Central’s Great Results
I have had the pleasure once again of sharing our very good results with, firstly, the School Improvement team from Brisbane (who were interested in learning from our great success) and then to all Principals in North Queensland via teleconference. The team from Brisbane had reviewed the data from all Qld schools and Central was selected as one of 10 schools whose strategies had achieved great results. Well done to our teachers and teacher aides who we know are responsible for this great success.

End of Year Routines and Events
Although the year is drawing to a close, our school is still very much focused on maximising learning right up until the very last day. There will be necessary changes to routine so that special events such as Graduation and the Xmas concert are included in our calendar. While still focused on learning in 2014, the staff and I are also well into planning for a smooth transition for all year levels as they progress into 2015. It is very important that if you are moving schools at the end of the year that you please advise us by either phoning or email.

Every Day Counts
Although there is only 2 weeks left until the end of term I want to again reinforce the message of every day counts. I know that when your child receives their report, those who have attended well will have achieved their goals.

Inclusive Practices at Central State School
Ange Trotter and I recently attended the Loretta Giorcelli training on how to make our classrooms more inclusive for children with learning difficulties. Ange is working closely on this project with Fran Hegarty and Kaitlin Smith and all three are developing a co-teaching model that will help teachers to further develop their teaching strategies for students with difficulties. The model of co-teaching that Ange, Fran and Kaitlin are trialling will be extended at Central throughout 2015. The great news is that these strategies work equally well for all students but especially benefit those students who have learning difficulties. Pictured above are myself, Loretta Giorcelli and Ange Trotter in Townsville.

Interschool Basketball
Our school basketball team did a fantastic job of representing the school. They played with fairness, sportsmanship and tried their very best. Although we lost to Happy Valley in the play off for 3rd and 4th placing us 4th overall, this was a great achievement considering the top three teams were VERY tall. Thank you to Miss Munro for training and supervising and to Miss Kate for assisting on the day.

Focus Rules: Week 6: “Be Safe—Walk on Cement”. Week 7: “Be Responsible—Be your best”
Week 6  Stars of the Week.
Peter Jackson, Coen Barry, Tavita Tavita, Dean Bisset, Gabriella Stevens-Cooper, Maddison Sloan, Pauline Lagatuz, Carly Lobegeiger, Trysten Viney, Kie Ghelfi, Ryan Mason-Maher, Hayley Richards, Tara Smith-Owens, Ashly Nikkelson, Lilee Murphy-Nixon

Week 7  Stars of the Week.
Savanna Halun, Kie Gatehouse, Keith Quinlan, Xander Dahler, Jaylee Goodall, Amelie Stewart
William Wort, Toby Ogier, Magelia Tabone-Cook, Judie Herzin, Mark Mason-Hunt, Jamie Young
Week 6 Gotcha Winners
Kashanti Doyle, Isabel Steele, Savannah Halun, Tyson Cannell, Deborah Gamato, Joshua Ellis, McKenzie McCulloch, Rithika Dissanayake.

Week 7 Gotcha Winners
Savanna Halun, Brooke Fels, Hershey Camba, Ryan Mason-Maher
Aria Horsfall-Whioke, Alia Malaga, Magelia Tabone-Cook, Kie Ghelfi
This semester, students designed and created a knitted product for a specific purpose. Students had to select appropriate tools and techniques to meet the design requirements of either a scarf or a beanie. Students: Ashleigh Skeen, Cassie Bale, Jacob McLaren and Amie Pemble.

Science work for 2nd semester. Liquids, solids and gas. Students studied that solids are a special type of mixture with identifiable properties. They analysed the components of toothpaste and recreated it using the following ingredients: 2 × calcium tablets, 10 mL glycerine, 5 mL peppermint oil, 1 teaspoon baking soda (bicarbonate of soda), mortar and pestle and measuring spoons.

Students: Hershey Camba, Trysten Viney, Carly Lobegeiger, Jacob McLaren, Tamarere Love-Simons and Pauline Lagatuz.
2015 Enrolments

Please advise friends and family to complete intended enrolments for 2015 of children in P-6 asap.

Planning for 2015 is well underway and it is essential that we have a very good estimate of the number of children we need to cater for to ensure a smooth start to the new school year.

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.

Reason for Absence

Date/s absent: ________________________
Student’s Name: ____________________________________________
Reason: (Requirement of Education Qld):
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Parent/Caregiver Name: _________________________________________
Parent/Caregiver Signature: ____________________________________

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Upcoming Date Claimers

It is really hard to believe that a whole school year has almost passed. With only weeks of the term left. Please keep the calendar on this newsletter handy for reference of the special events over the next 2 weeks.

On Wednesday 26th November from 1.20pm to 2.20 pm prospective school leaders will present their speeches to the student body, teachers and parents. Please attend if possible to support the students.

On December 1st history will be made when our Year 6 students graduate from primary school for the first time. The Year 6 & 7 students have a special day of activities planned following the formal graduation ceremony at 8.30 am.

The final whole school event for the year is the Xmas concert. It is hoped that all parents and family can attend this event. In order to complete the proceedings in a reasonable time please observe the 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm sharp start.

Kind regards,
Kathy King
Principal.