Central’s Mardi Gras Float A Winner!

50 Years of the Royal Flying Doctor service was the theme for this year’s Mardi Gras float and Central State School designed a fantastic float, complete with a lifelike Royal Flying Doctors aircraft and the children posed as doctors, nurses and patients. The creative work of Central State School staff was rewarded when the float was awarded “best school float”. The children had a wonderful time waving to their families on the footpath and being part of the Mardi Gras atmosphere. Thank you once again to our dedicated staff, who worked tirelessly, to ensure the children had this great experience. Pictured below are the colouring competition winners with the Rodeo Queens and clown. (Annaliese Cameron, Carly Lobegieger, Summa McLaren, Jaylee Goodall, Bailee Morgan, Aditya Baniwal

Central Gymnast Excels

Congratulations to Julie Temo who has been selected to participate in the State Championship for Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Julie recently came second at the Regional Championships, placing her in the Regional Team Top 6. Julie will compete in the regional team in Brisbane in September.

School Disco is now on 28 August

Please note the change of date for the school disco. The theme for the disco is “Rodeo”.

Perfect Parent Participation

Ilse Araya volunteers in our school library. Ilse covers books and ensures the “Books in Homes” are ready for distribution to the children. Our school really appreciates the help we receive from parents and families. Ilse is pictured below with Jose.

Every Day Counts

The attendance thermometer has shown a slight increase of 0.08%. Well done! Remember children need to be at school every day they are well. It is also really important that children are on time for learning. Ensure your children are on time each and every day. A child who is late by one hour each day actually misses one whole day of learning each week. So please help us reinforce the importance of attendance and punctuality so that every child reaches their full learning potential.

Focus Rules for week 4 & 5: “Use only kind words”.
2/3L English

In English we have been reading and writing procedural texts. We thought we were going really well so Mrs Lafferty gave us a challenge:

*Write a procedure for making a giraffe mask and then follow your procedure.*

When we had to follow our own steps we realised we were missing some steps (like waiting for the paint to dry) and we needed more information in other steps (how much paint to use).

We learned from our own work and now we are much more thorough at writing good procedures.
Week 2 Stars of the Week
Alina Dempsey, Mikee Loren Bantaculo, Dean Bisset, Xanda Abel, Xander Dahler, Aditya Baniwal, Grace Kapitzke, Joel Steele, Mark Mason-Hunt, (absent: CJ Kahui)

Week 3 Stars of the Week
Connor Tootell, Ryan Sloan, Chris O’Toole, Tavita Tavita, Melvin Milligan, Tia Bird, Marshall Williams, Ivy Kehoe, Brendon Marshall, Coen Anderson
(absent: Shariah Weazel, Rayden Rockland)
Week 5 Stars of the Week
Amelia Patterson, Zach McLaren, Page Cannell, Khirys Doyle, Jake Lobegeiger, Jai Fraser, Ashlea Lavell, Deborah Gamato, Judie Herzin

Gotcha Winners Week 4
Carly Lobegeiger, Jacob McLaren, Tia Bird, Kryshel Doyle Rithika Dissanayake, Deborah Gamato, Jace Fraser, Jamie Young
Children’s Book Week 16 – 22 August

Children’s Book Week starts next week and students of all ages can find a good read on the [2014 Book of the Year shortlist](#). This year’s theme is ‘Connect to reading – reading to connect’ and highlights the benefits of exploring other people’s stories. **Make sure your child/ren is on track to meet their Premier’s Reading Challenge target before the September 5, deadline.**

Thank You

Thank you to Toll NQX and Mount Isa Hire for the generous donation of the truck and generators for the school’s Mardi Gras float.
The focus rule for week 4 & 5 was “Use only kind words”. Unkind words can hurt and are often the reason why children are not getting along. The old adage “If you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all” will help children to understand that they need to choose kind words when interacting with others. It is also helpful to talk to children about how they would like to be spoken to by others — with kind or unkind words? Naturally we all want to be treated kindly and it is an expectation of our school that we always demonstrate kindness towards others, even if they are very different to us. The quote below, by the Dalai Lama, shows that it is always possible to choose to be kind.

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Kind regards,
Kathy King
Principal.