Dear Parents and Caregivers,

End of Term
Once again it is the end of a term. So much happens in a term that the weeks seem to fly by. Our school has achieved so much this term with the implementation of our Whole School Reading Program, Leadership days, Instrumental Music Workshop, Harmony Day and the Swimming Carnival. These special events occur alongside the quality learning experiences provided by our very dedicated teachers. It really is a privilege to be working with Central children, their teachers and their families.

Parent Interviews
Notes have been sent home by the teachers for the parent/teacher interviews. Please make every effort to attend your parent/teacher interview. Working together with your child’s teacher is the best way to help your child improve their results.

Individualised Learning
This week Mr Nastasi and I have been meeting with teachers to discuss each student’s progress and to individualise learning plans for the coming term. Together, with the teachers, we are ensuring that every child has an individualised review to check their progress towards meeting the literacy and numeracy benchmarks at the end of the year. If a student is identified as being at risk of not meeting the benchmarks then we plan strategies to address this.

Harmony Day
Thank you must go to Mrs Lovejoy for her organisation of Harmony Day. Our fantastic parents shared their food and time. Miss Evans reinforced positive behaviour to combat bullying, Nana Joan gave the welcome to country and Uncle Clive played the didgeridoo. Our children from the Philippines entertained with dances and our Māori children performed a ferocious Haka. The piñata proved hard to break open - despite the efforts of the children to release the lollipops. Harmony Day culminated with a beautiful display of orange and white kites flying on the ovals. It was a magical sight to see!

Naplan
Students from years 3, 5 and 7 will have their first Naplan practise in week 10 of this term and the second practise in week 4 of term 2. The actual tests will be on the 13, 14, 15 of May. There will be a catch up day on the 16 May for children who were sick on the day of the test. It is very important that parents and carers remain positive and low key about the Naplan tests. Being positive and low key will ensure that your child is confident and relaxed about the Naplan process.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival was an excellent morning of water activities. The only disappointment was that a number of students did not attend. Our “Every Day Counts Policy” promotes the expectation that students attend school every day. Those who did attend the
swimming carnival had great fun and were very proud of their effort. Results for the overall House winner and Age Champions will be announced on parade on Monday morning.

**Interschool Sport**
The Central soccer teams battled it out once again last Friday for the Interschool Soccer Championship. Both teams played exceptionally well, resulting in wins for both teams. Central A won 5, lost 1, and drew 1. Central B won 2, lost 3, and drew 2. A great effort by both teams. It is also a pleasure to announce that Mount Isa Central State School finished 2nd overall for the carnival. This effort was accompanied by some greatly appreciated support from parents as they cheered from the sidelines. Well done Central.

**Holiday Fun**
Remember to take time to enjoy the holidays with your children. It is a time to relax and reflect on their achievements this term and to set a goal for next term. I look forward to hearing of the children’s travels and activities when we return to school on the 22 April. If you are travelling then please travel safe and return happy and healthy for term 2.

Kind regards

Kathy King
Acting Principal

**New Telephone contacts**
Please note the new telephone numbers for our school.

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