From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers and Community Members,

Tomorrow brings us to the end of Term 3. Over the term we have experienced some wonderful events: positive results in student work, immersion with visitors to our school such as the Raising for Stars Science initiative, QFRS, QPS and the ARTS (drama focus) workshops and the team sports we have participated in. Next term will be a nine week with only 44 days due to the first Monday being a public holiday. This means we return to school on Tuesday, 3rd October 2017.

PARENT/CARER INTERVIEWS

Thank-you to all parents and carers who have taken the time to visit and speak with classroom teachers regarding your child’s education over the past week. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance the partnerships you have with each other. If for some reason you have not been able to catch up with your class teacher and would like to, please contact them to make a time early next term.

TRANSFERS FOR 2018

Yesterday was a big day for some teachers as it is ‘Transfer Day.’ This means that teachers across the state who applied for transfer find out if their transfer application was successful and if so, where they are headed for 2018. This year we only had one teacher apply for transfer and this was Mrs Mandi Williamson, our Head of Curriculum (HOC). Mandi has been successful in gaining a position in Brisbane — her first preference and teaching Health and Physical Education (HPE) – exactly what she wanted.

We have been fortunate to secure two transfers in so will have two new faces around the school in 2018. One teacher has majored in HPE and the other is a Music Teacher who will teach Music and the ARTS subjects.
A03: After a lot of years, Mrs Tracey Lovejoy, our administration officer will leave our school at the end of the year. Tracey has kindly volunteered to extend her stay until a replacement can be sought and a handover given. This position is currently being advertised with the hope of finding the right applicant early next term.

Assistant Teacher: There is an Assistant Teacher (Indigenous) role that is available for next year. This person will work in the Positive Learning Unit (PLU) to work along side Miss Jodie Wright, PLU teacher and Nanna Joan Marshall, Assistant Teacher to assist students who are at risk of suspension or on suspension. The aim of the unit is to provide opportunities for these students to develop skills to cope with school life and then transition them back to school. The unit staff also work in other schools across the city to provide proactive lessons for a number of students.

TRANSITION PATHWAYS OFFICER APPOINTED

DET (Education) has appointed a new employee for 12 months to work across the six Mount Isa primary schools in the role of Transition Pathways Officer. As the role evolves, a more explicit role description of the position with occur. Mr Lachlan Davies, from Cairns has been appointed to this role and will be based at Townview SS. Lachlan does have connections with Mount Isa having lived here in the past. Lachlan visited last week to meet most of our staff and to familiarise himself with our school. Lachlan will work heavily with the Success Coach, Annette Moes to hopefully improve attendance and help with transitioning through the year levels and to high school as well as assisting families with access to schooling.

Whether you are working or not over the school holiday break, I hope you get to spend some quality time with your child/children and family. I intend doing just this – we will have no access to phones nor internet and will be on a cruise for 10 days discovering PNG and the Solomon Islands. Take care and look forward to working with you all again next term.

Andrea

PREP

Preparations are well underway in organising classes for 2018. If you have a student who is starting Prep next year and would like to enrol them, please visit our office or phone for an enrolment package. If you have family or friends wishing to enrol their child in Prep, please encourage them to visit school or phone for assistance. We would love them to join our school community.

Our Prep Open Day is on Friday morning, the 13th October between >>> and ???. We also have a second day (Saturday morning 14th October) for those parents/carers who are working and cannot make the week day.

Once students are enrolled, students and parents/carers are invited to attend one of our Transition Days. These days give families further information in regards to what Prep is about. Students are also given the opportunity to mix with their fellow peers which is a positive aspect to the start of their schooling.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

THESE STUDENTS WENT UP DIFFERENT LEVEL IN SIGHT WORDS!
On Friday, 1st September we celebrated Book Week. The theme for Book Week this year was “Escape to Everywhere”. It seemed that many of the characters that we have grown to love and cherish had stepped out of their books and into our school. Students from Prep to Year 6 dressed up as their favourite story book character and paraded in their classes. It was a really difficult job to decide who would be given the prizes for best dressed. Our students also have enjoyed working collaboratively to write scripts to create a storybook together as a school.

Our winners for Best Dressed:
Prep – Jai Simmons, Imogen Henrich, Sway Morgan and Caprice Papadopoulos
Prep/1P – Fletcher Winsor, Nathaniel Hinds, Peyton Siaosi
1/2 S – Charlotte Chapman, Liam Stewart
2E – Holly Jobling, Kayleigh Coggan
3H – Izrael Bruce, Ashlea Lavell
3/4S – Mackenzie McCulloch, Bailee Morgan, Ivy Kehoe, Billy Donovan
5O – Trinity Ottaviano
5/6M – Tyra Andrews
Clancy Visit

AFL NEWS

Last Thursday and Friday, our AFL team headed to Legend’s Oval to compete in the Interschool AFL Competition against 5 other schools. For most students, it was their first experience with AFL, and they all did exceptionally well considering it was their first time!

Our improvement from the first game of day one, to the last game of day two, was extraordinary and all players should be very proud of their achievements.

We ended up coming 5th out of 6 teams, beating St. Joseph’s in the 5th/6th playoff.

We did not have any subs for the 2 days, playing most games on Friday with one less person (including the playoff). It was great to see all students working together as a team and helping one another out. A special mention to our 2 girls, Luca and Bella, for showing the boys some impressive skills.

All students represented Central State School with pride, showing sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour across the 2 days. A big Congratulations to Marcuz, Kobie, Marshall, Lionel, Luca, Bella, Jackson, Jarrod and Romulo!
Around the Classes

In Maths 1/2S have learning about dividing and sharing collections. The kids thought it was awesome to draw onto the carpet with chalk to show their understanding. They had to divide the collection into halves, quarters and eighths. Eighths were a little bit trickier but we got there. They had to work in groups and explain their understanding to their group.

Footy Colours Day

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Footy Colours Day fundraiser last Friday, 8th September. We managed to raise over $400!! A big thank you to Turanga Butchery, Camooweal Butchery, Brumby's and Woolworths for donating the sausages and bread. Without the donations we would not have been able to raise the amount we did. Thank you to 3/4S, 5/6M and Miss Caroline for baking the delicious cupcakes, they were an absolute hit. I

Junior ATSIAP Competition

On Wednesday 13th of September, six students from our school participated in the Junior ATSIAP competition held at Spinifex Senior Campus. This year was the first year that they have offered the program for Mt Isa and Gulf Region schools.

Junior ATSIAP (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program) provides initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to improve both socially and emotionally in self-confidence, self-identity and helps develop a strong sense of motivation to achieve life goals. Since its inception in 1987, this program has been one of the recognised factors in supporting the retention rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It has also helped strengthen links for the student both at school and in the community. Students once competed at ATSIAP all around Queensland but now it is only active in the North Queensland Region mainly due to the Region’s Community Education Counsellor, Mrs Joan McKay.

Our team this year included, Mace (6J), Shakeida (5/6M), Trinity (5O), William (5O), Tahne (5/6M) and Jenny-May (3/4S). I’m so proud of all the hard work and dedication the students put into preparing and then performing in front of other school and officials.

I would also like to give a huge thank you to Miss Kylie Henaway who gave up her own time to work with the students and myself on preparing for the ATSIAP competition. I really could not have done it without her. Thank-you Miss Kylie!!
Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier

Our aim is to achieve 93% for the year.
**ABSENCES AND REASONS FOR BEING LATE**

It is a requirement that all student absences are explained. **Whenever your child is absent from or late to school please advise the school either by note, by phoning the school absence line on 44373266 or by emailing: admin@mtisacenss.eq.edu.au.** Below are two notes to use to explain your child’s absences from school.

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School Disco @ Buffs Club

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Come along to our Prep Open Day Teddy Bears’ Picnic!
Friday 13th October, 2017
9:00am to 11:00am

Our Prep Teachers and Principal will present information to Parents and Carers. A special “teddy themed” morning tea will be provided.

A tour of the School will also be offered on the day.

Saturday 14th October
9:30am - 11:00 am

Our Prep Rooms will be open for working families to come and see what Central State School has to offer for your child.

For enquiries please phone or email the school on: 44373222 or principal@mitscenes.qld.edu.au

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