Naplan

Last week Naplan results were issued to schools. I am very pleased with the improvement our school has shown from 2013 to 2014. In Years 3, 5 and 7 Central’s results for Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation, were all at or above National Minimum Standard and our student’s performance was similar to the rest of the nation. In Numeracy our results were similar to the nation for Year 5 and 7, but below the nation for Year 3. The highlight of these results is the Year 3 Writing and Spelling and the Year 7 Numeracy, which were all above the nation. For individual students there has been amazing growth from when they last did the Naplan assessment in 2012. Congratulations must also go to our students. They have worked very hard to achieve this improvement in their results. The Naplan results will be further analysed to pinpoint students’ strengths and weaknesses so that teachers can plan ahead for continued improvement. As soon as the individual student Naplan reports are available, they will be sent home with students. If you wish to discuss your child’s Naplan results, with your child’s teacher or myself, please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Every Day Counts

Please ensure your child is at school whenever they are well. Our attendance thermometer needs to be above 92.2% to meet our attendance target and our current attendance has dropped to 87.6%. I insist on 92.2% attendance because good student attendance equals good student results. One of the best things you can do for your child/ren is to ensure that they are at school every day that they are well!

P & C - Please become involved

The 90th celebration is approaching (31/10/14, 1pm onwards). I will be asking parents/carers to assist on behalf of our P & C. There are many ways you can help so please give generously of your time when asked – your children will love your involvement.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: 15 – 18 September

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for 15 September to 18 September. Teachers will issue letters by September 1 to advise/request an appointment time. It is very important that every parent or carer meet with their child’s teacher, during the week of interviews, or at another time by arrangement. Telephone interviews will also be offered for those parents and carers who have difficulty getting to the school. Research confirms that student improvement is greatly enhanced when parents and teachers work together. I know that our teachers are looking forward to this opportunity to meet with you.

Perfect Parent Participation

Dee Wilburn is our P & C President and leads the P & C Meeting every month. Dee also takes the lead and ensures the students have the food and glow products necessary to make our disco’s a great success. Thank you Dee for the commitment you show to our School.

Road Safety

Some children are not using the roads safely when they leave school of an afternoon. Children will be reminded in class and on parade to abide by the road rules and to use the pedestrian lights. Please reinforce these rules and most importantly demonstrate the correct road safety procedures when dropping and picking up children from school. Please do not double park and expect children to walk, unsafely between traffic and please do not park in the centre parks and expect children to unsafely walk across the busy road on their own.

Focus Rules: Week 6: “Be ready to learn”. Week 7: “Listen”.
The students above entertained the school parade with their musical talent. (Zach McLaren, Thomas Forde, Shoshone Lupton, Jade Mahoney, Daisy Gilkes-Cox, Carly Lobegeiger and Pauline Lagatuz)

Pictured above with Instrumental Teacher, Susanne Patterson, are Drumbeat Students: Caitlan Horton, Eisen Semblante, Chris Dalle Cort, Daniel Luff, Bill Powyer and Jerermy Nixon.
Week 6 Stars of the Week.
Milo De Leon, Jacob McLaren, Shakira Cannell, Jeremy Nixon, Katidjah Fraser, Amy-lee Bond, Kahliah Weazel, Connor Tootell and Shelby Dahler,

Week 7 Stars of the Week
Kaiya-Gene Kerekere, Abby Stuart, Rose Skeen, Mikee Loren Bantaculo, Patricia Lingard, Maureen Weazel, Gemma Haitana, William Wort, Popo Falulkner and Keoni Heitz
**Week 6 Gotcha Winners**
Tyra Hill, Zach McLaren, James Olape, Denaya Carney, Rithika Dissanayake, Jayden Bracchi, Keoni Heitz and Shakayla Carney

**Week 7 Gotcha Winners**
Ethan McKinnon, Amelia Patterson, Daisy Gilkes-Cox, Samantha Semblante, Hershey Camba
Tyson Cannell, Marshall Williams and Paul Lagatuz
Gotcha Winners Week 5
Amie Pemble, Amelia Patterson, Tia Bird, Kashantai Doyle, Kie Ghelfi, Peggy Gilkes-Cox and Toby Ogier

Thank You to Mount Isa Produce
A special thank you to Joyce and Will McCullcoch of Mount Isa Produce. Joyce and Will donated the DJ for the school disco on Thursday night. Joyce and Will also bought along their cute pony “Cherry” to add to the “Rodeo” atmosphere. Thank you!

Thank you to Clinton Fenton
Thank you Clinton for the use of your fairy floss machine at the disco. This is very much appreciated. The fairy floss machine is available for hire at your special events. Contact Clinton on 0423824530
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@mtisacenss.eq.edu.au. Below are two notes to use to explain your child’s absences from school.

Responsible Behaviour Focus - Week 6 & 7
The focus rules for week 6 & 7 were: “Be ready to Learn” and “Listen”. Being ready to learn means that children are at school on time with all of the right equipment and, very importantly, with the right attitude to learn.

Listening means that children give the speaker full body listening at all times. Full body listening is when hands are still, voices are turned off, eyes are watching the speaker and the brain is thinking about the topic the speaker is on.

Please reinforce our focus rules!

Kind regards,
Kathy King
Principal.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Has your child completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge? There is only 1 week left for children to finish reading or experiencing the required number of books. Please submit logs to school by September 5.

2015 Prep Enrolments Now Open
Prep enrolments are now open. If you are enrolling a Prep child for 2015, please attend our Prep Open Day on 5 September from 9.00am – 11.00am.