PRINCIPAL’S REPORT...

Behaviour: I take this opportunity to ask you to visit the school website and review our Responsible Behaviour Plan, in particular the Major and Minor Breaches and the possible consequences attached to those behaviour breaches.

This week I addressed a whole school assembly on our zero tolerance for violence and the ensuing high consequence being possible exclusion. Any student experiencing difficulties is to report to a responsible adult their situation, be it either in or out of school, so that the issue is dealt with appropriately. Students, the same as adults, should never take it upon themselves to manage the behaviour of others but rather report to the appropriate person who has management capabilities. At school that is teachers and administration; in society it is the Police.

Inappropriate Social Media Use: As you are aware, at State High we have a ban on all electronic devices at school, from when students enter the grounds until they leave again. Unfortunately, some students and community members use digital media (Facebook, Snapchat and community discussion boards) inappropriately and, for students, this may result in school consequences and/or Police action as it is illegal to use social/digital media as a bullying tool. You should also be aware that defamation is a prosecutable offence.

Sports Champions:
- U13 Softball Girls—undefeated!
- Nash Lowis—5th in Queensland U15 Javelin
- Norman Butler—15th in Queensland U15 High Jump
- Jaylene Masso—NQ Netball representative team

Congratulations: to Mr Suave, Ethan Mabb, and all other students who raised money for Breast Cancer at the recent community fashion parade.

Year 12 Graduation: A reminder that tickets are now on sale and, in line with Education Queensland policy, no student with outstanding fees is permitted to take part in any extra-curricula activities. Graduation is about completing a course of study and those students who have incomplete studies will not be graduating.

2015 Leaders: Please see page 3 of this newsletter for the list of students who have been elected to be role models and represent the school within the community as ambassadors. These leaders will attend Camp Fairbairn from Sunday 23 November to Wednesday 26th November to bond as a group and learn some Leadership Skills. Congratulations to all.

Yours in Education, Moya A Mohr, Principal

DATE CLAIMERS...

Year 8 Debating
Wednesday 5th November at BTC

Dalrymple Trade Training Centre Careers Expo
Friday 7th November 10am to 2pm

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 11th November, 6.30pm

School Expectations:

⇒ I am Safe
⇒ I am a Learner
⇒ I am Respectful

Parents and Citizens’ Association: Meeting
Tuesday 11th November - 6.30pm—Administration Block
ALL WELCOME!

Student learning is enhanced when parents and schools work together.
Fred Friemann Encouragement Award for Mathematics
Alicia Polsen

Kevin Bredden Memorial Award
Jemma Farraway

Inland Electronics Office Choice Music Award
Abby Power

Active Citizenship Award (Charters Towers Regional Council)
Taliesin Pankhurst

Tony Ireland Charters Towers Junior Secondary Award
Grace Glenwright

Tony Ireland Charters Towers Scholastic Excellence Award
Jade Matthews

Gold City Lions Club Senior Schooling Bursary
Dakota Heilman

McDonalds, Charters Towers, Senior Schooling Grant
Dana Burke

McDonalds, Charters Towers, Senior Schooling Grant
Triston Nibbs

Rapid Legal Solutions Legal Studies Award
Kaley Wakely

Charters Towers RSL Women’s Auxiliary Bursary
Kassidy-Rose McMahon

Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) Bursary
Richie Lau Lau

JH Building and Carpentry Industrial Technology Award
William Exarhos

NQ Employment Award for a student with a disability
Erica Lister

Cunningham’s News Vocational Education Award
Ashleigh Fraser

Lions Club of Charters Towers [Host] Bursary
Madalyn Miller

Hi Tech Solutions Science, Mathematics and/or Information Technology Award
Jade Matthews

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Year 10
Kassidy-Rose McMahon

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Year 12
Robbie Treier

Parents and Citizens’ Association School Spirit Bursaries
Mikalah Alloway (Year 8)

ARROW Energy Award for the achievements of a Year 12 Indigenous student
Jemima Wehrman

Dalrymple Trade Training Centre Overall Outstanding Performer
Pia Bright

School Leadership Awards
Abby Power

Robbie Treier

Kadeja Royee

Kodi-Lee Young

James Cook University Year 7 Academic Encouragement Awards
Aleisha Langburne

Beau Rigby

Vanessa Richter

James Cook University Year 10 Academic Encouragement Awards
Tahrea Briffa

Alex Lowe

James Cook University Year 12 Academic Encouragement Awards
Kaley Wakely

Samantha Staier

Sportsman of the Year (Charters Towers Regional Council)
Rhylie Thompson

Sportswoman of the Year (Charters Towers Regional Council)
Ruby Boundy

Kip McGrath Junior Secondary DUX
Sophie Boundy

Best All-Rounder (Caltex, W. Titley & Co, Shane Knuth’s Office and Douglas Coaches)
Samantha Staier

DUX of the School (Rybenleigh and Tony Ireland Charters Towers)
Kaley Wakely

Congratulations. Well Done!
Please support our supporters...

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Douglas Coaches Pty Ltd
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James Cook University
Kip McGrath Education Centre Charters Towers
Lions Club of Charter Towers [Host]
NQ Employment
Rapid Legal Solutions
RSL Women’s Auxiliary, Charters Towers
Sharp Solutions NQ
W Titley & Co
Towers Engineering Works Pty Ltd

ARROW Energy
Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Nth Qld Branch)
Caltex Australia
Charters Towers Cricket Association Inc
Charters Towers Regional Council
Cunningham’s News
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Herbert Hall Enterprises
Inland Electronics
JH Building and Carpentry
Mr Shane Knuth MP [Member for Dalrymple]
McDonalds Charters Towers
Parents and Citizens’ Association
Red Rooster, Charters Towers
Rybenleigh Pty Ltd
Tara Nursery
Tony Ireland, Charters Towers
Des Twine Builders

Thank You!

School Captains Elect 2015
Ashley Husband, Richie Lau Lau, Nikita Oliver, Kelsy Stibbs

Junior Secondary Captains Elect 2015
James Copelin, Grace Glenwright, Emma Hembrow, Taliesin Pankhurst

Congratulations and we wish you well with your endeavours for the school in 2015.
The Dalrymple Trade Training Centre, Evolution Mining and the Charters Towers Regional Council are proud to host the inaugural

2014 Charters Towers Careers and Opportunities Expo

Find your path to your next career

on
Friday 7th November
10am until 2pm
At
the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre, Macpherson Street, Richmond Hill

This is our chance to talk with representatives from Universities, Defence Force and Police Recruiting, State and Local Government, the Mining sector plus training and apprenticeship organisations.

Free BBQ on the day

Free Buses are running for Charters Towers residents
(Timetables available from Information Centre on Mosman Street)

Special thanks to our Gold Sponsors
28 October 2014

Dalrymple Trade Training Centre Careers and Opportunities Inaugural Expo – Friday 7th November

Dear Parent/Guardian

On 7th November all Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be bussed, free of charge, to the DTTC for the Careers and Opportunities Expo. All students will be attending.

With approximately 24 exhibitors, including the Defence Force, Police Force, universities, state and local government, mines, training and apprenticeship organisations, employment services, etc this is a great educational and careers information opportunity for our students, never before offered.

The Expo will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm and we will be providing two tours for our students:
Year 11 and 12 from 10.15am (session 2) to 12.15pm (returned to school for session 3) and Year 10 from 11.45am (lunch 1) to 1.45pm (returned to school for session 4).

A free BBQ is provided with drinks available for purchase. Students must be in full school uniform including closed in shoes and a hat. They should bring a water bottle.

Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance for students.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Holcombe at the school on 4754 6555.

Yours faithfully

Moya A Mohr
Principal
Festival of Bands - A Huge Success

More than 250 people filled The World Theatre to watch the 2014 Charters Towers Festival of Bands [FOB]. The ensemble comprised 135 students, with representatives from every school in Charters Towers.

The day began at 8:00am with students assembling in the theatre to be assigned their position in the band. A ranking of the student’s ability is used to determine what parts they play, similar to any Honours Band or professional ensemble. Several State High students held principle seats within their section including:

- Caleb Tweedie – Percussion
- Kassidy-Rose McMahon – Keyboard
- Rhys Pankhurst – Trombone
- Jordan Rafter – Tenor Saxophone
- Wade Buchholz – Bass Clarinet
- Abi-Gail Thomas – Flute
- Abby Power – Clarinet and Concert Master.

The FOB ensemble learnt four pieces throughout the day which, by any means, is no easy task. During the primary school lunch break, all secondary students learnt an additional piece in just 40 minutes. After a great pizza lunch and a few games of hand ball, it was back to rehearsal in preparation for the big performance.

The performance raised money for the Angkor Charity School in Siem Reap, Cambodia. A small school of 300 students, which were in drastic need of bathroom facilities. The night raised USD $1 000 which paid for the entire bathroom facility, as well as money left over to buy basic school supplies for all the students. This is a great achievement, and now the students of Charters Towers Instrumental Music 2014 community will always have their name displayed in the school.

Other performances this term included the State High Awards Night, which showcased works from the successful FANFARE competition in May and, in a few weeks, a performance at the Richmond Hill School Fete by our Big Band on Saturday 9 November. Students will also take part in the Charters Towers Christmas Concert in December.

AMEB update – Results from last term:
We take pleasure in congratulating Kassidy-Rose McMahon who received Honours in Grade 3 Piano.

Work has commenced for all students sitting exams next August; if your child is keen, please notify me.

HADDON MOSSLEY, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Slave Auction 2014

It is that time of year again when the Year 12 students nominate themselves to become slaves for a day, all in the name of fundraising for the school. The CTSHS Slave Auction is an iconic event that occurs every year and is often extremely successful at raising money towards the Year 12’s gift to the school.

This year’s line-up of slaves was as impressive as ever and saw 28 Year 12 students auction themselves off to the highest bidder, with the help of the charismatic Mr Smith, our auctioneer for the day.

The bidding started slowly at $32 for the first group but managed to rise to $200 for the final group of girls who were purchased by a team effort from an enthusiastic group of Year 9 students.


The estimated total raised by these brave Year 12 students is expected to hit the $900 mark, which is well beyond the expected total. Please thank them and congratulate them on their willingness to help out for a good cause at State High.

The actual slave day will occur on Monday 17th November when we will see what chores the slave masters have planned for our 28 Year 12s.

RAYLEA THOMAS, YEAR LEVEL COORDINATOR

Our final term began with some terrific skills being shown by our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students in their practical assessment. The quality of work and the effort made by students has been awesome.

During this final term we will be focusing on building on a student’s current skills to improve and extend their abilities. The students will also be catering for events which will be occurring during the term, as well as assisting in the production of this year’s Graduation Cake! Another exciting Term in Hospitality at State High. SHARON HACKMAN, TEACHER

Mouth-watering meals.

Left: Smoked salmon and buckwheat fritters with a sour cream & chives sauce and caviar (Rozy Calderbank)

Right: Fillet of smoked salmon with vegetables and sauce (Ty Bartholomew)
Year 10 students are almost finished their English assessments on comparing two different media texts, in line with the Year 10 curriculum. This is a challenging task for them, however, they are learning about politics, media stereotypes and how social media affects our viewpoints.

For Job Skills the students will be visiting Eventide Nursing Home and will get to enrich the lives of other members in the community through a shared community games day; many of the students are really looking forward to this.

Kylie Higgins, Teacher

Open Tennis - boys
This year’s Opens tennis season saw Haley Rolley, Jeremy Logan, Richie Lau Lau, Ezekiel Kukutu and reserve, Nash Lowis, enjoy a fantastic season. Haley Rolley starred as our key player and Jeremy Logan’s form improved greatly throughout the season as he developed a killer serve. All students thoroughly enjoyed the season and, though the results did not follow, the students’ enthusiasm shone through in true State High style.

Leigh Middleton, Teacher

Rugby Union 10s Open Girls
The Open Rugby 10s girls were very excited to be playing against the 3 other Charters Towers schoolgirl teams. On the Friday night the girls played extremely well and were undefeated, winning their first two games against Columba and All Souls; this took them into the finals on Saturday. Unfortunately, the girls did not win the grand final but put up a good fight against BTC!

I would like to congratulate all of the open girls who participated in this competition and hope you had as much fun as the audience did watching you play.

Hannah Little, Teacher
Children with good social and problem-solving skills are more equipped for life. In fact intelligence alone is not enough and it is these skills that lead people to be successful in life. Children who have learnt these skills are comfortable in new situations. They are friendly to others and join in activities. They cooperate and compromise. They trust others and others develop trust in them. They handle conflicts well and respect differences of others. They apologize when they are wrong, but will assert themselves when they believe they are right. They are clear in their thinking and non-threatened nor threatening. They are liked.

For children with poor resilience and/ or at risk of depression, often these skills are lacking.

When children are young they depend on parents to help them solve problems but as they grow they will need to learn skills to handle the problems they face. Seligman in his book ‘The Optimistic Child’ provides 5 steps your child needs to follow, in order to solve problems effectively.

1. **Slowing Down – STOP** before acting impulsively, then start thinking. How we handle a problem depends on what we are thinking. Replace hot thoughts with cool thoughts. Hot thoughts often lead to loss of control. Cool thoughts result in solutions that are non threatening. **How we think affects how we feel and what we do.**

2. **Stand in another’s shoes** – understand what the other person was thinking or why they acted the way they did. This is easy to do by meeting with the person, looking at their face, and asking non-threatening questions to get answers (use of technology won’t achieve true understanding). Stay calm.

3. **Set Goals** – If you have a problem how would you like things to end eg. You have a fight with your friend, is your goal to restore friendship or have a stand-off.

As your child sets a goal, they should list as many ways as possible to reach it.

4. **Choose a Path** – which is the best solution. Look at the pros (any good outcomes that might happen) and the cons (any bad consequences) eg. speaking nicely to someone versus yelling at them.

5. **How did it go?** Did it work – if not then don’t give up. **Pick another solution** and give that a shot.

Notice that all these steps are about you, the parent, training your child in the art of problem solving. It is not about you finding their solutions nor is it about you rescuing them. Our aim as parents is to have well adjusted, social, and happy children who are equipped to handle life in all its forms.

**ADAPTED FROM SELIGMAN, M – THE OPTIMISTIC CHILD**