**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT . . .**

**Attendance:** Wow! Eight weeks down and only two weeks to the Easter Break.

Year 8 students and their Coordinator, Mrs Hackman, are to be commended on their attendance data which is meeting the 95% target for the cohort. Well done Team Year 8; you are LEGENDS!

All students who achieve the 95% attendance goal will participate in a reward program at the end of term.

Holidays start at 3.00pm Friday 4th April and Term 2 commences Tuesday 22 April.

**P&C Executive for 2014:** President, Maya Wood (Geary); Vice-President, Natasha Stanton; Secretary, Kim Gough; Treasurer, Tania Husband.

**ANZAC Day:** Our school ceremony will be held on Thursday 24 April at 9.00am on the oval. All parents and family are invited to attend.

**Parent-Teacher Reporting Evening:** Tuesday 1 April provides parents with an opportunity to converse with teachers about their child’s progress. To make an appointment with teachers, please access the booking schedule on the school's website at http://www.chartoweshs.eq.edu.au/html/interviews.htm

I look forward to meeting many new parents and ask that you respect the time restrictions which allows access to teachers for all parents.

Yours in Education, Moya A Mohr, Principal

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**24 Hour Student Absentee Line**

4754 6560

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Please note that only service and delivery vehicles are permitted to enter the school grounds.
The Dalrymple Trade Training Centre (DTTC) has opened its doors to the Charters Towers Community. The 6.4 million dollar centre was completed in early January with a Federal Government grant and fantastic community support.

The DTTC is managed by Charters Towers State High School in partnership with All Souls St Gabriels School, Charters Towers School of Distance Education and Columba Catholic College.

The Centre, through TAFE, is delivering training to both school and public students, offering a wide range of courses including:

- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate I in Engineering
- Certificate II in Manufacturing
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate III in Aged Care
- Certificate III in Child Care Studies

The DTTC is looking to expand its course options in the future to allow students access to more quality training and a variety of qualifications.

As well as quality training the centre also offers impressive function and conference facilities including a fully equipped commercial kitchen that is set to rival many southern regions.

Manager’s Report

It has been a very busy few weeks with a lot of community interest in the DTTC. Courses are well and truly under way with the centre seeking more training organisations to be able to deliver a variety of courses to the wider Charters Towers community. It is our aim to make the centre a hub for training and vocational education in our region.

Our Construction and Engineering students have been working hard and quickly becoming familiar with the facilities and different types of equipment available for training. I am adamant that the type of training being delivered will be reflective of industry needs so students will graduate with quality skills and an attitude ready for employment.

Over the next few weeks the DTTC will be forming a Community Reference Group; all enquires for the group should be directed to ...  

Michael Keck, Centre Manager

Students from Charters Towers State High School will once again join forces with ASSG, BTC and CCC students in a traditional Big Band to open the 2014 Charters Towers Battle of the Bands tonight.

Now in its third year, the Battle of the Bands is a night where artists and bands showcase their unique talent. From Country, Rock, Rap, Heavy Metal and even Dupstep, this electric night of music entertainment has always been a popular night on the music calendar. Tonight, Friday, 6:30pm at the Charters Towers State High School Community Hall, for only a gold coin donation, you can come and support our Charters Towers local musicians.  

HADDON MOSSLEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY OPEN AFTERNOON

Saturday
29th March
12noon to 2.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Facility tour  Course Information
BBQ and drinks for sale

INVITATION

Charters Towers State High School in partnership with Charters Towers School of Distance Education, All Souls St Gabriels School and Columba Catholic College.
AEROSOL IS A BANNED ITEM

While we appreciate that personal hygiene is important, the use of aerosol deodorants causes health issues for many individuals in our school. We encourage all students and staff to use roll-on or pump deodorants to minimise these risks.

Your support in reinforcing the school’s aerosol policy would be greatly appreciated. The health and well-being of all members of our school community is paramount.
Term 1 in the Art Department has seen many students eagerly creating interesting artworks using a variety of techniques and materials. The Year 8s have been ‘borrowing ideas’ from Australian Artists to appropriate one of their artworks. The students have had to combine their colour theory knowledge and painting techniques to complete a finished artwork.

On a completely different note, the Year 9 Visual Art students have reused and recycled materials into wearable and functional artworks. Throughout the unit we have discussed the issues surrounding rubbish and the importance of recycling.

This reuse and recycle theme is also reflected in the Year 10 Visual Art class as students have altered old books to reflect a part of themselves. Students were taught various cutting, gluing and painting techniques to help convey their thoughts and an idea, which allows the viewer to ‘read’ their concept, just like a book.

Drawing techniques has been the focus for the Year 11/12 Cert II Visual Art students. Students were asked to experiment with a variety of drawing techniques and medias and to then create an A3 drawing of their own. The final results are as varied as the students themselves with animal studies, figures, portraits, abstracts and even a few Art Noveau themes included.

In the Authority sector of Visual Arts, assessment crunch time is coming closer for the Year 11 and 12 students. These art students have a higher expectation to engage with a wide variety of inspirational artists and ways of creating art. Progress so far has been interesting with a wide range of concept focuses being developed. Wish these students luck with their huge 13 week assessment piece!

Overall, it has been a great start to the year with students from all year levels showing off their artistic ability and learning quality techniques. We look forward to assisting all students to develop over the course of the year.

RAYLEA THOMAS AND MICHELLE KECK, TEACHERS
JCU Residential Camp Graduation Ceremony

Those Year 10 students involved in the James Cook University ‘Get Into Uni’ camp in the first week of school completed their residential style experience of university with a graduation ceremony held at The World Theatre on Friday 7th March. I had the honour of escorting them to the theatre where student were able to explore financial options for supporting a university pathway, reconnect with the university ambassadors and organisers and revisit their time at JCU. At the conclusion of the event we were joined by friends and family of students from the four Charters Towers secondary schools, Director of Equity and Student Engagement at JCU Sean Johnson, Charters Towers Mayor Frank Beveridge, ‘Get Into Uni’ organiser Mikaela Dockrill and JCU students for a graduation ceremony recognising the amazing opportunity the students have taken on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the principals of the four Charters Towers secondary schools for supporting such a worthwhile activity and allowing students to take valuable time out of the classroom, the Charters Towers Regional Council and James Cook University for providing such an experience to the youth of this town and to Mikaela and her team of incredible leaders for facilitating such an educational and enjoyable camp.

UVETTE HUGHES, FACILITATOR

Year 10 Life Choices

The Year 10 students have spent a large part of this term setting goals and identifying their strengths to assist in their senior schooling pathways. The program is moving students towards the start of the SET-P process and choosing of subjects for Year 11 from mid-way through next term.

UVETTE HUGHES, YEAR LEVEL COORDINATOR

School Expectations:

⇒ I am Safe
⇒ I am a Learner
⇒ I am Respectful
Year 8 Geography

With the introduction of Geography under the Australian Curriculum, State High is running a new geography program for Years 8 and 9; Year 8 in semester 1 and Year 9 in semester 2.

So far this term the Year 8 students have been learning about landscapes and landforms with a focus on volcanoes and the impact they have on the environment. Students have enjoyed learning about the structure of volcanoes through the construction of a 3D model and through the close study of Mt St Helens.

A highpoint for this term had to be the construction of a ‘Ring of Fire’ on the State High oval and watching the model volcanoes erupt.

Next term will hold even more challenges and excitement for the Year 8s; stay tuned for the next update! UVETTE HUGHES, TEACHER
Buying smart to pay off for students

Dalrymple Electorate students have the chance to share in over $11,000 in cash prizes for themselves and their schools in the 2014 Buy Smart Competition. Member for Dalrymple, Shane Knuth MP, encourages local students to get involved in the competition which aims to raise awareness of financial and consumer issues among school students. “Young people are entering the marketplace earlier and earlier, so it is vitally important that they do so in an educated way,” Mr Knuth said.

Buy Smart invites students from years 4-12 to submit a creative presentation to educate their peers about why it’s important to be consumer savvy. Think outside the box with your entries. In previous years, everything from rap songs to board games, decorated items of clothing and even a hand made doll house, have been submitted.

Last year, over 1200 students from across Queensland entered and this year we are hoping for even more. The winning entries came from all over Queensland, with students from Cairns, Bundaberg, Lockhart River, Sarina, Kingaroy and Brisbane all collecting cash.

The total prize pool is over $11,000 across all three categories (school years 4-6, years 7-9 and years 10-12):

- First prize—$500 for the student, $1,500 for the student’s school or organisation
- Second prize—$200 for the student, $800 for the student’s school or organisation
- Third prize—$150 for the student, $500 for the student’s school or organisation
- Up to ten discretionary $50 highly commended student prizes across all categories.

Entries will be judged on their creativity, quality, relevance to consumer ideas and ability to communicate a consumer message. The competition closes Friday 12 September 2014, with winners to be announced in October.

Please see Mrs Hughes for more information.

Think TAFE for training

Gain new skills and experience fast for the Hospitality Industry!

Charters Towers State High School students 16 years or older have the opportunity to enrol in a variety of one day courses at Charters Towers TAFE. Please see Mrs Hughes in G Block Staffroom or D28 for more information and application forms.

**Responsible Service of Alcohol:** 7th April, 9am to 3pm, $80.

**ABC of Coffee Making:** 8th April, 9am to 4pm, $125.

**Responsible Gambling Services:** 11th April, 9am to 1pm, $75
Insurance cover for students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents. Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.

Charters Towers State High School Students Take Part in 2014 Australian Geography Competition

Students from Charters Towers State High School took part in the 20th annual Australian Geography Competition this week.

Approximately 70,000 students from all around Australia entered the Competition, which is organised by the Australian Geography Teachers’ Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. Competition coordinator Bernard Fitzpatrick said that the Competition gave teachers an opportunity to highlight geography in their schools.

“Geography is a vital subject that all young people should study,” said Mr Fitzpatrick. “It helps students understand the world around them, and how people and environments are interconnected.”

“With schools in many parts of Australia starting to implement the new national geography curriculum this year, it’s an exciting time to be involved in geographical education, and the Competition allows our gifted and talented students to obtain some nation recognition” said Mr Willis.

Students who excel in the Australian competition have the chance to represent Australia in international geography contests. Two senior students from QLD will be selected to take part in Geography’s Big Week Out in Sydney later this year. From that event, Australia’s team will be chosen for the 2015 International Geography Olympiad in Tver, Russia. Outstanding students aged 14 or 15 years old are in the running for a place in the team which will represent Australia at the 2015 National Geographic World Championship.

Mr Daley, a geography teacher at Charters Towers State High School, said the students traditionally enjoy the Australian Geography Competition.

Stay tuned for the results!

AARON WILLIS, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

NAPLAN will be conducted at Charters Towers State High School during week 4 Term 2, for all Year 9 students. The official testing dates will be Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. In preparation, all Year 8 and 9 students will be conducting official practice test during the last week of term 1. Any parents who wish to have their child considered for exemption from the practice test and/or the official NAPLAN test must contact the office as soon as possible to discuss.

AARON WILLIS, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
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Police Citizens Youth

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Branch Manager:
Sgt. Paul Ansell
2013 Activity Programme

**Bingo**
Wednesday Morning 9.30am – 12.00
Sunday Evening 6.30pm– 8.30pm
No Door Charge  Free Tea & Coffee
Jackpots $1000; $300 & $100
Ring 0407 762 263 for a bus pickup

**Over 50’s Group**
Monday 10.00am – 12pm
Cost $3 entry Morning Tea/Coffee
Entertainment, Trivia, Guest Speakers,
Bingo. Ring 4787 2749 for a bus pick up

**Judo for Juniors**
Monday 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Cost $5.00 per week +PCYC Membership
(ask Get Started funding available U18’s)

**Old Time/New Vogue Dancing**
Tuesday Evening 8.00pm – 11pm
Cost $5.00 Something for Everyone
Coach: Roy Dennis Light Supper
Practice Dancing Wednesday 7pm

**Basketball**
5 on 5 Competition $5.00 Full court
Tuesdays 6pm - Men’s & U13 games
Wednesdays 6pm - Ladies + U18 Mixed
Instructor: Ashleigh Blokland 0418 290387
(ask Get Started funding available U18’s)

**Archery**
Alternate Friday Afternoons 4 - 5pm
Limited spaces Bookings 47873231
Cost $5.00
(ask Get Started funding available U18’s)

**Indigenous Community Links**
Coordinator Penny Callope provides assistance
and free internet access at PCYC Office &
Gudjal Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Cooperation for Justice office on Wednesdays
Enquiries Penny 0400 882 325
Funded through the Australian Government,
Dept. of Families, Housing, Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs

**Skate Night** (Every Second Friday)
Every second Friday night 6.00 – 8.00pm
Entry $4.00 Skate Hire $5.00 Canteen open
Parents are welcome stay or leave but a
Strict 8pm pickup please. No Pass Outs!!

**Junior, Men & Women’s Soccer**
Juniors: 10am Saturdays.
12 week Program. Commencing end Feb 2014
Men’s & Women’s Training Tuesdays &
Thursdays 5pm – 7pm at PCYC Oval
Enq: Paul 0407 762 263 Scott 0400 757 573

**Circle of Respect**
A learning program for indigenous children.
PCYC Bus collects at school and delivers
children home. Co-ordinator: Penny Callope
Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.30pm (Note change of day)
Sponsored by Evolution Mining Staff Fund

**CORE Program**
Mentor personal development program for
secondary indigenous students yrs 7 - 10.
PCYC Bus collects at school and delivers
children home. Co-ordinator: Penny Callope
Wednesday 3 – 6pm

**Indigenous Women’s/Men’s & Elders Group**
Free Workshops. Free Transport
Ring 47873231 to check time & location
Learn Indigenous Art, Craft & Community
Activities. Phone 4878 3231 for pickup

**Authentic Taekwon Do**
Tuesday & Thursday Evenings in Hall
6pm – 7.30pm Phone Instructor
Dave Champion 0419 767 369 for info.
(ask Get Started funding available U18’s)

**Indoor Bowls**
Friday Mornings 9.30am – 12 midday
Cost: $3.00 Catch up with friends, have
a game and morning tea.
Police Citizens Youth Clubs –
Improve Communities through Youth Development

**After School Care** $20.00
(407) 070 708J
Operates each School day afternoon from 3pm-6.00pm. Homework and recreational activities for school children. A bus service operates from all Charters Towers schools. Contact the Club for further information 4787 2200
Co-ordinator: Maya Wood

**Vacation Care Programme** $45.00
(406) 981 116S
Conducted each School Holiday period. 8am-6pm. Recreational activities include movies, arts/crafts, skating and other excursions. Contact the Club for further information 4787 2200
Co-ordinator: Maya Wood

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**PCYC Membership**

| Under 18/Students/Pensioners | $20.00 |
| Adults                      | $30.00 |
| Seniors (over 55)           | $6.00  |
| Family Membership           | $60.00 |

Membership is compulsory for all activities and Childcare.

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**Youth Management Team**
Charters Towers PCYC is looking for new members aged 13–18 to join our Youth Management Team. The YMT is a leadership mentoring program promoting personal growth. YMT meets regularly once a fortnight to set their own goals, try out different leadership roles and plan, organise and run their own youth-related projects and activities. Programs such as State Youth Leadership Program and Duke of Edinburgh also supported.

For more information, contact Charters Towers PCYC office on 4787 3231.

Volunteers, Coaches, Trainers & experienced activity providers are always needed. Contact us if you can.
We are signed up for our own Skoolbag Mobile Communications Apps to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/student community.

To download the Apple version, look for our school name "Charters Towers State High School" in the Apple App Store and install it on your iPhone. The Android version can be downloaded from the Google Play Store. Both are free and provide you with instant access to important information provided by the school.
Celebrate with us...

Townsville State High School’s
Anniversary Dinner

50th  90th

Town High invites you to a very special
Anniversary Dinner

When: 17th May 2014
Where: RSL Stadium
Cost: $95.00 per person -
formal dinner

Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm
Dress: Semi-formal

Entertainment: live music by GROOVE
Drinks available for purchase at the venue

Ticket information is on our website:
www.townsvillehs.eq.edu.au
or at the School Office - 47 218 777
THEME: "Play Something Country"

Friday 2nd May:
Street Procession begins 5.15pm then join us at the Showgrounds for the Australian Jamboree, including a great line up of artists.

Saturday 3rd May:
competitive sections through the day then join us at 7pm for the Saturday Night Spectacular, with special guest artists.

Sunday 4th May 2014:
competitive sections through the day; song writing and performance workshop at 12.30pm; presentations and Grand Final Concert commence at 6.30pm on the main stage.

Family Pass Friday:
$35 two adults and two children 5-17

Family Pass Saturday:
$90 two adults and two children 5-17

For more information please check out our website: www.charterstowerscountrymusic.com
A World Of
Fun & Fantasy

EDEN BROS GOOD TIME
CIRCUS
Australia's Favourite Family Circus

Visit www.edencircus.com For More Information

Where: PCYC Charters Towers
When: Saturday 22nd March  4:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday  23rd March  4:00pm

Join Us For Fun Filled Show, Complete With Performing Animals and Skilled Performers. Tickets available At PCYC Charters Towers, Get In Quick So You Don’t Miss Out!

For More Inquires Please Phone PCYC Charters Towers 4787 3231.