



CHARTERS TOWERS CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Central Chatters



From the Principal

As we conclude another term, it is timely to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students and staff members at Central. This has been a very busy term for the teachers and students at our school and I know the children are very keen to have a well deserved holiday. School will close tomorrow afternoon for two weeks. School will resume on Tuesday 8th October - Monday 7th October is the Labour Day public holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Resumes
Tuesday 8th October

Pupil Free Day
Monday 21st October

Swimming
Commences
Thursday & Friday
Week 2

Playgroup
Held every
Wednesday and
Friday. Everyone is
welcome to attend

Parade
Held every Monday
afternoon starting 2.40
in the Hall

NAPLAN

The 2013 NAPLAN results have now been released to schools however there has been a delay in the release of NAPLAN reports for parents. These reports should be arriving at schools in early October. Central SS's results have been quite pleasing overall with almost all eligible students achieving National Minimum Standards or higher. Central's NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy results have shown the most improvement which is very pleasing as these are focus areas at Central. Many of our children achieved results that are on par with the best in the nation, which is very rewarding. When the data from all primary schools, Private and State, is compared, Central SS in many areas outperforms all other primary schools in town and reinforces the notion that Central is a great school. As always there are still areas that our school needs to continue to improve upon and as a school we will continue to provide the best curriculum possible for your child. I would like to congratulate the students on their impressive NAPLAN achievements this year. I would especially like to congratulate our wonderful teaching team, who have really dedicated every teaching episode to ensure Central children are receiving the best education possible.

NAIDOC Day

This week Central held our annual NAIDOC Day celebrations, whereby we acknowledged the local Indigenous cultures of the region. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved with this year's NAIDOC Day, and especially those involved with the wonderful Kup-Murri and especially Uncle Kenny and Aunty Katie for all their behind the scenes efforts.

SWPBS Celebration

At the end of each term, Central SS hosts a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) celebration that acknowledges children who have consistently followed our school's rules and expectations. This term's celebration will be held from 1pm onwards on Friday afternoon, and will conclude just before 3pm. To be invited to attend the celebration, children must have two or less detentions and zero suspensions in Term 3. Children have been continually reminded of this expectation throughout the term and therefore should not be surprised if they are not eligible to attend due to poor behaviour choices. As part of the celebration children will be invited to participate in organised games, craft/drama activities, experience a computer/iPad hub and enjoy a sausage sizzle. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the celebrations as well. Earlier this week your child should have brought home an invite if they are eligible to attend, or a letter explaining the reasons why your child is not eligible to attend. Pleasingly, the vast majority of children have been invited to attend. Children who are not invited to attend due to their behaviour choices will participate in supervised curriculum activities with Mr Barath, Mr Kempster and myself.

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Office Hours
8am to 4pm
Week Days

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Year 7's Camp

Recently six Year 7 students travelled to Brisbane for the annual Year 7 camp. The children had a wonderful week visiting the likes of Suncorp Stadium, Australia Zoo, Legoland, Seaworld, Parliament House, as well as the Observatory. Highlights for many included meeting new friends, seeing the brand new polar bear cub at SeaWorld and enjoying their very first plane trip. I would like to commend our Year 7's on their overall outstanding behaviour and conduct while on camp. The children represented Central SS with pride.

Congratulations Crystal-Lee

Recently Crystal-Lee represented Charters Towers at the North Queensland Athletics Trials, and was selected into the North Queensland Track and Field Team. Shortly Crystal-Lee will travel to Brisbane as a member of the North Queensland Track and Field Team and try out for a place in the Queensland Team. Central SS would like to congratulate Crystal-Lee on her achievements and wish her every success at the trials.

Holidays

School holidays commence this Friday afternoon, with all state school's closed for two weeks. School will resume on Tuesday 8th October, with Monday 7th October a public holiday. I'd like to wish all our families and community members a very relaxing and safe Spring holiday break and thank you for your support during Term 3. Safe travels everyone.

Nick Shirley—Principal Charters Towers Central SS



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.

School Watch – keep an eye 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 don't attempt to intervene. 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 our schools. Keep the number handy and let's work together to help create a safer school community.



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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.



Enrol for Prep in 2014

If your child was born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009, they are eligible to start Prep in 2014, and Year 1 in 2015. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form and further information. Remember it is important that we receive your enrolment forms this year, so that we can start preparing our wonderful programs for your child.



Prep—Miss Mathews

It is hard to believe that the term is over and our holidays are here. While we have worked exceptionally hard this term, I think next term is going to be even busier. We have lots of things to look forward to next term, Swimming, Under 8's Day, Prep Open Days and Transition visits. We are also going to run a Christmas theme in our room as part of the English unit for Term 4. Writing letters to Santa will become a major focus and we are hoping to visit the post office too. Congratulations to Savy Baker and Charmaine Corporal for wonderful listening and following teacher instructions this week. Well done girls.

Have a wonderful break everyone and we will see you all in Term 4. Kind regards, Miss Mathews.

Year 1—Miss Bowen

The Term is coming to a close again, just in time for a well-deserved break. Well done Year One for all your hard work this Term! I'm so proud of how far we have all come since the beginning of the year. We are almost in Year Two and only have one term to go; however, we need to keep up the hard work during and after the holidays! Don't forget to continue practising sight words and writing. Parents it would also be great if you could reinforce the maths concepts we have been learning at school during every day real life activities, like telling the time or counting money at the shop. Thank you for being such a supportive group of parents for your children, I hope everybody has safe and happy holidays, and don't forget to have some fun!

Year 2—Miss Cran

Congratulations to our class award winner this week Harry, he received the award for meeting his goal of presenting neater book work. We also had two winners in the SWPBS draw, nice work Sarah and Samara! We have had an exciting few weeks with lots of activities going on around the school. Most of our class came to school in their footy colours to help raise money for young people with cancer, everyone looked great! This week we have also had a jump rope for heart session which all of the students enjoyed and held our NAIDOC celebrations. Well done to the students that have had great behaviour consistently across the term and are joining in on the SWPBS party activities on Friday. Have a safe and wonderful holiday, see you in term 4!



Year 3-Miss Boyle

Congratulations to those students who attend school every day each week. These students are improving in all areas and have been able to complete all of the assessment tasks for the term. Please check with your child if they need any more equipment for next term. Year 3 will be welcoming another prac student next term who will be completing her internship here at Central. Hannah Blanch will be starting in the first week of term 4. Have a safe and happy holidays.

Year 4—Miss Williamson

The holidays are very close. I am sure all students are looking forward to a break after a long term. Over the last 11 weeks, the Year 4 students have worked very hard across all subject areas. They have completed modelled responses about the quest novel *Rowan of Rin*, a science investigation on the properties of materials and researched the Torres Strait Islander community of Saibai. Our masks are finally complete and look stunning. It is pleasing to see that concepts we have learnt previously are being consolidated and number fact recognition for most is improving.



Congratulations to our Students of the Week & SWPBS Winners



Year 5/6—Mr Moore

We have come to the final week of Term 3 and I would like to say a big congratulation to all those students who remained focussed, determined and completed all necessary assessment pieces. With the term being 11 weeks it is a great effort for those who remained well-behaved to continue that right up until the final days.

Heading in to Term 4 means again the students will probably require some additional equipment, in terms of pencils, a rubber and glue. Some might even require an additional book, with the amount of work we have been completing. Could we please make sure this is ready to go at the beginning of Term 4.

Well done on a great term Year 5/6 and have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Learning Centre—Mrs Wood-Brown

The term has flown and I am really impressed with the work that my students are completing. A special 'Well Done' to Alex and Anna. Alex has improved his academic ability hugely, he is getting in and giving everything a go with confidence and no fear of if he can or can't. Anna has improved her PM level by 5 just this term. Alex and Anna should be very proud of yourselves.

This term we learnt about Egypt 's history. Please ask your child questions as they are loving the subject. I can only watch the Mummification process so many times. We are currently paper maching our own 'Cartices', these were containers to hold the kidney, liver etc once the Pharoah had been mummified. It is interesting!

Please check with your child that they have all the stationery they need for next term. I am aware that pencils, rubbers and glue are low.

Keep safe and have a relaxing time over the holiday. Enjoy your child being home with you.



Thank-you to those students who supported Footy Colours Day last Friday. Central State School donated \$80.20 to the Fight Cancer Foundation.



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Year 6/7—Mr Crow

The Year 6/7 students enjoyed a fantastic day at the High School on Tuesday. The students participated in four different lessons: English (persuasive writing), Science (animal adaptations to their environment), Visual Arts (elements of drawing) and HPE (Sof-Crosse).

The day was an extremely valuable experience. Our students have gained confidence in their new environment and greater familiarity with the rules, expectations and protocols at the High School. This should make the transition from primary school to high school much easier next year.

There are two more transition days in term 4. Only the Year 7 students will attend these days as the students will be placed into their class groups for 2014. More information about these days will be forwarded home next term.

Parents of Year 7 students please note there is an 'Open House' evening on Thursday, 21 November. The evening commences at 5.30pm in the Resource Centre at the High School. I urge you to take the opportunity to view the wonderful facilities at the High School, meet the staff members teaching your child next year and to learn about the curriculum your child will be studying at High School.

Many of the students have assessment tasks to complete before the holidays so it is essential that they attend school every day this week. Any tasks not completed prior to the holidays will not be assessed resulting in an E grading.

The Year seven Graduation Dinner is planned for Wednesday, 11 December. An expression of Interest and more details about the venue and meals will be forwarded home after the holidays.

Best wishes for a safe, enjoyable holiday.

Jump Rope for Heart

A great big 'Thank you' to those parents and grandparents who attended our Jump Off day. It was a huge success. The groups that performed were fantastic and did a great job in showing off their skipping skills. As a school we raised \$1119.95, fantastic job those who fundraised. This is the last year that I will be running Jump Rope for Heart and I would like to say 'Thank you' to the teachers, students, parents and grandparents who supported the children, also for getting your child to practice earlier than you would of normally dropped them off. THANK YOU!

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 in full by **Monday 14 October**. Information letters and invoices have been sent home with students. If you require any further information please call Admin.



Look out!
There are children about

Set a good example for children by always making sure everyone is buckled up.

Year 7 Brisbane Trip Highlights

