



# 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

### P&C Meeting

Wednesday 18th  
September

### District Athletics Carnival

Friday 30th August

### Year 7 Leaders Camp to Brisbane

1st to 7th  
September

### Federal Election

Saturday 7th Sept

**Remember our  
school's number:**

**4756 2333**

**Student Absentee  
Line:**

**4756 2366**

**Office Hours  
8am to 4pm  
Week Days**

## *From the Principal*

Well the school term is literally flying past, with the teachers already planning their end of term assessment items and planning for report cards. Last week was the halfway point of the school term, and with just over 4 weeks of school remaining, it is essential that your child continues to attend school all day, every day. Children who regularly miss days of school continually fall behind their class members and struggle with their school work. Regular school attendance has become a concern at Central at present, with a number of children regularly taking days off during the week, especially Monday's and Fridays. This effectively means students are missing key learning concepts each week, making it very hard for the students to develop the knowledge required of the student's particular year level. Central SS would like to thank parents/guardians who notify the school when their child is away, whether this is due to sickness or other family matters. The school has a dedicated student absence line—4756 2366— which parents can leave a recorded message 24hrs a day.

### **Central Athletics Carnival**

Recently Charters Towers Central SS hosted our annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival. This year the carnival was held on the Central SS grounds, and was very well received by parents/guardians, students and staff. I would like to



congratulate the Central SS students for their sportsmanship on the day. Nearly all students attended the carnival, and 95% of students participated in every event. Congratulations to Matilda who were the winning house on the day, and also to the many age champions. I would like to thank our HPE teacher Mrs Miller for her wonderful program; our wonderful staff and parent helpers who assisted on the day; and also the P&C for ensuring students/families were provided with morning tea and lunch on the day. Pictures from the carnival can be found throughout this edition of the newsletter.



### **News reports of Central Closing**

You may have heard reports on various news outlets last week advising that Charters Towers Central SS has been listed for sale by the Government. I personally saw the news bulletin myself and was just as surprised as the community. I spoke with my Regional Director who confirmed that there are no plans to list Central SS for sale and that the article had many factual errors. Central SS has a block of land found in Aland Street, directly opposite the school, which is attached to our school facilities. This parcel of land, while maintained by our school, is unused by students and staff. It is this block of land in which the Government has expressed interest in selling, not our school. Charters Towers Central SS is very safe.

### **Student Behaviour**

Student behaviour at Central has been quite pleasing with only a small number of minor incidents occurring. Almost all of these minor incidents have resulted from altercations that have occurred outside of school that children have brought too school to resolve. These issues have related to weekend football games or incidents that have occurred at the shops and have nothing to do with school. Parents/guardians are urged to remind their children that home issues must remain at home and not be brought to school. Central SS is unable to intervene in issues that have occurred outside of the school.

**Year 7 Brisbane Trip**

During the first week of September a number of Year 7's will join representatives from RHSS and MSS and attend the annual Year 7 Brisbane Trip. Students will visit Parliament House, Seaworld, Australia Zoo, Legoland, the Science Centre, Queensland Museum, and also participate in personal challenges such as abseiling and canoeing. Mrs Bojack and myself will be attending the camp as representatives of Central SS and thus will be absent from Central in the first week of September. The Year 7 students who are attending are requested to ensure that they have started preparing the clothing/materials that are required for the camp, and have provided Central SS with their Medicare details in case of illness/injury while on camp.

**Book Week**

Central SS will be celebrating Book Week over the next two weeks. The Library will host many exciting competitions, events and challenges to encourage children to become immersed in the joy of reading. This Monday, a special Book Week parade will be held. Children are encouraged to come along dressed as their favourite book character and join the parade. Central students recently joined together for a combined reading session on the school oval, with almost all classes being able to join the reading celebration.

**Charters Towers Eisteddfod**

The Charters Towers Eisteddfod has commenced and many students from our school will be participating in numerous events. The Central SS Choir will be performing this Monday night and all parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the World Theatre from 6pm to cheer on our wonderful Choir. Thank you to Mrs McGuire, Mr Thomas and Mr Barath for their support of our choir this year. We wish our Central SS students who are performing the very best of luck.

**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



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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.



Heart Foundation  
**Jump Rope for Heart 2013**



Thank you to those who have sent their donations in, already!

If you have not already done so MONEY IS NOW OVERDUE! Money was due back with donation forms on the 2nd of August. All donation forms are numbered and these numbers are entered beside the Jumpers' name, so please return all forms and money ASAP. I have spoken with the Heart Foundation in regard to requiring the prizes by the end of the year, as I will not be here next year. They assured me that money sent this term will mean prizes will be here by the end of the year!

## Prep—Miss Mathews

This week we have been building up to our assessment items for Unit 3. Discussions have focused on getting the children ready to start writing can completing their assessment items. In English for example, we have been discussing drawing techniques, rhyming words, favourite stories and what we like or don't like about different books.

This week we also talked about the letter 'v'. Some activities included making shaving foam letters, a vase and observing the chemical reaction of adding vinegar to bi-carb in the sandpit for our model volcano.

In Mathematics, we have been investigating separating objects into equal or non-equal parts. Similarly, we have also enjoyed playing lots of card games, sharing the cards equally amongst the children playing.

In other news, a letter will go home soon regarding Term 3 Parent/Teacher interviews. Please let me know if you would like an interview this term by filling in the letter and returning it to prep.

Finally, I would like to extend a special congratulations to Shakira Pehi, Hannah Croton and Gypsy Telford for excellent work during homework. You have all worked very well to know your sight words. Well done.

## Year 1—Miss Bowen

We have now started our second Math and English units this Term. In English, students will be focusing on writing sentences in order to write a retell of a cultural story. Maths will have students looking more closely at time, numbers, money, location and direction. These concepts will be reinforced on homework sheets so please continue to return homework folders each week to ensure that extra bit of practise at home, and to see how well your child is doing!

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in weeks 9 and 10. A note will be sent home in the coming weeks to explain the process for our interviews. For some of you, I will be requesting an interview with you; others please feel free to make a time if you have any concerns or just wish to see how your child is going. Remember to continue practising sight words with your child, return homework and readers each Friday and check to see if your child needs any equipment. Those of you who are already doing these things, keep up the great work, Thank you!

## Year 2—Miss Cran

Congratulations to our class award winners this week Craig, John and Mea for a great improvement in recalling addition number facts and Harry for improving his subtraction number fact recall. Izaak showed impressive improvement for both addition and subtraction and also completed his year 2 'no excuses' spelling list, along with Samara, Brandy-Jay and Ryan. Year 2 also took out all of the SWPBS ticket draws this week, well done Brandy-Jay, Mystique and Max!

There are lots of assessment tasks being completed this week as well as starting our new units of work for English and Maths. We are moving on from creating our procedures and looking at how narratives can also contain information. Our mealworms have all gone through their transformations and many have reached their adult beetle stage, it has been very exciting to see this happening over the term.

## Year 3- Miss—Boyle

As we move into a very busy time in the school calendar it is more important than ever that students try and attend every day to make sure that don't miss out on any important concepts or assessment items.

In science this term we have been learning about the transfer of heat and how insulation works for both keeping things cool and warm. We have been doing lots of experiments on temperature and how it is affected by insulation and colour as well as how it can be transferred. Students have been learning about thermometers and how we use measure temperature using degrees Celsius. To help consolidate these concepts at home you could watch the weather and discuss the temperature as well as looking at cooking temperature when using the oven.

## Year 5/6—Mr Moore

Congratulations to all participants from Year 5/6 in the Interhouse Athletics carnival. A special mention to Crystal-Lee Walsh and Jester Petchprasit for being awarded age champions. Also, well done to everyone, as there were some great performances all round from our class.

Parent/Teacher interview letters will be sent out this week and I do urge that all parents try and come to an interview whether you have concerns about your child's progress or not. The interviews are a great way for us to be up to date with any concerns that myself, as the teacher are noticing or you as the parent are noticing. Please return the letter to indicate whether you would like an interview or not.

The Term is coming very close to an end, which generally means students are running low on stationery. Could you please ask the students whether they are low on stationery (books, pencils, rubbers, rulers or sharpeners) so they can be replaced? Also, can we please make sure they are clearly marked, as some times our belongings can be misplaced.

We are also in the midst of our interschool softball and coming to the end of our cricket rounds. We have a number of representatives from the class which is pleasing to see.

Softball: Alexis Nibbs, Skye Telford, Crystal-Lee Walsh and Ella Piper.

Cricket: Clay Moore, Stephen Davis, Jayden Morganson, Shane Gordon and Ashley Burnett.

It is great to see the ongoing participation from the 5/6 class. Well done!

## Learning Centre—Mrs Wood-Brown

What a great couple of weeks we have had, first with sports carnival then our excursion. It was great to see so many students give events at the sports carnival ago. Mrs. Kym and I were very impressed with the behaviour of our students who attended the excursion to Charters Travel Experience and Subway. It was great to see and hear the manners of the students that we have in our class.

Congratulations to Alex for receiving a Principal's Award. To receive this reward Alex has shown fantastic progress in his behaviour and academic ability. Well done, Alex! Also, congratulations to Daryl for being our student of the week. Keep up the great work, Daryl!

Within the next couple of weeks notes for Parent/Teacher interviews will be coming home. This is a great way for you to catch up on how your child is going and to talk with me over any concerns or ask questions you may have.



## 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 2013, and Year 1 in 2014. 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.



## Year 6/7—Mr Crow

Thank you to the parents who have purchased additional stationery materials for their child. This is much easier for your child to manage and saves them losing valuable pieces of work which are completed on a piece of paper.

Recently High School enrolment packages were sent home with the Year 7 students. If your child is planning on attending the High School next year these need to be completed and returned to the High School before the last week of this term. 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 forwarded home soon.

The students are currently working on discovering why the seasons occur in Science. (Can you believe we are still officially in winter after the recent hot weather?) In History the students are studying Ancient China. For Art the students are making masks. The facial features are being added at the moment.

Several students have overdue assessment tasks. Failure to hand in any pieces of assessment results in an automatic E rating. It is very difficult to lift this rating to an overall satisfactory level for the semester. You can help your child help themselves by asking them what they are currently working on, what tasks they have due and how they are going in terms of completing these tasks. This also sends a positive message about the value of gaining a good education and the importance of your child achieving to the best of their ability.

## Instrumental Music—Mr Mossley

The Charters Towers Eisteddfod is a busy time for Central Instrumental Music students. We would like to wish them the best of luck in their performances and know they will do us very proud.

The Central SS Eisteddfod line-up is:

### **Tuesday Morning:**

Grade 6 Woodwind Solo—8:30am— Rhane Huxley

Primary School Brass Solo—10:07— Ella Piper and Vanessa Ritcher

### **Tuesday Night:**

Primary School Concert Band—6pm—The Charters Towers Central Chaminade Band

### **Wednesday Morning:**

Grade 5 Woodwind Solo—8:42am— Alexis Nibbs, Skye Telford and Crystal-Lee Walsh

Grade 6 Duets—9:20am— Vanessa and Rhane

Grade 5 Duets—10:13am— Alexis and Ella - Skye and Crystal-Lee

## Congratulations to our Students of the Week & SWPBS Winners



2013 Book Week Celebrations*"Read Across the Universe"*

A friendly reminder—Dress Up Parade—Monday 26th of August.

Students are asked to dress as their favourite book character or 'something' from the universe - for example - aliens, spaceships, stars, planets, the sun or moon etc.

Judging of costumes and the colouring-in competition will be held during Monday afternoons' parade.

The Resource Centre would like to remind everyone that Book Week celebrations will continue until Wednesday 28th of August.

Activities include trivia, 'space' craft sessions, treasure hunts and special reading sessions. All welcome!

## From the Sportshed-Mrs Miller

It was great to see the effort put in by all students at the Athletics Carnival. Matilda was our winning house this year. There were some outstanding performances throughout the day and it was pleasing to see the sportsmanship and encouragement being shown on the days also.

It was terrific to see students taking part in the different events and putting in their best effort. The students in Prep to Grade 3 enjoyed a variety of events throughout the day. There were many smiling faces and lots of laughter as they participated in egg and spoon relays, noodle horse relays, sack races, parachute games, high jump, long jump, ball games, thong throwing, rocket launching and shot put.

Students aged 9 to 13 years enjoyed participating in their rotations of high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games, sprints, 800m and relays. It was very encouraging to see the great sportsmanship and school spirit on show throughout the day, which is a hallmark of Central State School.

There were also some outstanding individual results and some closely fought battles for age champion. The next step for these students is to compete at the interschool competition which will be held at Friemann Oval on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Thanks to all involved for a successful day. Special congratulations to our age champions for this year:

<b>9 year olds</b>	<b>Patrick Pehi</b>	<b>Yasmin Petchprasit</b>
<b>10 year olds</b>	<b>Jester Petchprasit</b>	<b>Crystal-Lee Walsh</b>
<b>11 year olds</b>	<b>Avan Thomson</b>	<b>Stephanie Lowe</b>
<b>12 year olds</b>	<b>Cadeem Morganson</b>	<b>Faith Barron</b>
<b>13 year olds</b>	<b>Tyson Shirley</b>	

*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.*





I am Safe    I am Respectful  
I am a Learner