stacey Reiffel will be joining us again at the start of Term 3 and she will be teaching for the first five weeks. I will still be present in the classroom and assisting the students.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Year 5/6—Mr Moore

We have come to the end of Semester One and I thank all the students for their hard work and dedication towards their learning. Each and every student has improved in particular areas and some across all areas of schooling life. Well done Year 5/6!

Over the break and in these last couple of days before the holiday can we all check our belongings at school and make sure we are ready to start Semester Two. Whether it be a couple of new books to see out the year or a box of new lead pencils, a rubber and sharpener to make sure that we can start the new Semester ahead and not behind.

I wish all the students a great break and hope that they come back with the understanding that I will have the same expectations of behaviour and dedication toward their learning that I have had this Semester.

Next Semester also means time for camp. I hope all parents with students attending have received the note explaining the deposit required by first week next Term. If you haven't please let us know ASAP. This is a requirement so that our booking is kept and not lost. We will also be fundraising with chocolates and sausage sizzles to decrease the amount required to attend. Any extra help or fundraising assistance will be appreciated.

Have a great holiday!

Learning Centre - Mrs Wood-Brown

Comics, 3D creations, clay creations, short stories, Aboriginal art, cooking, flip book, thumbatron and the list continues of what we have worked on this semester. We have been extremely busy learning new genres and abilities. However, even with this we have had fun. Comics were the most enjoyable.

Thank you to those parents who have sent back absentee notes to explain any unexplained absences. It is appreciated and means on your child's report cards there will be 0 in unexplained absences.

Please ensure your child has the necessary stationery for the start of the term, it assists your child in learning and staying focused on what they need to learn.

Next term, we have the year 5/6 camp, a note was sent home in regard to deposit ensuring we can stay at the Big 4. If you did not receive this note please ask your child. Any questions please see James or myself.

Enjoy the holidays, keep safe and read with your child over the break.



Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart 2013



Practice will start next term in the second week. Jump off day is the 17th September. Fundraising money is due in on the 2nd August.

Jump Rope for Heart co-ordinator: Trina Wood-Brown

Year 6/7—Mr Crow

Congratulations to Lochlan Piper who won the Mouse Trap Racer Challenge!!!

Well done to the majority of the students who demonstrated great persistence attempting to get their 'racers' to work. For some, the task was quite frustrating as their engineering skills were well and truly tested. In term four the students will have another challenge to overcome.

The students' first transition visit to the High School occurred two weeks ago. The students had an interesting day; they participated in Manual Arts, Cooking and Drama classes. The cookies smelt wonderful. The students were also provided with a sausage sizzle lunch. Thank you to the staff at the High School for making everyone feel welcome. The next visit will occur in the last week of term 3. High School enrolment packages for the Year 7 students will be distributed during week four of next term.

The students have enjoyed our last English unit which investigated animated stories and comics. The students are currently working on developing their own cartoons using the online site - Make Beliefs Comix. The students are working hard to complete their cartoons prior to the holidays.

Report Cards will be distributed this week. If you would like to discuss your child's progress after the holidays do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable mid-year holiday.

Students planning for Queensland

Students are encouraged to submit their ideas for Queensland's future and get the chance to win some great prizes. In 30 years' time our students are sure to be some very important people so let's get them thinking about the kind of society they want. Check out the Queensland Plan website for all the details on this competition. www.queenslandplan.qld.gov.au/get-involved/schools/

Athletics Training

Training will continue next term. I will talk with the students interested to determine day and time.

Kind regards, Trina Wood-Brown



Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details

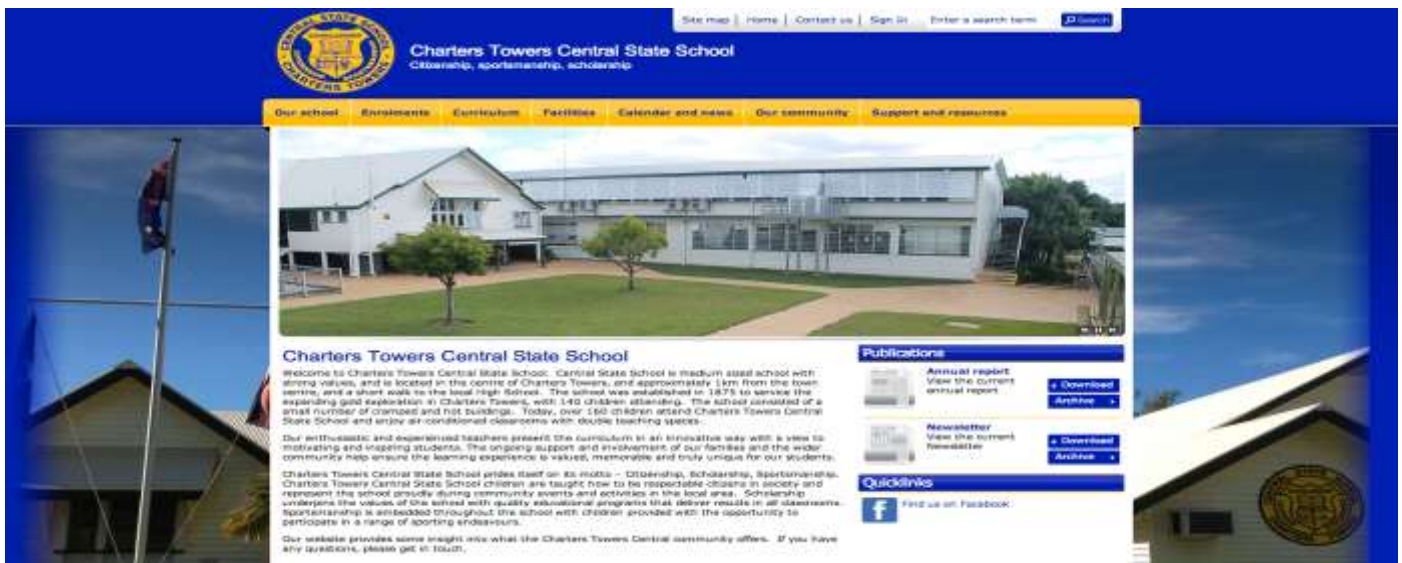
The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at <http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/>.

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it's also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.

More information can be found at <http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp>

New CTCSS Website & App



From 28th June, Charters Towers Central State School will have a brand new school website. The site will contain most day to day information for parents and prospective students as well as updated news events, newsletters, forms etc. The new site can be found at the same address as our current website:
<http://chartowess.eq.edu.au/wcms/>



The new CTCSS website will also stream live to the new Education Queensland Qschools app. The new Qschools app is a convenient way to receive up to the minute information from our school. The app allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted in live time. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The app is available to download for both Apple and Android devices, and is free. Once downloaded, simply search for Charters Towers Central State School.

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

School resumes Monday 8 July

Have your say Focus Group Monday 24 June 2013

Where: Charters Towers PCYC

When: Monday 24 June 2013 -
12:00pm - 2.00pm

Speakers: Diane Mayers, Kierra
Davis and Alexis Santo TMML CTG

TMML are providing the opportunity for the local
Charters Towers community to have their say on health:

Discussion will focus on the following three questions:

- What is Closing the Gap and what are the benefits?
- What concerns do you have with the current healthcare system?
- How can the healthcare system be improved?
- Please complete our "Have Your Say Survey"



RSVP to Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local by Thursday 20 June 2013 on fax 4421 7799;
Telephone 1300 881 892 or email admintownsville@tmml.com.au For more information about this
event, please contact Alexis Santo on 1300 881 892

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