DEPUTY’S REPORT . . .

Assistant Regional Director (ARD) Visit: Dr Graham Foster returned this week to gain feedback on how our school is progressing with the explicit improvement agenda. He engaged in discussions with our leadership team and visited both junior and senior classes to evidence the hard work being undertaken in order to meet key initiatives. Dr Foster was extremely pleased with the progress our school is making.

Shelley Lewis, Principal Supervisor – Senior Schooling NQ Region: Senior Schooling staff attended a presentation from Shelley Lewis on strategies to maximise the number of Year 12 students leaving school with a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Our senior schooling team have made significant advancements in this area reaching 95% attainment last year, exceeding both the NQ Region and State results.

Attendance Improvement: Attendance data has shown pleasing improvements in recent months. It is our expectation that students are reaching a minimum 95% attendance rate which prepares students for life after school. We encourage parents and guardians to contact the school to explain any absences in a timely manner.

Reminder: Students are aware that participation in any extra-curricula activities including, but not limited to, excursions, sport and Senior Formal requires 95% attendance and no more than two major behaviours recorded.

Changed traffic conditions: Council has placed no standing signs on the far side of Towers Street between School Street and the entrance to the staff car park (opposite the hall drop off zone). These restrictions apply from 7.00 am-9.00 am and 2.00 pm-4.00 pm. This means you cannot drop your child off or pick them up in that area.

Winter uniforms: Please note that our school winter uniform is the school tracksuit or maroon/black jumper/sweatshirt for tops and school tracksuit/black track pants/slacks for bottoms. No colourful logo emblazoned jackets or hoodies.

Date Claimer NAIDOC Assembly: The school would like to invite parents/guardians and community members to our NAIDOC celebrations on Tuesday 14th July at 10:15 am in the School Community Hall, with guests to arrive at 10:00 am for sign-in. Our celebrations will include special guest speakers, dance troupes and activities during Lunch 1. Local primary schools have also been invited to join in our celebrations.

A reminder that school holidays commence on Saturday 27th June and assessment will continue until the last day.

Yours in Education, Shirley Holcombe, Deputy Principal

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, MONDAY 8TH JUNE

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Parents and Citizens’ Association Meeting
second Tuesday in the month, 6.30pm, administration block
ALL WELCOME!

Student learning is enhanced when parents and schools work together.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th June
Congratulation to the week 5 junior secondary Student of the Week recipients, for Year 8, Kara Morris for exemplary behaviour and Danae Baha for her efforts in History and English.

Instrumental Music students have a big couple of months coming up.

- June 6th – Piano students will be joining Roman Rudnytsky, Concert Pianist from America, in a masterclass and performance at The World Theatre. Anyone interested should get tickets from the box office.
- State High students will travel to Townsville to participate in the SHEP Middle School Program. Their conductor, Ms Jodie Lutherborrow, will be travelling from Brisbane to work with the students over the three day workshop. I will be lucky enough to be her conducting assistant, so a good weekend will be had by all.
- The Wind Ensemble and Stage Band travel to Wambiana Station on July 17-19th for the annual Music Camp.
- July 31st, Students will engage with the QLD Music Festival - Flying Tour, workshopping and performing alongside international acclaimed artists Ambre Hammond and Ian Cooper.
- Nominations for the 17th Annual Charters Towers Eisteddfod will be closing soon. Students are organising solos, duets and trios for the big three day competition.
- The Wind Symphony and Big Band will do their first rural tour on October 8-10th. Following the dinosaur trial, students will perform at Pentland SS, Hughenden, Richmond and Winton. Further details will be sent home in the next few weeks.
- 31 students are practicing hard for the next round of A.M.E.B exams held in Charters Towers in August.

I look forward to keeping you updated with events and the special achievements our amazing State High students accomplish. It will be the end of August before we know it!

HADDON MOSSLEY, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, CHARTERS TOWERS CLUSTER
This has been another great week for debating with Charter Towers State High School remaining undefeated in both the Senior and Junior divisions.

The senior team, with speakers Emma Brandis, Harmony Barath and Kassidy-Rose McMahon, defeated BTC by successfully demonstrating that “animals should not be banned from use in sport and entertainment”. The adjudicators were very impressed with the girls’ teamwork and effective arguments, praising them for a fantastic performance.

The junior team also had an impressive victory against BTC; they argued that “domestic pets should not be banned”. Speakers Taliesin Pankhurst, Emily Pankhurst and Georgia Richards put on an impressive show, especially considering Emily and Georgia are both only in Year 7.

The next round of debating will be on June 2nd and will have the topics of “Shakespeare belongs in the past” for seniors and “Disney sets unrealistic expectations” for the juniors.

This year Charters Towers State High School has been invited to participate in the prestigious Australian Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships to be held in Melbourne.

Charters Towers State High School is the only school from North Queensland that has been invited to attend.

We will also be the only public school attending the competition.

Our Senior debating team (Emma Brandis, Harmony Barath, Kassidy-Rose McMahon and Alyssa ConGoo) will be competing in the competition during the September school holidays. The girls are practising hard, staying back after school every week to hone their skills. This competition represents not only a once in a life time opportunity for our students but is a mark of pride for our school and our town. We have been seeking sponsorship to help make it all happen. It has been fantastic to have received a huge amount of support from the community in the form of well wishes and sponsorship for the girls. To date we have received generous donations from:

Gold City Lions Club;  Kip McGrath;  
Rotary Club;  Tony Titley;  
Shane Knuth MP;  R & V Allison, Dairy Farmers Australia;  
Rybenleigh Pty Ltd;  Burge’s Foodworks;  
Queensland Country Credit Union;  State High staff and students

I would like to thank these fantastic people/organisations on behalf of myself, the students and the school.

If you would like to help support these students please feel free to make your monetary donation at the school. Various fundraising activities have been conducted within the school, however, within the wider community, we will be conducting a BBQ outside of Foodworks on Sunday 14 June and we are holding a raffle for a pair of signed and framed Cowboys’ football shorts.

SCOTT PARKER, COORDINATOR
On Friday 22nd May, under 12s girls and boys from State High participated in the **Charters Towers District Primary Schools’ Sport Interschool Touch Competition** at CCC. Schools participating included CCC, ASSG, BTC, Milchester SS, Distance Education, Richmond Hill SS and Central SS.

The boys **Barbarians** included Troy Miller, Jester Petchprasit and Matthew Smith, combined with students from CCC and BTC to make a formidable side. The first game saw us play against ASSG who, by the coach’s admission, had been training for 5 weeks. This was a challenging match with students not familiar with each other’s game and being defeated 5-1. Students from the boys **Barbarians**, however, rallied and in a short break between games completed extensive training drills in preparation for game 2 against Central. This was a pleasing result with the team gelling well but unfortunately going down 4-2 in a tight contest, which saw two late tries scored against the **Barbarians**. Once again, players rallied and completed further drills in preparation for game 3 against ASSG, which the team convincingly won 6-1. Game 4 saw the **Barbarians** play Richmond Hill who, in final results, drew with CCC for the best boys team, however, on for and against ended up runners up. **Barbarians** played out of their skins and were 4-2 up at half time, however, Richmond Hill rallied and by full time scores were locked 5-5. A great day from the boys **Barbarian team** with **Troy Miller** selected for the **Charters Towers side**.

The girls **Barbarians** consisted of Louise Polsen, Crystal-Lee Walsh and Teneal Baker, along with girls from BTC and CCC. Electrifying play saw the girls winning 6-1 against ASSG, 5-2 against Central and 7-0 against ASSG. This set the girls **Barbarians** up a game for the trophy for best girls team against Richmond Hill. This game was a close affair with two tries disallowed over the line. The end result was 5-3. The girls, therefore, ended runners up to Richmond Hill. The girls were recognised for their efforts with all three girls, **Teneal Baker**, **Crystal-Lee Walsh** and **Louise Polsen** placed in the **Charters Towers side**.

All in all it was a great day for State High with all students representing the school in a positive light. Well done participants! **MATT DE BRENNI, SPORT COORDINATOR**

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On Thursday 4th June, Charters Towers State High School will be showcasing their **Scene Project** at The World Theatre.

The **Scene Project** is an interactive workshop opportunity that has been brought to Charters Towers by the Queensland Theatre Company. All four high schools in our area have been given identical play scripts written by a pair of professional actors. Professional actors from the Queensland Theatre Company have visited each school to help workshop and develop the script. Students have had 7 weeks to prepare their performance under the direction of their Drama teacher. On Thursday 4 June all schools will come together to share their experience and perform to one other.

The Queensland Theatre Company will then have actors present their interpretation of the script, followed by an evening performance for family and friends.

**The evening performance is FREE and commences at 6.00 pm on Thursday 4th June at The World Theatre.**

I hope our community can attend and support our local schools. We would love to see you there!

**KELCEY KIRKPATRICK, TEACHER**
**Year 11 and 12 Modern History**

Students have been exploring the gross human rights violations in East and Central Africa in the last 50 years. Students have been researching the impacts that individuals like Joseph Kony and groups like the Somali Pirates have had on the inhabitants of the Horn of Africa.

Our one and only Year 12 student, Emma Brandis, has been exploring the relationship between the Tutsi and Hutu of Rwanda, a point of interest as her parents toured Rwanda just before the Genocide in 1994.

Students are now preparing to explore the grassroots and international agents for change that are working to enact change in Africa.

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**Year 11 Authority English**

Students have been learning about the gender divide through literature. Students have the read classics, Alice Walker’s *The Color Purple* and Tennessee Williams’ timeless *A Streetcar Named Desire* and have viewed the Disney film *Mulan* in order to understand how gender roles and the divide between men and women has changed over time.

Students are now deciding whether or not they believe that gender equality has been reached in Australia.

**UVETTE HUGHES, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

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**In Year 10 Visual Art**

The focus of the two units is to develop and refine the skills of painting, drawing and sculpture, as well as pushing the boundaries of students' knowledge of artists, concepts and current issues in society. In the first term of Year 10 Visual Art, each student created an ‘Altered Book’ using a variety of mediums, skills and techniques. These ‘Altered Books’ had to reflect a personal aspect of each student’s life in or outside of school.

Adding on to these learned skills, in Term 2 we are in the process of completing a ‘Monochromatic Self Portrait’ using only grey, white and black to construct the Pop Art styled portrait. As well as this, students are about to sit an Exam that will test their knowledge on three artists and their works on Consumerism and how consumerism impacts the world in which we live.

**Art Club**

After a successful term of Art Club we are still continuing strong with a handful of dedicated students who enjoy getting creative on a Monday afternoon. This term we have used a mixture of mediums including charcoal, acrylic paint, inks, to marble paper and watercolour paint. We are also about to construct city scapes using recycling materials for an exhibition next term. All year levels and abilities are welcome to attend Art Club on a Monday Afternoon 3:15 to 4:15pm.

Please note if your child has completed an artwork for Year 7, 8, 9, or 10 in either 2014 or earlier this term they are more than welcome to collect their creations from staff in the D Block Staffroom.

**MICHELLE STEWART AND RAYLEA THOMAS, TEACHERS**
Charters Towers State High School has a long and proud history with Army Cadets dating back more than 65 years.

Major (AAC) Chris Cummings from the 130 Army Cadet Detachment will be at State High on Wednesday 3rd June at 3.30 pm in Lab 3 for an information and recruitment session with students interested in signing up. (Parents are very welcome. Please sign in at the office on your arrival.)

The Cadet Detachment is also seeking adults who may be interested in a supervisory position with the Charters Towers branch of the Unit.

School Expectations:

- I am Safe
- I am a Learner
- I am Respectful

Do you have the new app?

We have now transferred from Skoolbag to the QSchools App and parents are encouraged to use this application which is a cost effective means of receiving timely information from the school, including newsletters. This application is expected to broaden in the future and be used for a variety of communications between the school and parents and, in turn, between parents and the school.

To download or update the QSchools App (Android, Apple or Windows 8), search for Charters Towers State High School and “favourite” your school to receive updates. Please ensure push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.
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Tim Costello
World Vision Australia Chief Executive
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30th June 2015

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10.45am  STREET PARADE

12.00pm  LUNCHEON $100 per person
          Limited Tickets Available
          (Proserpine Entertainment Centre)

1.35pm  JUNIOR MAROON
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        (Open to all boys' and girls')

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