Once again it has been an extremely productive fortnight at Charters Towers State High School.

**Inter-School Athletics:** Yesterday afternoon and today our students participated in the Inter-School Athletics Carnival, this year hosted by State High at Friemann Oval. Our students represented our school with both pride and enthusiasm.

This year’s athletics carnival saw the combined (boys and girls) aggregate trophy receive a name for the first time. This has special significance to our school as this trophy has been named after our former student, teacher and principal of 14 years, Mr Peter Crow. Peter’s dedication to both education and sport in education is recognised by naming this trophy the **Peter Crow Combined Aggregate Trophy**.

These events to not simply run themselves and I would like to thank the staff and supporters who made this carnival happen for our students. While there are far too many people to name, I would like to particularly thank our sports co-ordinator, Matt de Brenni, for a tremendous job in organising this event and our fantastic staff for giving their best to making sure the carnival ran as smoothly as it did. I wish to thank students, both competitors and supporters, and parents who came along to watch their children compete.

**Eisteddfod:** I take pleasure in congratulating all the students who participated in the Charters Towers Eisteddfod and the dedicated staff and community members involved in supporting them.

**PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) Testing:** Selected students from Years 9-11 undertook PISA testing 2 weeks ago. PISA is an important part of the National Assessment Program in Australia, which is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes.

I would like to thank all students who participated in the testing process.

**Motivational Media Presentation:** Monday morning students from our school will have to opportunity to view a presentation by Motivational Media aimed to both challenge and inspire young people to develop strategies that will enable them to reach their true potential so that their life choices will not be diminished through avoidable, reckless and harmful behaviours. It is an excellent catalyst for students to consider their choices and opportunities that will present themselves and to consider the consequences of choices they make.

Yours in Education, **Derek Copelin, Deputy Principal**

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**Parents and Citizens’ Association: Meeting**

**Tuesday 8th September - 6.30pm—Administration Block**

ALL WELCOME!

Student learning is enhanced when parents and schools work together.

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

- **Motivational Media**
  - Monday 24 August
  - 9.00 am
  - School Community Hall

- **QCS Test**
  - Tuesday 1st September
  - and
  - Wednesday 2nd September

- **Teacher Aide/Support Staff Day**
  - Friday 4th September

- **Community Fair**
  - Friday 4th September
  - 4.30pm—7.30pm

- **P&C Meeting**
  - Tuesday 8th September

- **SET Plan Meetings**
  - Tuesday 8th and
  - Wednesday 9th September
It’s been tough but with the support peers and teachers I’ve pulled through now that we are almost on the home stretch. I’m excited but also sad; sad to leave teachers behind but excited to be finally finishing after 12 long years. This is the term that is most important for us seniors and all of our hard work is culminating in QCS testing and assignments due to be handed in for final results. It is all coming to an end so quickly. It feels like it was only yesterday that we started Year 8; now look at us with only 11 weeks to go, how time flies. This year has been a good last year and I am proud to say I have pulled through and am passing all my subjects. How has this year gone for you?

Jessie Hay, Student

Year 12 has been a lot tougher than we all thought but with all the support I have had from peers, staff and family I have made it through with great grades. I’m not ready for it to end but I’m preparing myself for my new journey.

Aimee Andrews, Student

Year’s been great! I’m still on my L plates but one day I’ll get my Ps. I have enjoyed this year with my mates. I got to take a really nice girl to the formal and killed it on the dance floor! I have worked at a slow yet steady pace and have maintained a positive outlook. My future looks so bright I have to wear shades.

Clayton Lauder, Student

I’ve been the grey man this year; I’ve enjoyed sitting back and coasting through watching everybody. The Formal was the highlight of my year so far. I’m keen to start my electrical apprenticeship at the end of this year.

Courtney Edmondson, Student

The last year of school has been fun for me, only because I haven’t fixated on the schooling aspect of school but the social part of it. I come to school to make and build relationships with my peers and teachers. I am keen to get out of school and have more time to devote to creating a life and more relationships. I am not going to be sad or regret finishing school, it’s just another stepping stone in life. I’m not saying school is a waste of time, because it isn’t, it has helped build me into the person I am today and the memories I made here will be with me forever.

Jye Geary, Student

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon is visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html
Recently Senior Visual Arts students from State High were given the opportunity to attend the Biennial Sculptural Art Exhibition: Strand Ephemera in Townsville. The renowned event has been drawing in more and more spectators over the past 10 years and features various types of sculpture from international, national and regional artists. The Visual Arts students were encouraged to attend so that they could connect to other professional artists and Arts workers from Townsville and other local areas.

The students’ favourite artworks on the day were created by Ryan McNaught, the Southern Hemisphere’s only Professional Lego Builder. McNaught created ten new works for the exhibition and they were hidden amongst trees and needed to be found through a treasure hunt; luckily all ten were found by the students by the end of the day.

While on a guided tour of the art works, the students were able to participate in two different art workshops with the artists who created some of the pieces. The first workshop involved learning Chalk-Art techniques with Rudy Kistler and the second involved sand sculpture with artist Jino Van Bruinessen. Both workshops were informative and students were able to get their hands dirty to create their own individual artworks that were left for others to observe for the rest of the festival.

Student feedback was very positive on the day and a return trip will definitely be planned for the next event in 2017.

RAYLEA THOMAS, TEACHER

**Strand Ephemera**

**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.
Year 10
SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

EDUCATION QUEENSLAND
REQUIRES PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF
ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS

TO SIGN
SET (Senior Education and Training) PLANS

This will take place
on
Tuesday 8th September
and
Wednesday 9th September
in the School Library
from 4.30 to 7pm

Please book on-line at:
www.sobs.com.au

or through the link on:
www.chartoweshs.eq.edu.au
A focus on the Junior Secondary Students of the Week

At Charters Towers State High School we have a tradition of highlighting outstanding behaviour by awarding one student from each year level the Student of the Week. The award is given to students who have stood out to teachers as showing a consistent or improved focus on learning, respect and safety that week.

As a school we felt that standing out from your peers by going above and beyond is no easy feat at this age. For this reason this term we have focused on reinventing how Students of the Week are recognised. Thankfully, we have received some wonderful support from Charters Towers Macdonalds and Charters Towers Subway. The generosity of these two companies has enabled us to give students the chance to receive some great rewards for their hard work. Last assembly the new Students of the Week prize wheel was unveiled with each award recipient, as well as receiving a certificate and their name in the newsletter, able to spin the wheel. With prizes ranging from MacDonald’s and Subway vouchers to an apple, the excitement of the award was felt by all present at the assembly.

LOUISE HALFPENNY, YEAR 8 COORDINATOR

Spin the Wheel–Choose Your Prize!

A big Thank You to Charters Towers Macdonalds and to Charters Towers Subway for prize donations

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (LEFT TO RIGHT):

Year 7—Bree Glenwright for consistent good behaviour and Elton Meeks for his polite and respectful behaviour
Year 8—Ethan Herlihy for improved effort in English and Chayce Moore for improved effort in Maths
Year 9—Kurt Bull for consistently good behaviour in Art and Sam Stinson for excellent behaviour and effort in Geography and English
Year 11—Crizalyn Benavente and Alyssa ConGoo for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour and effort in Legal Studies
Year 12—Alex Lauder for 100% attendance this term.
Interhouse Athletics Records 2015

Congratulations to Traelyn Masso
15 Years Girls Shot Put
New Record 10.48m
(Old Record 8.90m 1990)

Congratulations to Ezekiel Kukutu
Open Boys Long Jump
New Record 6.32m
(Old Record 6.28m 1989)

Year 7s (12 years) competed for the first time.
New records are:

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This term in Year 7 HPE, for their practical assessment, students have been becoming Masters of Control. Mr Goldenberg has been taking all four of the Year 7 classes and passing on his expertise to the students to help them learn about self-control. So far, the students have learnt the basic movements and over the coming weeks will begin developing and working on a movement sequence.

Carl Brough, Teacher

On 7th and 8th August a basketball competition was played amongst all the secondary schools in Charters Towers. Our senior boys' basketball team represented the school with great pride. As most of our players had never played before this was a new experience where they committed their time training twice a week leading up to the competition.

Our first game was against CCC who compete weekly at the PCYC and have experience playing together. Our boys displayed great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and commitment in representing our school to the best of their ability. Even though the boys went down by a quiet a large number, they never gave up listening attentively to every word I spoke.

Our second game was played against BTC. Our senior boys turned up ready to play and determined to improve. We were winning by 2 points at half time and ended losing by a small margin.

I was so proud of the boys for all their hard work, respect and passion for the sport of basketball.

Since the competition we have started training and are entering a team into the PCYC competition starting next week. Congratulations to the following students who were a part of the team: Norman Butler, Tristan Majid, Nash Lowis, Michael West, Nick Carr, Bo Moore-Reid, Zac Dawson, Richie Laulau, Jeremy Logan, Robert Mulligan, Russell Mick, Cape Lowis, Jye Geary and Rangi Pehi. It is a pleasure to coach you all.

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Shelly Silver, Teacher and Coach
Community Fair

Friday 4th September
4.30pm to 7.30pm

CISHS Band
Sideshow Alley
Market Stalls
Food & Drink

Curriculum Displays

FREE:
Jumping Castle
Bungee Run
Gladiator

Any questions please contact the school on 4754 6555
Junior Secondary Student-led Conferences

Early Term 4 will see the implementation of student-led conferences as a tool to help students report on their success within classrooms. Student-led conferencing provides parents with an opportunity to become active participants in their child’s education. Parents have an opportunity to see what their child has accomplished and what he/she wants to achieve and the strategies and goals they will set to get there.

The benefits of student-led conferencing include:
- Leadership development
- Confidence strengthened
- The student’s voice is heard
- Explicit goal setting and strategy development
- Increased rapport between student, teacher and parent/guardian
- Parents discuss student’s work and better understand the student’s performance
- The student’s communication and thinking skills are increased
- Parents are partners in their child’s education.

More information and booking details will be communicated later in the term; watch this space.

Athletics Awards

The Junior Secondary students were well represented at the recent Interhouse Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all involved for what was a fantastic day of sportsmanship and healthy rivalry between the Houses. Special mention to the students (pictured on page 6) who received either Age Champion or Runner Up awards.

Geography Competition

Well done to all those students who competed in the National Geography Competition. We had a huge number of students participate and test their geography skills against the rest of Australia. Congratulations to the students pictured below who received a Credit in their relevant division across Years 7, 8 and 9.

Aaron Willis and Uvette Hughes, Heads of Department

(Left to right): Tiarna Staier, Vanessa Richter, Shane Gordon, Kagan Archer and Felicity Dimmack
QCS Test
Tuesday 1st &
Wednesday 2nd
September 2015

Students who are currently pursuing an OP pathway will be sitting the test on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2015, the QCS test. Throughout the year, these students have been undertaking a rigorous preparation course with Miss O’Mara and Mr Parker during the Life Choices and Enhancement sessions, to refine their knowledge and skills required for the QCS Test.

In order to support your teenager to be successful, here are some helpful tips to keep them relaxed and prepared leading up to and on the morning of the QCS Test/s:

1. Be prepared – have all equipment set out the night before, check starting times and venue
2. Get a good night’s sleep - 8:30pm
3. Wake up early – allow sufficient time to eliminate rushing
4. Eat a healthy breakfast
5. Ensure a calm morning routine
6. Use positive talk eg. encourage, reassure your teenager
7. Afternoon exercise – low level exercise to reduce stress and clear the mind
8. Allow for relaxation time in the afternoon – remember to laugh! Laughing reduces anxiety and releases endorphins.

An information sheet outlining start and finish times, break times, equipment list and test schedule, will be sent home with your teenager in upcoming weeks.

SET Plan

In Year 10, the school works with students and their parents/carers to develop a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan to structure learning in Years 11 and 12 around the student’s abilities, interests and ambitions, to think about education, training and career options after Year 12. This includes set and achieve learning goals for Years 11 and 12 and beyond, with flexible and coordinated pathway options for senior study; communicate with parents/carers or teachers/careers counsellors about post-school plans.

Year 10 into Year 11 SET Plan Meetings will be held on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September from 4.30pm to 7.00pm under the library. Bookings can be made through the online booking office www.sobs.com.au which will be available from Monday, or by contacting the school office on 4754 6555.

It is a legal requirement that all parties (student, parent/s and school) sign off on the SET Plan.

If your child will be involved in the QCS Test please follow this link to the parents’ guide to the test. https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/qcs_test_parents_guide.pdf

The QCS Test takes place over two consecutive days . . .

Tuesday 1 September:
• Morning: Writing Task (2 hours)
• Afternoon: Multiple Choice I (1 hour 30 minutes)

Wednesday 2 September:
• Morning: Short Response (2 hours)
• Afternoon: Multiple Choice II (1 hour 30 minutes)
Every day counts – Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts
You are invited to join with the Towers Hill Bushcare Group to celebrate Bushcare Week

Where?
At the foot of Towers Hill just inside the gate

When?
Sunday 16th September, 9.00am-12 noon

Landcare
Wear closed in shoes and a hat.
Barbecued sausages and cold drinks will be on sale.
There will be demonstrations of seed germination methods.
Take a self guided tour and talk to the Bushcare members.
Take this opportunity to get up close and personal with local nature.

Keep Australia Beautiful Week 2015
24th to 30 August

Hearing Awareness Week
23rd to 29th August 2015
Please be careful protecting your hearing. Listening to constant loud noise can damage or destroy the hair cells within the cochlea of your ear and will lead to irreversible hearing loss.

Hearing loss is increasing, with statistics showing 30% higher than in the past. One of the reasons this could be is the use of headphones has increased by 70% due to listening to music longer with iPods/ mp3 players.

What Can You Do?
Young people need to reduce the volume of their iPods/ mp3 player, and wear ear protection when attending rock concerts to help preserve the hair cells within their cochlea. A good rule is to listen to music at 60% volume for no more than 60mins (60/ 60 rule). If you feel your hearing is not right, please consult your doctor.

Taken from Knox Audiology & Victorian Deaf Society.
Margaret Halling, School Based Youth Health Nurse
Queensland tradies ready to take on the world with overseas scholarships

Four young Queenslanders, including a fashion designer, electrician, butcher and sheet metal worker, were awarded prestigious trade scholarships last week by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, at a ceremony at Parliament House.

The scholarship awardees for 2015 include:

- Ms Adelaide Pollock - Fashion Designer
- Mr Timo Pretorius - Electrician
- Mr Russell Routledge - Sheet Metal Fabricator
- Mr Byron Allsopp - Butcher

These winners will be given the exciting opportunity to live and work overseas in a country of their choice for up to two years through the Queensland Overseas Foundation (QOF) scholarship valued at up to $7500 each.

Queensland Overseas Foundation Chair Carol Webb said the scholarship would benefit Queensland industries in the long term.

"Since 1976 we have helped over 107 Queenslanders pursue their dream of working overseas knowing they will bring their skills back home and offer considerable benefit to our industries," Ms Webb said.

"Some of our previous winners include Megan Todd who has successfully started her own handbag label Knots and Knits since returning and also Leo Primus whose overseas experience helped him contribute to Queensland construction as a Development Manager at AV Jennings.

"This is an invaluable opportunity for the scholarship recipients but also for the communities they return to."

The QOF also offers a bursary that provides trainers, employers, employees and administrators within the Vocational Education and Training sector with funding of between $500 to $2,000 to attend recognised international courses, workshops, work placement, events or activities with professional developmental benefits.

You can register your interest in applying for the 2016 awards by sending an enquiry email to info@qof.org.au or applying online via www.qof.org.au.

The Queensland Overseas Foundation is a voluntary, non-profit organisation that has provided annual scholarships to high achieving Queenslanders for the past 28 years with the goal of bringing the best global practices back to Queensland industries.

The QOF is sponsored by industry training organisations including BUSY At Work and supported by the Queensland Government through the Department of Education and Training.
Information Evening

WHEN: Tuesday, 25th August 2015

WHERE: TCTC Building
Heatley Secondary College
Dalrymple Service Road Entrance

TIME: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

RSVP: Friday, 21st August 2015
GOT A CHAMPION IN THE MAKING?

Sporting scholarships at The University of Queensland are perfect for turning aspiring athletes into champions.

With the support offered through our range of sporting scholarships, we can help athletes achieve their sporting dreams without sacrificing their education.

Applications for 2016 scholarships open 4 August. Start building tomorrow's champions today!

www.uqsport.com.au/content/uq-sporting-scholarships

All sporting scholarship holders receive the following benefits:
- Free academic tutoring
- Free access to the full range of UQ Sport health and fitness facilities
- Free athlete workshops in sports nutrition, recovery and fatigue, athlete preparation, peaking for competition and more
- Academic liaison and support
- Induction program for first year students
- Access to the athlete lounge
- Nutritional cooking classes

Need more information on our scholarships programs?
Call us on 07 3346 6243 or email sportscholarship@uqsport.com.au

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Young Carer Bursary Programme

The provision of a bursary increases the opportunity for young carers to remain in, or return to, education or training leading to improved employment opportunities and long-term finances. A bursary is similar to a grant. It is not a loan, and so does not need to be repaid. If you are eligible you could receive an Australian Government Bursary of $3,000.

Why do we need them?
Some young carers are missing out on education or training because of the emotional and financial pressures they face. The bursaries will reduce financial pressure and support young carers to complete, or return to education or training whilst continuing in their caring role.

Are you eligible?
You are eligible to apply for a young carer bursary if you:
- are a young carer* aged 12 to 25 years (you have to be 25 for the whole bursary year, so must have been born in 1991 or later to be eligible for the bursaries in 2016)
1. are at least at secondary school, or starting in 2016
2. are training or studying an approved course** whether full-time or part-time in 2016
3. are not in receipt of another bursary or scholarship
4. are not already qualified with a Degree or Advanced Diploma; and
5. are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

To Register and apply for the Young Carers Bursary go to
http://bursaries.youngcarers.net.au/user/register?destination=node/974

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VACANCY FOR A SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE HAIRDRESSER

Apprenticeship Support Australia currently have a vacancy for a School Based Apprentice Hairdresser. They are looking for a year 10 or 11 student. The salon is located in the City area, so reliable transport is a requirement.

Starting Date: As soon as possible. Work experience will be a requirement before commencing the apprenticeship Work Requirements: One day during the week (which school the student is from will determine which day during the week) and also Saturdays

Applications Close: As soon as a suitable candidate is found.
For more information, please contact Tehneel Currin, Industry Training Consultant, Apprenticeship Support Australia on 4750 1650; 0429 053 139 or Tehneel.Currin@australianbusiness.com.au

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Latest career, scholarship and student assistance information from the Guidance Officer, Christine Barnes
1. **Online System | Pay School Invoices**
   - Pay School Invoices
     - SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.
   - Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone

2. **Payments Accepted:**
   - MasterCard | VISA

3. **Secure Payment Method**

**Biller Code:**

1002534 (DETE)


**ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!**

CRN: Customer Reference Number
If you get ABSTUDY for your children, they need to attend school so your ABSTUDY payments continue.

If your child misses a day of school, you need to let their school know why. If your children miss too many days, your payments may be stopped.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/abstudy or call ABSTUDY on Freecall™ 1800 132 317 or visit your local service centre.
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.