Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 with much learning and school events ahead for our Central State School Family. I thank you kindly for your cheery welcome during my time as Acting Principal while Mr Shirley has been enjoying his Long Service Leave break travelling in our beautiful outback of Australia. Mr Shirley will be back on deck next Monday 28th July.

**PREP S OUR NEW CLASS SET UP**
Our adjusted classes to provide smaller class sizes in our Prep and Year 1 classes has seen a smooth transition for the start of Term 3. We now have 2 smaller class sized prep classes Prep M and Prep S. We welcome Miss Belinda Stowe who joins our Central SS Team.

Learning time in Prep S with Miss Stowe.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
What more can I say.....Just delightful! I applaud the teamwork and care shown by staff, students and community. I acknowledge everybody’s efforts though due credit to our HPE Teacher Mrs Allison Miller - outstanding preparation-communication-organisation-operation of event. Congratulations to you Central State School Team on a successful Athletics Carnival which was on display for all to see and be a part of in 2014.

- PARTICIPATION- outstanding
- ENCOURAGEMENT- exceptional
- BEHAVIOUR- nice work considering routine changes
- FUN TIME-100%
- PARENTAL INTEREST- fantastic to see
- PARENTAL HELP- Tuckshop Volunteers and Shot Put Helpers
- TUCKSHOP-Mmm...Yummy!
- STAFF ENTHUSIASM- off the rector scale your energy was top notch
- OFFICE SUPPORT- bandages great
- CLEAN UP- spot on

**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2014**
On Monday I sent home a note with the eldest child in your family. Each year Education Queensland undertakes a survey to allow parents/caregiver, staff and students to share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

The online survey opened Monday 21st July and closes on the 3rd of August 2014.

Please take a moment to complete the survey please.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY NEXT**
**TUESDAY 29th July**

**CHARTERS TOWERS SHOW HOLIDAY**
Make sure you check out our School Display in the Shed set up by Gloria Fellows and Steve Boundy - celebrating Teaching & Learning at Central State School.

Thank you staff and students for your items to make up our 2014 school display.
CHARTERS TOWERS STATE HIGHSCHOOL JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION PROGRAM

Last week our Year 6 and 7 students took part in a chat session with past students from Central State School now School Leaders James Lowe, Tedi-Annah Pehi, Principal Mrs Mohr and Deputy Principal Mr Willis. Families choosing to send their child to CTSHS in 2015 have been asked to take a look at the Enrolment Package with their son/daughter in preparation for 2015.

**DATE CLAIMER:**
CTSHS Junior Secondary Open Day
Years 6/7 cluster students and parents are invited to an open day starting in session 4 on

**DATE:** Friday the 29th of August

**TIME:** 1pm-2.45pm

**PHOTO 1:** School Leaders and Mr Crow address our Year 6 and Year 7 students. **PHOTO 2:** Our Central SS Students check out the Information package form CTSHS.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE TEACHERS** Teachers in training are working alongside our dynamic teachers at CSS as part of their in-service Program. We welcome:

- Miss Pascoe working in Year 2 with Miss Cran
- Miss Hunt working alongside Mr Moore in Year 3
- Ms Gilligan works alongside Mrs Jensen in Year 1
- Miss Smith has been enjoying her time in Year 5/6 with Miss Boyle

**UNDER 8’S FUN TIME  2014 SNAPSHOTS** The Early Child Staff Team of Miss Mathews, Miss Jensen, Miss Stowe, Miss Cran, Mr Barath and Mrs Larson planned an awesome Under 8’s Celebration for our Early Learners Playgroup-P-2 students around the theme: “EVERYONE CAN PLAY” Well done to Miss Mathews for co-ordinating the event in 2014. It was great to see our community shining & involved parents, staff, Adopt-a-cop Officer Michael, Police Liaison Officers Caroline/Donna, PCYC Paul & Karly, Ambulance Officers and Fire Service Fire Fighters.
Welcome back everyone. We’ve had a delightful start to the new term and have especially enjoyed the fun of having two classes at Central. Both Jenny and I would like to extend a very big welcome to Miss Stowe – Welcome, welcome, welcome.

What are we focusing on this term?
In Science, we will be learning about the weather. As part of our unit, we are planning to observe and record our findings on a class poster twice a day. Our unit will culminate with the children being able to show or discuss how changes in weather conditions affect living things, including clothing, activities, shelter, plants and animals.

In Geography, we will be investigating special places and reflecting on ways that special places should be cared for. We will also discuss why our special place might be important to other people. More information, including our Guides to Making Judgements are available on our noticeboards at prep.

Housekeeping
Please name and check all your child’s belonging. In the past few weeks we have misplaced jumpers, shorts and hats. Most likely, they have gone home in the wrong school bag. It’s so easy to do.

Finally, thank you everyone for a great Under 8’s Day this week. I hope your child went home and told you all about our fun morning. I would like to extend an extra special thankyou to the Fire, Police and Ambulance Services, PCYC, The Neighbourhood Centre, Gold City Entertainment, our excellent Year 6/7 helpers and Miss Kaylene. (We loved the fairy floss.) Thank you kindly for all your support.

Hi everyone,
It has been a big week in the new Prep S. We have a brand new classroom that we are slowly filling with colourful artwork and games.
This week we have been learning about the letters c, k and v. To help us learn the letters we have been making kites and decorating the castle.
We have also started our Science unit on the weather and our Geography unit on Special places. It has been a busy week in Prep S but we are looking forward to lots of fun in the weeks to come.

Axel was our student of the week for the great effort he has put into all his lessons.

Welcome back to term 3! I hope that you had a relaxing break with your friends and family. Congratulations to Ashley C, our award winner last week, for trying hard and having a good attitude. Mikaela had a ticket drawn out in the SWPBS prize draw last week for being Respectful, well done.

Sports Day! What a great day! The Year 2’s had so much fun completing the sports events and participating for a house point. Thank you to the added support of the parents in attendance, it was great to meet you. Tuesday was ‘Under 8’s Day’ all round it was a fun morning. There was a jumping castle, rock wall, painting, face painting, animal making, play dough fun, and much more. It was great to see parents and families in attendance.

Enrol for Prep in 2015
If your child was born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010, they are eligible to start Prep in 2015, and Year 1 in 2016. 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 1—Miss Jensen

Although we have only been back at school for 2 weeks, we have packed oh so very much into each and every day!
Last week, we participated in Sport Day. We had so much fun having a go at all of the different events and we were bursting at the seams to run our races in the afternoon. Perhaps the highlight of our fortnight has been Central’s Under 8’s celebration, held earlier in the week. We had such a great time! A BIG thank you to Miss Matthews for all of her hard work to organise the event.

We have been very lucky to have a Prac teacher with us these past 2 weeks. Miss Jasmine is a 2nd year student teacher studying through JCU. She has made the very most of her time in Grade 1 and has taught a number of lessons. All students have appreciated her being in our class and engaging in her interesting and creative lessons. We wish her the best for her future studies and thank her very much for her time spent in our class.

Homework – Just a reminder that students should be doing a small amount of homework each night. I have had a number of students this week who have completed their homework in one night. Also, homework is sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday. As per previous Terms, those students who return their homework on Friday for the majority of the Term will be invited to a ‘Cupcakes and Milkshakes’ morning tea in the last week of school.

Year 3—Mr Moore

Welcome back from holidays and to Term Three! It seems all students have come back from the holidays with a renewed enthusiasm for school and learning which is great to see. Behaviour in the classroom will continue to be our focus for the term.
I would like to remind everyone that some students might require some new equipment and should come home asking for this in the next couple of days or weeks. If this equipment can be replaced as soon as possible that would be greatly appreciated. This Term the students will be participating in all subjects and will continue to focus on new and revised topics. This will continue to be hard for some and easier for others. Ongoing support for all students is greatly appreciated in these areas and particularly in the completion of their homework, on time. We also, have a student teacher (Miss Hunt) in our class, concluding this week. She has been of great help in the classroom for the first two weeks of school and I congratulate her on her progress. The class will miss her greatly. Good luck for the rest of your studies!
I would like to remind everybody associated with Grade Three again that homework is given to the students on Monday morning and is due back in on Friday. The homework is revision based, with also a couple of concepts to push some students. Also, every Tuesday we change our home readers at the library. Some students keep these at school and read during our silent/free read time each day and some take them home to be read each night with their parents, guardians or siblings. I encourage all students to keep up their reading each night. Also, as a result of the home reading we have a number of students with outstanding loan books from the library. I have sent the students home with notes this week, to search for these books. Could you please have a look for these books and return them to the library or notify the school of any problems. I’m looking forward to another enjoyable term.
Year 4—Mrs Thomas & Miss Blanch

Welcome back to our third term!! This year has certainly flown by.
This term we have welcomed Karl Pearson into year 4, we hope he settles in well.
Attendance is very important this term in year 4. We have noticed quite a few students who do attend every day we urge you
to make sure your child is here every day.
We just recently had sports day and we would like to congratulate all students who participated in this fantastic day.
This term in English we are exploring historical recounts looking at recounts from the first fleet. In maths we are continuing to
work on our times table facts.
Homework started last week and it was concerning that many students books were missing. Please make sure you check with
your student when their homework is due.
Thank you for making sure your student is prepared to start term 3 with all the right equipment.

Year 5/6—Miss Boyle

So far we have had a fantastic start to the term and all of our units are well underway. It is great to see students showing a positive attitude towards school and responsible behaviour in class. A big congratulations to Penny, Montana, Storm, Selena, Patrick, Telihah, Jack and Keiley for regularly returning their completed homework to school every Wednesday and Friday.
Keep up the good work! I am hoping to see this list of students grow over the term. Parents, please check with your child to see if they need any new school supplies for the term. Common items include pencils, rubbers and glue. This term our science unit is all about investigating the properties of light. At the end of the term we will be designing a light maze that requires a shoe box. If anyone has one that they could donate it would be much appreciated. Have a great week!

Learning Centre Upper—Mr Barath

This term we will be writing a letter to the future about an activity that we currently participate in. To do this we need to learn how to phrase and write sentences in past, present and future tense. So we are learning about a sport from the past, a sport from the present, as well as a computer game from the past and a computer game from the present. The two sports are archery and soccer and the computer games are Asteroids and Skylanders.
Although the boys were reluctant at first to play soccer, we have learnt all about how to play the game and its specific rules. We have played some small games and everyone was very surprised about how exhausting and enjoyable the game was. It was so much fun they even started playing it at lunch time! Next week we will be learning about archery.
In week four and five we will be examining the two computer games and writing our final drafts of our letters. We are also hoping to send an email to Hex and Bajo at Good Game Spawn Point telling them all about what we have discovered about computer games from the past and present as well. Stay tuned to ABC3 in case we become famous!

Year 6/7—Mr Crow

The students have been investigating literary letters. In particular they have been reading about the 1950’s. One advantage of the students having an older teacher is the teacher’s ability to tell the students what it was like when he was a boy. The students are amazed at how different life was nearly fifty years ago and believe they are lucky to be born during this century. Several children have filled their exercise books in various subjects. Thank you to the parents who have provided books and the other materials that children have exhausted or lost. This semester the students will use calculators more extensively. If your child does not have a calculator, an inexpensive one which has basic functions is all that is required. During the High School visit last week Enrolment packages were distributed. Please read these carefully and complete all components of the form. If you have any questions regarding completion of the form do not hesitate to phone the High School for clarification. This will save them being sent home to be amended or finalised. There has been a high level of absenteeism since the start of term 3. If your child is absent from school parents are required phone the school or forward a short note to school to explaining the reason for the absence. Thank you to the parents who already contact the school with this information.
From the Sports Shed

SPORTS DAY CENTRAL WAY
HPE teacher Mrs Miller lead the way with an awesome 2014 Inter-house Athletics Day. The annual school event was supported by community with great enthusiasm. Students from Prep through to Year 7 exemplified true Sportsmanship with their keen and encouraging participation. Younger grades thoroughly enjoyed the rotation activities as the older students took part in High Jump, Long Jump and Shot put. The accolades of Champion House for 2014 went to the red team Matilda followed by Billabong and Coolibah.

The 2014 Age Champions included:
9 Year Old Champions John Kennedy & Rae Gordon Runner Up Edward Santo & Sarah Clark
10 Year Old Champions Kathleen Poulsen, Patrick Pehi Runner Up Yasmeen Petchprasit and Josh Piper
11 Year Old Champions Crystal Lee Walsh, Torique Kennedy Runner Up Penny Grimshaw and Jester Petchprasit
12 Year Old Champions Stephanie Lowe, Jayme Oakley Runner Up Ella Piper & Blair Carwood
13 Year Old Champions Angela Spreadborough, Lachlan Piper Runner Up Vanessa Ritcher
Dallas Taylor and Kevyn Mawson
A splendid day enjoyed by all. A champion effort Central State School students, staff, P&C, parents and community.

CONGRATS SOFTBALL SUCCESS
We also must acknowledge the efforts and success of Alexis Nibbs, Stephanie Lowe and Crystal Lee Walsh who joined other players to form the CT Softball Team to compete in the NQ Trial of Softball at Forrest Beach on Sunday/Monday supported by Mrs Miller and Mr Brady. Congrats to Stephanie Lowe who made the NQ Softball Team for 2014. Proud of you!

Random Acts of Kindness Project

😊BE KIND. BE THOUGHTFUL.😊

At our last meeting we talked about how we can help children who are bullied or treated badly by other students. We made a tree and wrote our ideas on the leaves. Some of our ideas we re- showing kindness, inviting other children into our group to play and helping them tell a teacher. It was lots of fun.

Selena Wright
Yr 5/6
Dedicated member
R.A.O.K project
I am Safe

I am Respectful

I am a Learner