



**CHARTERS TOWERS  
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

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## PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR P&C

Parents as members of the P&C are the voice of the school and allocate the distribution of fundraising to worthy school causes.

As a parent, you are invited to become an active member of the P&C by attending meetings in the Administration Lounge once a month (the second Tuesday in the month) for 1 hour from 6.30pm.

This is the place where school policy is decided and the place for you to have your say.

## Deputy Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2; we are right back into the swing of things!

I would like to welcome a new member of staff, Mr Ilijaz Memedovski, who is our acting Head of Department for Junior Secondary while Mr Aaron Willis takes on the role of Teaching and Learning HOD. Mr Memedovski is joining us from Thuringowa State High School and we look forward to his contributions to our school. (See picture in next article.)

## Reporting - Junior Secondary

Interim reports will be sent out this week. If you have not received a report by today, Friday, please contact the school.

Senior School reports went home at the end of last term. If you have not yet received one please contact the school.

## Sun Safety - Wearing a Hat is Compulsory at School

**All students must wear a hat outside the classroom.** This applies to break/lunch times and sporting activities, and includes subjects such as Physical Education and Agriculture. Detention applies for non-compliance.

## NAPLAN and NAPLAN Practice

NAPLAN is scheduled this year to run on the week of 9th May and, for Charters Towers State High School, will involve all Year 7s and 9s. It is essential that students attend each day of the test. While this is a National initiative it is also essential to the school as it provides another mechanism to identify areas of support for our students.

If our students' participation in the practice tests on Thursday of last week is any indication we will have yet another successful year. Congratulations to the Year 7s and Year 9s for the effort and performance put in last week.

If you would like to know more regarding NAPLAN please contact the school or visit the NAPLAN website (link below) for further details.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

## Interhouse Cross Country

It was fantastic to see the participation in the Interhouse Cross Country Carnival last Friday after our first attempt had to be postponed. Participants gave it their all and non-competitors' support was strong.

## Parent-Teacher Evening

While at Charters Towers State High School we like parents to feel free to discuss their child's education anytime throughout the year, we have in place two times per year for all the teachers

**Great state. Great opportunity.**



to be available to discuss the educational and well-being concerns of your child/children.

Parent-Teacher Evening was held last night and it was pleasing to have such high attendance.

### ANZAC Services

The whole school and invited guests assembled this morning in front of the cenotaph for our school ANZAC commemorations. Captain Erin Archibald from A Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, presented the ANZAC speech.

The school has:

- Memorial Pennies
- Poppies

available for purchase at the office.

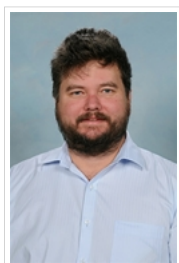
### Community Services and March

I would like to encourage students to participate in ANZAC Day services and the parade on Monday 25th April.

The Dawn Service will be held at the cemetery commencing at 5.50am. The Commemoration Parade and Ceremony will commence at 9.15am; students and staff should assemble at the Overflow car park. Students must be in full school uniform, including closed-in shoes and a hat.

### Every Day Counts

A reminder that every day counts at school. If a student is unable to attend for any reason please contact the school on the 24 hour absentee line 4787 6560.



**Derek Copelin, Deputy Principal**

## New Head of Department

Hello, my name is Iljaz Memedovski and I am the A/Junior Secondary School Head of Department at Charters Towers State High School. It is great to be joining such a dynamic staff team. I am looking forward to working closely with all our junior secondary students to help them on their transitional journey to the senior school.



**Iljaz Memedovski**

## DEBATING SCHEDULE

- Round 1 – 26th April at ASSG
- Round 2 – 10th May at CCC
- Round 3 – 24th May at BTC
- Round 4 – 7th June at CTSHS
- Round 5 – 26th July at ASSG
- Round 6 - 9th August at CCC

## Inspirational Guest Speaker

On Tuesday 19th April we were privileged to have the international guest speaker John Coutis present to our school. John is a remarkable man who, in the beginning of his life, was given little chance of living due to his severe disability.

The whole school assembly was silent, as they watched and listened in amazement when John spoke about his truly inspirational life story: a story of how a young boy overcame the bullies and defied all odds, of heartbreak, setbacks and how he chose to rise above it. His audience experienced both laughter and tears as his story was revealed.

John engaged the students throughout his presentation and delivered powerful messages of respect, anti-bullying, inclusion, resilience, goal setting, motivation, self-determination and courage.

As a whole school community we thank John Coutis for having great strength and courage and for sharing his inspirational life story.

*'If I Can, You Can'*, John Coutis

**Kylie Webber, Youth Support Coordinator**



Ask your student about the \$20 note! (Zac Juhas pictured with John Coutis)



Jessica Chambers, Kerry-Ann Pollard, Morgan Hermann and Keiley Hermann

## Interhouse Cross Country

After being postponed due to rain, the Interhouse Cross Country Carnival was finally run on Friday 15th April at the airport. All students who participated were rewarded with an ice block upon return to school after the race. The Fun Run, which is used to raise money for the Physical Education Department to purchase new sporting equipment for the school, was run in conjunction with the carnival. It was an enjoyable morning for staff and students.

A big "thanks" to all staff involved, especially those who gave up their free time before school to help set up.

Students were well behaved and showed excellent participation and enthusiasm. Well done to all!

Congratulations to Kathleen Llenas for raising more than \$200 for the Fun Run!

The combined aggregate trophy this year was won by Friemann house, on 419 points.

### The Interhouse Champions for 2016 are:

12yrs Boys: Joshua Rafferty 12yrs Girls: Kathleen Polsen

13yrs Boys: Jack Wade 13yrs Girls: Boesha Moore-Reid

14yrs Boys: Jordan Dietrich 14yrs Girls: Aleisha Langburne

15yrs Boys: Dallas Taylor 15yrs Girls: Bronte Griffin

16yrs Boys: Boden Moore-Reid 16yrs Girls: Alicia Polsen

Open Boys: Bo Moore-Reid Open Girls: Megan Louk

**Students who wish to train for the Interschool Cross Country should see Mr de Brenni in D Block Staffroom.**

Some students in the 15 years category were absent due to work experience. Unfortunately, due to the cancellation of the original carnival, this date was unable to be changed again. Those students in this category who would like to compete at the interschool carnival will need to see Mr de Brenni, so that a time can be arranged for them to complete the course and be timed and selected based on results.

**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
MONDAY 9th MAY**

**Interschool Cross Country Team**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th Reserve	8th Reserve
<b>12 GIRLS</b>	Polisen, Kathleen	Jensen, Nathalia	Wheeler, Chelsea	Kyle, Tanieka	Edmond, Tia-Louise	Walker, Maddysn	Baumgarten, Jessie	
<b>12 BOYS</b>	Rafferty, Joshua	Pehi, Patrick	Kyle, Keith	Mitchell, Kaylem	West, Andrew	Corporal, Malachi	Edwick, Mason	Brooks, Daniel
<b>13 GIRLS</b>	Moore-Reid, Boesha	Polisen, Louise	Baker, Teneal	Walsh, Crystal-Lee	Rory, Mikayla	Grimshaw, Penny	Olver, Natalee	Vidal, Jess
<b>13 BOYS</b>	Wade, Jack	Toomby, Jesse	Reid, Joseph	Asquith, Mita	Dietrich, Lachlan	Warren, Parker	Youngberry, Brock	Kyle, Djon (DJ)
<b>14 GIRLS</b>	Langburne, Aleisha	Richards, Georgia	Glenwright, Bree	Matthews, Holly	Majid, Shakira	Sampson, Tara	Lawn, Brianna	
<b>14 BOYS</b>	Dietrich, Jordan	Manley, Angus	Moore-Reid, Bokeem	Morris, Ben	Rafter, Rhys	Truscott, Lachlan	Archer, Kagan	Shepherdson, Kenneth
<b>15 GIRLS</b>	Griffin, Bronte	Schluter, Charli	Pehi, Tedi-annah	Flanagan, Serenity	Faraway, Amber	Brooks, Shamah	Gillard, Jasmine	Thompson, Kacey
<b>15 BOYS</b>	Taylor, Dallas	Kennedy, Teye	Ward, William	Wakeling-Lipke, Douglas	Lipke, Adrian	Donn, Isaac	Bull, Kurt	Pankhurst, Taliesin
<b>16 GIRLS</b>	Polisen, Alicia	Crombie, Kyra	Baron, Sophie	Pollard, Kerry-Ann	Cooper, Charli	Ryder, Hayley Marie	Polisen, Kelly	Richards, Amelia
<b>16 BOYS</b>	Moore-Reid, Boden	Ryan, Stephen	Gordon, Damien	Baker, Nathan	Lowe, James	Chilton, Anthony	Evans, Jarrod	
<b>OPEN GIRLS</b>	Louk, Megan	Kimber, Lara-Jane	Warcon, Ely-Bea	McMahon, Cassidy-Rose	Johnson, Daisha	Glenwright, Madelyn	Benavente, Crizalyn	Power, Maddie
<b>OPEN BOYS</b>	Moore-Reid, Bo	Lowe, Alex	Rodighiero, Jack	Royee, Elijah	Butler, Norman	Rafter, Jordan	Grubb, Travis	

**Matt de Brenni, Sports Coordinator**

**INTERSCHOOL WEEKLY SPORTS  
RECOMMENCES**

**WEDNESDAY 27th April: 13, 14, 2nds Girls' Netball and  
Boys' Rugby League**

**THURSDAY 28th April: 12, 15, 1sts Girls' Netball and  
Boys' Rugby League**

## Spark Engineering Camp

### Interested students in Years 10, 11 or 12

Applications due Friday 27th May

Location: The Brisbane Camp will be held at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia campus, from 2 July – 7 July

The Spark Engineering Camp empowers students in Years 10-12 to pursue further education pathways and realise their potential. Over the week-long camp, students stay on a university campus at a residential college and take part in engineering activities and personal development workshops. Run solely by volunteers, Spark relies on partnerships with engineering companies to offer the camp free of charge to students. The camp targets school students from non-traditional backgrounds and teaches them to engage in university life, demonstrating the endless possibilities an engineering education can offer.

Please see Miss Hill in G block staffroom for more information and application details. Information is also available at:

<http://sparkengineeringcamp.ywb.com.au/students.html>

**Tracey Hill, Head of Department – Senior Schooling**

## Food for Thought

In the early 1500s in Florence, Italy, there was a huge piece of marble that many sculptors had declared as useless because of a large deep hole that was in it. There was, however, one man who saw things differently; he believed that in spite of this hole he could still create something beautiful.

This man was Michelangelo. After several years of hard work, he transformed that 'flawed' block into the magnificent statue that the world now knows as the Statue of David.

Think about this for a moment. All of us have flaws and imperfections – just like that original piece of marble. Some people feel that they are too thin, too plump, too short or too tall or perhaps just not as attractive as others. These thoughts can even lead some people to believe that they are of little worth.

However, the truth of the matter is that your value does not come from what you look like on the outside; it is the beauty of your personality that will have the deepest impact on others.

Decide today to stop focussing on any perceived negatives in your appearance. Instead, work at sculpting your personality and behaviour into the best that it can be by getting rid of bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words and slander. Try being patient with each other and make allowance for each other's faults.

If you work hard in these areas, you will automatically become a more beautiful and more loved person.

We hope you had a wonderful break over the Easter Holidays and look forward to catching up during Term 2.

**Sharon Beveridge and Helen Milton, Chaplains**

## Senior Fundraising

During term 2 the State High Seniors will be fundraising with the goal of paying for the senior Break-up Day.

We have already had successful fundraising with the Valentine's Dance and flowers, with a remarkable effort and show of school spirit and pride being displayed by the seniors. This term seniors will be fundraising by selling boxes of Cadbury chocolates.

The aims of the activity are to continue fundraising for the Year 12 Break-up Day and to provide opportunities for the Year 12 cohort to get involved. Each student will be given the chance to sell one or more boxes of chocolates (commencing week 4) with each box sold contributing \$30 towards the day.

Students can sign out a box from Mr Parker in D block staffroom. Once they have sold all chocolates and returned the money, they may sell additional boxes. The fundraiser will run for four weeks. Students must return all money raised, and any unsold chocolates, to the school.

Students will not be allowed to sell chocolates during the school day unless it is a designated "red food" day as we are a Healthy Choices School.

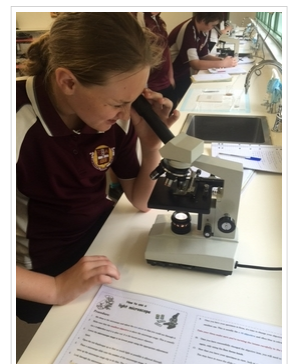
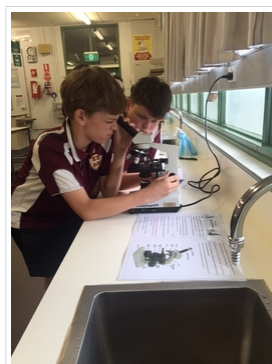
Please support our students in their efforts.

**Scott Parker, Teacher and Organiser**

## Year 8 Science

The Year 8s have begun their investigation into the microscopic world. Last week they had their first lesson in the laboratory where they were able to observe small insects in water samples from around the area and were also able to look at some provided samples of a dragonfly wing and silk worm moth leg. For the remainder of the term students in Year 8 Science will be learning about cell theory and how it was developed as well as the structure of a cell and different specialised cells in their bodies.

**Carl Brough, Teacher**



*Seth Gamble on microscope Hannah Goodwin investigates and Jackson West*

## Year 7 and 8 Japanese

Year 7B and Year 8B will be undertaking Japanese intensive lessons this term. They will learn Japanese language and culture. Year 7B will learn introductions and numbers while Year 8B will learn about food and calendar dates.

Year 7A and 7C will have one Japanese language lesson per week and they will continue to learn numbers, how to state their telephone number and age.

Year 8A and 8C will have one Japanese language lesson per week and they will be learning how to ask and respond to where they live.

Year 7D and Year 8D will have one Japanese culture lesson per week.

**Wendy Sherman-Bryson, Teacher**

## Year 8 Canberra Trip

A bus/plane/bus trip has been organised for Year 8 students departing on 19th June and returning on 23rd June. Students have paid a deposit and parents are paying for the trip using a payment schedule.

We will have a brief visit to the Opera House and parklands near the harbour bridge then a bus will take students to Canberra in the afternoon. Other points of interest on the trip are: Parliament House (Tours of House of Reps and Senate - hospitality provided to students by Bob Katter; Parliamentary Education Office visit); Australian War Memorial Guided tour (Discovery Zone; Orientation and self-guided galleries; Last Post and closing ceremony); Old Parliament House (National Electoral Education Centre) - Facilitated program; Government House – guided tour; Australian Institute of Sport – guided tour and Sportex; Questacon (National Science Centre) visit; Telstra Tower; Bike tour of Lake Burley Griffin; National Museum of Australia; Guided tours of . . . National Capital Exhibition, National Gallery of Australia, Royal Australian Mint, High Court of Australia; Driving tour of the Embassy and Lodge district; Mount Ainslie Lookout; and more!

Please support our fund raising activities (street stalls, etc.) in an effort to reduce the cost of the tour. **Any donations are most welcome!**

**Scott Casey, Teacher and Organiser**