School Leader’s Induction - 2015

The 2015 School Leaders proudly accepted their badges of office today. Mrs Joyce McCulloch, Mount Isa City Councillor and P & C Treasurer presented the School Captains, Harrison Ford and Amie Pemble and the Vice-Captains, Alina Dempsey and Isabel Steele with their badges.

The House Captains were also presented with their badges by Mrs Jodie Wright, our Health and Physical Education Teacher. House Captains for 2015 are:

Leichhardt: Julie Temo and Dean Bisset
Mitchell: Ladowyn MacLeod and Trysten Viney
Kennedy: Kie Gatehouse and Gyan Caampued

The Student Council has reformed in 2015 and Mrs Karen Ford presented the six Student Councillors with their badges. Student Council representatives for 2015 are: Carly Lobegeiger, Daisy Gilkes-Cox, Madison Radcliffe-James, Hershey Camba, Amelia Patterson and Paige Cannel.

I am looking forward to working with our leaders this year as they develop their leadership skills and serve their school community. Congratulations and well done to each and every one of our School Leaders.

Play is the Way

The poster below outlines the Self-Mastery Checklist from the “Play is the Way” program. Teachers are using this checklist to help guide children’s behaviour. Our goal is to have children self-monitor their behaviour and make the right choice, because it is the right thing to do and not just because of an external reward.

Children know when they are choosing the wrong behaviour and by applying the self-mastery checklist they will have to examine their actions and decide if that action is going to be helpful or unhelpful. In the long term “Play is the Way” will develop children who are in charge of their own behaviour.

Every Day Counts—93% Target

Our attendance rate is 90.8%. This is another improvement—well done. However we have not yet reached our target of 93%. Please send your children to school on time every day that they are well. Learning time is so very important. Remember—Every Day Counts, Every Minute Counts!

P & C Meeting
AGM
Tuesday 10 March
1.00 pm in the Old Library

2015
February 25-27 Principal’s Conference
March 16 School Photos
March 27 Harmony Day (note a change due to QSL presentation)
March 30—April 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
April 3 Easter Friday
April 20 Term 2 commences
April 24 Anzac Day Parade
May 5 Cross Country
May 12-15 Naplan Years 3 & 5

Pictured above are Central’s 2015 School Captains Harrison Ford and Amie Pemble
Congratulations to our students of the week

Week 4
Tyrone Charman, Ryan Mason-Maher, Kiara Caampued,
Jerimiah Waldren, Trae Fraser, Hollie Jobling, Ashlea Lavell

Week 5
Mia Eaton-Campbell, Shelby Dahler, Dean Bisset (HPE Class award) Madison Radcliffe-James, Makereti Lomano
Lisa Biondi-Peterson, William Wort, Orin McLaren, Eli Condren, Nikki Coleman (HPE Class award)
Positive Reading Program
Prep and Prep/1
Congratulations to our School Leaders
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Explaining Absences and Late Arrival

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@mtisacens.eq.edu.au.** Below are two notes to use to explain your child’s absences from school.

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From the Principal's Desk

**Meet and Greet - Thank You**

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the meet and greet. All teachers reported an increase in parent and carer numbers from 2014. I know the teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and share their programs and routines for 2015.

**Mid-Term**

We are now exactly half way through first term and I must commend the teachers for their dedication and expertise, ensuring that every day and every minute, the children are focussed on learning. Both our continuing and new teachers have formed excellent bonds both with their colleagues and also with their students. I am sure you will feel the friendly, caring atmosphere at our school. The atmosphere the teachers create helps students to feel comfortable, whilst the teachers maintain very high expectations of behaviour and achievement.

**Play is the Way**

I recently attended the “Play is the Way” professional development course along with our new teachers. All staff are now trained to teach “Play is the Way”. “Play is the Way” is Central’s underlying philosophy of behaviour management. “Play is the Way” teaches children life-raft skills for social situations. It also develops the child’s ability to use a self-mastery checklist and to ultimately have self-control over their behaviour. Children who manage their own behaviour can spend more effort on their learning and generally have happier relationships with others at school. A happy, productive experience is, of course, our goal for all children.

Kind regards,

Kathy King
Principal.
Community Notices

Piano Tuning

Our Music team are delighted to have the Queensland Music Festival project coming to Mount Isa again in 2015. As part of this project, the Steinway company, Theme and Variations will be working on the Steinway piano at the Civic Centre. We are yet to confirm dates, but it is looking like March and June/July. Since they are already in Mount Isa, we would like to advise our community that their tuner is available for regular tunes at $180 per hour. If you are interested in your personal piano, school piano, or know a friend who would like to be part of this amazing opportunity, please let Mrs Moore (Instrumental Music Teacher) know.

Wanderers Softball Club

NOTICE TO PARENTS

Have you chosen a sport for your child for 2015 yet?

Bring them along to softball, they’ll learn good ball skills, batting skills, team spirit and will have heaps of fun.

Alexandra Oval Barkly Highway
Saturday 21st February
12 – 2 pm
Come along !!!!

Softball Season Starts

Saturday 14th March 2015

Enquiries - Telephone
Leanne Munns on 4743 8509
(Please leave a message)

Mount Isa Junior AFL is holding a sign on day on the 27th of April at 4pm at Legend Oval. Junior players 5 – 15 years are invited to sign up for the 2014 competition. The Northwest Equipment Hire junior competition commences on the 2nd of May. For more information contact Adrian Cameron Ph: 0419 86 33 42
Registration forms are also available from Power & Air Solutions on the Barkly Highway.
Or go to https://www.facebook.com/MountIsa.juniorAFL