TO EACH THEIR DUE

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This is the last newsletter for the year. I wish to express my gratitude to you all. I have been fortunate to come to what I see as the best school in Mount Isa. We have great students, staff and parents/carers who genuinely care for our students and want to do the best for them. For those of you that I have met, you have made my life easy and my time enjoyable.

I have reflected on my short time at Central and believe there have been many fun learning moments to comment on. Below are a few to mention:

- Book Week Celebrations
- Student achievements such as Prep students picking up a piece of paper and pencil and writing letters and stories, students improving their PM reading levels in such short periods and Year 2 students creating powerpoints in relation to water saving initiatives.
- Discos: At the Beach, Halloween
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Colouring Competitions from outside sources
- Deadly Sports Day
- Prep Open Mornings and Transitions
- Sports Days such as Basketball, Touch Football

Things to look forward to in 2017

- A focus on Quality Teaching and Learning with an emphasis on consolidating our learning of English and introducing Maths as a teaching focus.
- Improved communication devices ie. Facebook page, new Newsletter format, SMS notifications.
- Students being exposed to different teachers with the introduction to an ARTS Teacher and IT (Information Technology) Teacher

Please put the following date in your calendar:

30 Nov
Tools for Change
Christmas Presentation at school
School Report Cards

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Last Monday saw the Year 6 students and family members enjoy the Year 6 Graduation Dinner. This was held at the Overlander Hotel Reception Room. The whole night focussed on the achievements of the Year 6 students.

Guests included Mrs Clarke who did the Welcome to Country, Mr Clarke who assisted the students to learn a line dance to show their family members, Mr Matthew Steer, Past President of Rotary South West and Mrs Shay Thompson, Deputy Principal of Spinifex Junior Campus for Year 7 students.

A big thank-you to the parents, carers and family members who took the time to partake in this event. Conversations on Tuesday indicated students were happy to have had you there.

Teachers, Mr Lisha and Mr Jardine did a great job in the organisation of the night as well as Mrs Corlia Pienaar and Mrs Nadine Nicolosi who assisted with creating the decorations for the tables and room.

TOOLS FOR CHANGE

As our Year 6 students move towards High School next year, Spinifex offers all students the opportunity to take part in Tools for Change. A letter was sent home with Year 6 students last week giving details of this. Mr Jardine will be the teacher who participates in these days. Mr Lisha will teach the Year 5 students not in Miss O’Brien’s class. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to phone Spinifex Junior Campus.

2017 CLASSES

Students will find out their 2017 class on Tuesday next week when the classes are distributed on the display board near the tuck-shop. Please be aware, these lists are only draft as they are dependent on numbers in each cohort at the beginning of 2017.

I have been told this is a different process to previous years so please be aware that changes may need to be made if class sizes become too large.

BOOKS IN HOMES

This term our students are once again fortunate to receive a number of books from the ‘Books in Homes’ program which is sponsored by Glencore. Students were given the opportunity to choose the books they liked. Classes will be presented with these books as part of the School Parade on Monday. Mr Rick Winsor, Superintendent Crushing and Conveying, Mount Isa Mines will present the books.
YEAR 5 SPEECHES

This week our Year 5 students who chose to nominate for leadership positions for 2017 presented their speeches. I must say I was very impressed with the standard of speaking, the students’ posture, sensitivities and organisational skills that were displayed in these two afternoons. Mr Lisha informed me that he felt the standard was the best he has seen since being at Central. This is a fantastic effort and I feel that results will be close all round. Our 2017 Leaders will be announced at the Christmas Concert next Wednesday night.

Above: Some of our students waiting nervously to complete their speeches.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Everyone is encouraged to come and join in the fun at our Christmas Concert Presentation Night to be held on Wednesday, 30th November 2016. This night will entail each class presenting an item for all to watch with academic and school awards also being presented to students from each class.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Andrea Whelan

DEADLY SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 23/11/16 Central was very lucky to be visited by inspiration athletes. Beryl Friday (Netball), Darryl White (AFL), Michael De Vere (NRL), Andre Moore (Basketball), and Brian Hegarty (Traditional Games) spent the day showcasing and teaching their skills to the students. This fun and educational day taught each child a range of skills about games they had never played. Thank you to Brian from Sport and Recreation Services for bringing this day to us.

Written by Yasmin Pearce, Year 3/4 Teacher
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@mtiscenss.eq.edu.au. Below are two notes to use to explain your child's absences from school.

**Reason for Absence**

Date/s absent: ________________________

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Reason: (Requirement of Education Qld):
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Parent/Caregiver Name: _____________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver Signature: ___________________________________________

**Please return to your class teacher tomorrow**

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Date/s absent: ________________________

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Mount Isa Central Basketball

Mount Isa Central Touch Team
Stars of the Week

Sorry Ally—Ms Rhi must have been having a bad day on the camera.
Dear Mount Isa Central State School Community,

As I start to pack up my room and prepare for the big move back to Brisbane, I would just like to say thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome at Mount Isa Central State School. Over the last 3 years I have had the pleasure of working with some of the most talented and dedicated staff in the Isa. To the parents and carers, thank you for allowing me to teach your beautiful children, they really are extra special out here! Finally, to the students, you have made this chapter of my life so very special. Thank you for making me smile and thank you for the memories. Mount Isa Central State School will always hold a place in my heart. I wish you all the very best for 2017! Happy Holidays.

From Miss Smith
SUCCESS IN COLOURING COMPETITIONS

In the past number of weeks some of our students made the commitment to compete in colouring competitions that have been received from outside sources. These colouring competitions have been available to do in the library during lunch breaks. Some of our students have been fortunate enough to win prizes.

Congratulations to Tyra Andrews who received 1st Prize in the Reece Plumbing Colouring Competition. Tyra received a certificate, Art Box full of materials and a $600 voucher for bathroom products to be spent at Reece Plumbing, Mount Isa.

We also have to congratulate Scarlett Carney who received 2nd Prize for the competition. Scarlett also received a certificate and Art Box full of materials.

Right: Congratulations to the following students who received great results in the Mount Isa City Council Colouring Competition in relation to waste products:

Aliza Habib—1st for Seniors
Judie Herzin 1st for Juniors
Karmellia Vaeluaga 2nd for Junior
Jean Lavell– 3rd for Juniors

All students received a certificate and bag of goodies.
FREE DENTAL SERVICE –
REGISTER NOW

If you have a child who is between 4 years of age and completing grade 10 in 2016 they are now eligible to register for a free check-up and treatment with the School Dental Service operating in Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Normanton.

Children who are under the age of 4 or those who have already completed grade 10 are required to hold a Queensland issued Centrelink concession card to be treated under the free dental service.

Registration by Email: Your child/children can be registered with the school dental service by emailing the following details to:

MT_ISA_Dental_Admin@health.qld.gov.au

Childs full name
Childs date of birth
Postal address
Contact telephone
Grade

Registration by Phone: Your child/children can be registered by contacting the school dental service directly on (07) 4744 4407 or (07) 4744 4041.
A MESSAGE FROM THE MOUNT ISA POLICE

With the end of the year already upon us, here are a few important reminders over the Christmas holiday period;

- Know where your children are
Please ensure that your children are provided with suitable supervision and activities over the school holidays

**GOING ON HOLIDAYS?**

- Ensure your vehicle is in a roadworthy condition and observe the fatal five; seatbelts, speed, fatigue, drink driving and inattention.
- Ensure your house is appropriately secured, ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your place and collect mail.
Report suspicious behaviour to your local police.


Please keep an eye on your school, report suspicious behaviour through **School Watch** or via **Policelink**.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

* A message from 
* The Mount Isa Police District Crime Prevention Unit.

![School Watch](https://www.police.qld.gov.au/)