CHARTERS TOWERS
CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter
Produced for the Charters Towers Central State School Community
From the Principal

I’d like to firstly congratulate the children at Central for their fantastic efforts in the classroom. All classes are now beginning to revise the concepts that have been taught throughout the term, and will shortly commence their end of term assessment. Parents and guardians, it’s vital that your child continues to attend school every day, especially at this time in the term. If children miss just one day from school, they will quickly begin to fall behind their peers, which only makes learning more difficult. I am pleased to note that our student attendance at Central has improved this term, with most of our children attending school each day.

Next week I will be away from the school attending the annual Year 7 trip to Brisbane. This year 55 Year 6 & 7 students from all state primary schools in Charters Towers will be attending the camp. The children will visit Suncorp Stadium, Australia Zoo, Seaworld, the Museum, Science Centre, Observatory and also participate in many unique Brisbane tourist adventures including a trip down the Brisbane River on the Rivercat.

Eisteddfod
I’d like to congratulate the Charters Towers Central State School children who participated in the recent Charters Towers Eisteddfod. The children performed amazingly and represented our school with pride and passion. The judges continually praised Charters Towers Central State School children for their impeccable manners, tidy presentation and quality performance. Congratulations students and well done! You have made your school very proud. Charters Towers Central SS would like to thank Miss Jensen and our instrumental music teacher Mr Mossley for their efforts coaching and supporting our students in the lead up to the Eisteddfod.

Congratulations Stephanie
Stephanie Lowe recently travelled to Brisbane to represent our school and the NQ region at Queensland Softball Trials. I am very pleased to announce that Stephanie was selected into the Queensland Softball Team and will now travel to Toowoomba next term to complete against softball teams from around Australia. Congratulations Stephanie on your remarkable achievements.

Prep Enrolments 2015
Charters Towers Central SS is now taking Prep enrolments for 2015. If your child is turning 5 by June 30 2015 they are eligible to enrol Prep next year. If you would like to enrol your child at Central SS all you need to do is visit the office and complete an enrolment form. We will also require a copy of your child’s birth certificate. In Term 4 we will progressively offer prep transition days for those children that have enrolled. These days are vital for future prep children as it allows the child time to settle into Central, experience the classroom, get to know their teacher and become familiar with other prep children who will join them in 2015. If you have any questions or require further information just contact the school office on 47562333.

Reading Every Night
Improving student’s reading abilities is one of our school’s top priorities for the remainder of the school term. Our teachers and teacher aides work extremely hard with your child to help them to improve their reading however it is vital that children are reading at home each night, and returning their readers to school the following day. Every child should be reading at home at night for at least 15 minutes. Your child should be taking home a Home Reader or a novel every night to read.
School Swimming—Term 4
Central SS will commence swimming lessons next term. While the final swimming program is still being determined it is anticipated that swimming will be offered in Weeks 2 through to 8 in Term 4, and the swimming carnival will be held in Week 9 next term. As per previous years children will be bussed to and from the pool, and parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the pool and assist with the swimming lessons. Shortly permission notes and invoices will be sent home from the Office. This year we cannot accept payment for swimming on the morning of your child’s swimming lesson. You are still able to make instalments towards your child’s swimming lessons however we do request that payments are made prior to your child’s allocated swimming day. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Digital Newsletter
Newsletters are Charters Towers Central SS are now published in digital form and can be accessed via our school’s website www.chartowess.eq.edu.au or our school’s Facebook page. We have found that our newsletters are more successful when they are published online via our website and Facebook site. For this reason, and to save costs associated with printing, we are now publishing the newsletter in digital form only. We are not printing the newsletters as we have previously done. We are aware that some families do not have access to the internet or still prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, and for these reasons we will still print copies of the newsletter for these families. If you would like a printed copy of the newsletter you just need to contact Kaylene in the office.

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.

Nick Shirley
Principal—Charters Towers Central State School

Book Week 2014!
Last week we celebrated Book Week at Charters Towers Central State School. Congratulations to all students who participated in the activities. A very special thank you to Mrs Bojack for organising this years celebrations.

Follow Central on Facebook!
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.
Prep—Miss Mathews

This week in prep we have been learning about the days of the week and keeping a weekly schedule. On Monday everyone made a diary to record 3 exercises that we could practice each day. Sadly, Miss Mathews convinced a few students that 100 laps of the oval would take too long and that, five star jumps might be a better option. This schedule will continue into next week and form part of the introduction towards our final piece of assessment in mathematics. For this piece of assessment each child will need to bring a toy to school for the week. A small teddy or stuffed animal is the best option. No favourites though, last year one bunny got terribly lost and was later located after an exhaustive search. We will plan to complete an activity each day with our toy, such as taking it to parade or building a box construction together for example.

Parent / Teacher interviews will start next Tuesday. Please pop in and see some of the fabulous work your child has achieved this term.

Finally, a big shout out to Vivienne Van Wijk, Piper Griffiths and Rayne Andrew for an excellent week. We think you are all super stars. Kind regards, Miss Mathews.

Prep—Miss Stowe

Term 3 is just flying by with only two weeks to school holidays. This week we have been having lots of fun with our learning. We have been looking at the sounds ‘ou’ and ‘oi’ and all the cool words that we can make from these sounds. In English we have also been reading cool rhyming stories and learning how to give our opinion of these stories.

In maths we have been learning about collecting data and how to create a yes/no question. To help us create the questions and collect some information we made some interesting sandwiches for everyone to try. Then we got their opinion on whether the sandwich was good or not. Most of the sandwiches were quite good but peanut butter and salad was not a good combination.

On Friday, we had Book Week parade and it was really great to see so many students dressing up. A special mention to Haylie and Bradly who won the best dressed for our class.

We were also lucky to have Lachlan Coote from the Cowboys come into our classroom and help us with our days of the week.

Great work Rhys on being our students of the week!!!!!!!!!
Year 1—Miss Jensen

On Monday Grade 1 had a visit from the Fire Brigade. First, Fire Fighter Brett taught us about bad fires and good fires. He told us to stay with an adult near fires. Next, the Fire Brigade showed us which suit to wear to a fire. Fire Fighter Dave put on his boots first, then trousers, then a jacket, then his mask, then his oxygen tank, then his helmet and last his gloves. He was wearing what you should wear to a fire.

Then we learnt how to stop, drop and roll if we ever had our clothes on fire. Before we went outside, Fire Fighter Brett taught us that our noses go to sleep when we are asleep. Our ears stay awake and we can hear fire alarms. If we hear a fire alarm there are things we need to do. We need to crawl because the smoke is away from the ground. We need to shout, “Fire! Fire! Fire!” to wake everyone up. We learnt that we should never hide from Fire Fighters because they are our friends and they can help us.

Finally, we went to look at the fire truck. We saw big tools and we played with the hoses. When the Fire Truck left our school, they put on the sirens and waved good-bye.

We felt very, very happy and excited that the fire brigade came to our school.

Year 2—Miss Cran

This week we’ve completed some assessment tasks based on our learning this term. Students have particularly enjoyed the ‘secret number’ maths task, which has them writing a set of clues for their mystery 3-digit number. We received our show entries back last week and we had some very pleasing results! Felicity received 2nd place in the colouring in and handwriting competitions, Mika earned a 1st place for her lovely handwriting and Temia won 1st place for her colouring in. Cyril was student of the week last week for excellent participation and effort in all of his work.

Book week dress ups last week were lots of fun, everyone looked great!

Year 3—Mr Moore

We are coming toward the end of the third term and continuing our push to complete all assessment tasks. The students are working very hard and are pushing to stay at school, even when slightly ill.

Our attendance rate is continuing to increase, which is great to see. Attending school every day is very important as every minute in the classroom is a chance for the students to revise or learn new or old concepts.

Parent/Teacher interviews begin next week. If you have not received an interview form, could you please come and see me. I have a number of interview forms that have not been returned. If you could please return the form to me whether you would like and interview or not. If you would like an interview please mark your 3 most convenient times. If you do not want an interview please tick the box and return the form to the class.
Year 4—Mrs Thomas & Miss Blanch

With only 2 weeks of school left it’s going to be a busy time of finalising work and getting ready for the new term. Please make sure if you want a parent teacher interview to hand the forms back or come get a new one as time is running out for these to occur and it would be great to meet with all parents.

This week we started to complete our science experiment looking at how ochre is used to make paint. Students have been fascinated by this process and have experimented making ochre paint with different binders.

As it is coming to the end of term we are noticing that a few students are running low on stationary supplies such as pencils, rubber, glue sticks and books. Please speak to your child and see what they need a topping up in. It is also time to hunt for those overdue library books with many students having books from term 1.

We would like to thank everyone for ensuring homework is getting completed it’s great to see so many students bringing it back.

Learning Centre Upper—Mr Barath

The term has just been slipping away so fast that we are racing to get everything finished on time. Hopefully, by now your children will have spoken to you about our Minecraft building challenge for Technology this term. The boys have been working very hard to complete their two story houses to specification complete with their building plans by this Friday. They have all put in their best effort and have worked hard on it for the past three weeks.

We have researched how to build toilets and bathrooms in Minecraft, which materials are the best to use for specific jobs and examined how plans work and are drawn up. They have also looked at respect for others’ property and general behaviour in a virtual environment as they move between each other’s virtual worlds to examine the work they have all been doing and possibly get some inspiration from each other.

It has been a very successful unit of work and the boys should be congratulated on their efforts and achievements.

Footie Colours Day
Yr 6/7—Mr Crow

A reminder for parents of Year 6 and 7 students: If your child is planning on attending the High School next year the Student Enrolment Form needs to be completed and returned to the High School as soon as possible. Students who do not return Enrolment Forms will not be permitted to attend the next Transition Days. Please note that the Enrolment Forms now need to go to the High School, not our school’s Office.

The students are currently analysing and interpreting poems. They need to type up an analysis of two poems to complete the assessment task. This task will require your child typing up their tasks in their own time. This idea behind this is to prepare your child for doing that little bit extra in preparation for completing High School assignments.

The students have also commenced a Visual Arts unit on screen printing. Your child will need to provide some material, a shirt or pillow case to print their design onto. These materials do not need to be new, but a light colour would be appreciated.

The ability to read fluently is the most valuable gift you can give your child. Whilst we spend a large percentage of school time on a variety of reading related activities, it is very important that your child reads to someone each night. The difference between those students who read regularly and those who do not is very apparent. Please take some time each night to encourage and support your child to become a better reader.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week & SWPBS Winners
I am Safe
I am Respectful
I am a Learner