From the Principal’s Desk....

NAPLAN Student Reports

Parents who attended parent teacher interviews last night received their children’s NAPLAN report cards. For the remaining students, reports will be mailed home this week. It’s important to remember that these reports only show a small snapshot of achievement for students. The reports only compare student achievement to the Nation, and do not highlight any milestones for any individual students aside from a comparison to how the rest of the nation performed for that year level. Teachers have access to an array of individual data that can be shared with parents. Whilst student achievement is very important, it’s also worthy to note that improvement is just as, if not more important than achievement is. I encourage parents to come in and make an appointment to talk in detail about NAPLAN achievement, and also compare it to other school achievement data to demonstrate performance across a range of areas.

Southern Cross Poker Run

A big thank you needs to go out to all of our parents who helped out with the mammoth catering job for over 300 hungry bikies on Monday night. It was great to see such great support for our P and C which ultimately means greater opportunities for our students. A special mention also needs to go to Melissa Vaggs for her efforts in coordinating such a huge fundraiser. The total amount raised will be presented at our next P and C Meeting on September 16.

Are your contact details up to date?

A reminder that in the case of a sick child or an emergency, we need to have current contact details for parents on our system, including phone numbers, email addresses, residential address and emergency contacts. Please make sure you contact us at the office, or use the Parent eForms feature on our Skoolbag App.

Don’t forget to download our App!

Our Skoolbag App, which is available by searching for Charleville in the iTunes and Google Play stores is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at our school. Using the App means we can reduce costs in printing and distributing notes and flyers, which means we have more money to spend on resources for our students. The App is free, is easy to use and means you can access information about the school when you want to! If you don’t have a mobile or a tablet, you can now use the Skoolbag Feed on our website www.charvelilless.eq.edu.au to view notifications, and you can also subscribe to email notifications from the App by following the links on the Skoolbag Feed.

Regards,
Justin Kummerow
The article I shared in our last newsletter prompted one parent to send me some positive feedback. He was happily surprised that the article, although unrelated to the Triple P Positive Parenting Program, supported the system’s ideals or message. Since members of the community are investigating the organisation of training facilitators and running the Triple P program in Charleville, I thought I would share an article on the program itself. I know that I myself would be signing up to the program should it become available in town.

The power of positive parenting
Professor Matt Sanders

Triple P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
The one thing you can rely on about being a parent is that your child’s behaviour will sometimes frustrate you. This doesn’t mean you are a bad parent, and it doesn’t mean that your child is uncontrollable. Even the happiest of family households can suffer tension and stress when dealing with children’s behaviour. Parents may feel upset and strained if they find themselves having to ‘battle’ with their child over such everyday issues as mealtimes, shopping, or bedtime. Since you love and care for your children, you will try your best to deal with such difficult behaviour. However it’s unreasonable to think that you can be a perfect parent — we just aren’t built like superman or superwoman. When you think about it though, it’s not too surprising that being a parent can be tough. Raising the next generation is a vitally important task requiring effort and patience, yet most of us begin our parenting careers unprepared for what lies ahead. More often than not we learn how to raise our children through trial and error. And no matter how much experience we gain, our children (and indeed the everyday experiences of life itself) always seem to be able to come up with something new for us to deal with. So how do we know if we are bringing up our kids well, and how do we go about reducing the stresses that occur when we find ourselves struggling with behaviours we just can’t seem to get a handle on? As a parent and psychologist who has spent over 20 years researching why children behave the way they do, I believe there is simply no single right way to be a parent. It is up to you to decide what values, skills and behaviours you want to encourage in your child and to develop your own approach to dealing with your child’s behaviour. That said, we all know that good advice at the right time can be a big help. Practical tips on why your baby cries, dealing with temper tantrums, helping your toddler learn to eat by themselves, or helping your primary schooler with their homework can make being a parent less stressful and at the same time more enjoyable. That’s the idea behind the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P® for short) which we have developed at the University of Queensland. The program is based on extensive scientific research and offers parenting suggestions and ideas that have proven effective across a wide cross-section of Australian families.

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It’s called positive parenting because it aims to make it easier for parents to develop positive loving relationships with their children through encouragement, attention and good communication. Using a positive parenting approach will not only help family life run a little smoother, it will also make it less likely that your child will develop more serious behaviour problem into their adolescent years. Every fortnight in this column I will be highlighting positive parenting approaches towards a wide variety of everyday family issues covering infants up to primary schoolers. We’ll look at how children learn to misbehave and methods of dealing with misbehaviour, as well as practical strategies parents can use to deal with specific problems behaviours in a constructive way and in helping children learn necessary social skills. No matter what your parenting situation, I hope you will find something of interest every fortnight that you might like to use in your own family or even pass on to a friend. Even if a particular topic doesn’t apply to you now it might be a good idea to cut out the column and keep it for future use. Since the issues we will be covering the ones that most parents have to deal with at some time or another, it might just come in handy. Parenting Tips: One way that parents can find more patience and time for their child is to make sure they also find time for themselves. Taking care of your own needs for intimacy, adult companionship, recreation and time alone will help make parenting easier. If you are spending plenty of quality time with your child and they are able to be seen after in a safe environment, a breakaway once in while will do both you and your child a world of good. If you are having continual difficulties in dealing with your child’s behaviour be prepared to seek professional advice.

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**Meal Deals**

**Wednesday 10/09/2014**

**Pizza**

**$5**

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**Students of the Week**

**Week Beginning 01/09/14**

Prep A: Myles Barry
Prep 1: Henry, Matilda & Hunnii
Year 1: Jasmine Keenan
Year 2: Maxwell Leleca
Year 2/3: Theo Grayson-Murray
Year 3: Shaylan Payne
Year 3/4: Charlie Flanders
Year 4/5: Nam Nguyen
Year 5/6: Patricia Aldridge
Year 6/7: Tracie-Carriaghe

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**Reading Rooks**

**Week Beginning 01/09/14**

Prep A: Alex Leleca
Prep 1: Macie Goodman
Year 1: Thomas Russell
Year 2: Ayjanna McKellar
Year 2/3: Seth Donnan
Year 3: Bilgh Palmer
Year 3/4: Andrei Rivera
Year 4/5: Khyliola-Rose Donas
Year 5/6: Tyrese, Rainey & David
Year 6/7: Lily Bradfield

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THANK YOU MURWEE SHIRE COUNCIL
Big thank you to the Murweh Shire Council for funding the Crazy Science Show enjoyed by our Prep to Year 7 students yesterday at the Town Hall

**Netball Dates**

Thursday 28th August-No netball this week
Thursday 4th September - Prep-Year 6 netball as normal and Year 7-9 Grand Final and presentations straight after game. Same starting time as normal.
Thursday 11th September - Prep-Year 6 Grand Final games and presentations straight after games. Same starting time as normal.
LATE PLAQUES NEED TO BE NOW DROPPED OFF AT DUNNES BUTCHERY For more info contact Kerry Radnedge 0429172024
Classroom Clippings

Drama at CSS!

This term in the Arts Room we have been exploring elements of Drama. The junior classes have been learning about Storybook Drama. They have been creating actions for the book ‘Amy and Louis’ and presenting these using movement and vocal skills. We have now moved on to learning about puppetry. The students are enjoying hearing and seeing shows and creating puppets to perform their own show at the end of the term.

The upper classes have also been learning and using many elements of drama throughout their ‘So you want to perform’ unit. They have been working each week on reciting lines, making props and organising staging in preparation to perform their pieces by the end of the term.

Earlier this term, we were treated with an Arts Council performance called ‘The Lost Property Rules’. All Year 4-7 students enjoyed the show and were able to witness the quality performance free of charge.

Katrina Dunne
ARTS Teacher

Athletics

Well there has been a lot happening in regards to sport at Charleville SS this term, with the main focus being Athletics. Firstly, I would like to give thanks to all the teachers, parents, students or volunteers who have helped out during any of the Athletics carnivals. Whether it be racking a sand pit, picking up shot puts or using a stopwatch, they are all jobs that need to be done and the carnivals cannot happen without your assistance. According to all feedback both the Prep – 9 Years and the 10 – 19 Years carnivals were enjoyed by most. Special mention must be given to the following students who travelled to St George last Friday for the South West Regional Track & Field Trials. They all competed to the best of their abilities and were great representatives of the School.

The Students were:

- Mason Barry
- Aiden Webb
- Charlie Richards
- Ty Percival
- Amy Hammonds
- Kirra Halford
- Erin Landsberg
- Tarlie Singleton

PE Lessons

Over the past 5 weeks in PE lessons all classes have been learning and practising the basic skills of Basketball. All skills from passing, dribbling, shooting, defence and a few cool tricks have been covered. Hopefully the kids are coming home practicing and showing off their new skills. Also by playing basketball we are taking advantage of the great ‘multi-purpose courts’ facility that we have here at the school.

Cheers,

Luke Beaty
PE Teacher – Charleville SS
P&C NEWS

😊 😊 THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! 😊 😊 😊
What an awesome effort!!
To everyone who came and helped with the catering for the Southern Cross poker Run, Parents, Teachers & Community Members, we wouldn’t have done it without you!!

THANKS TO YOU ALL!! 😊

Those of you who rang and sent text messages, THANK YOU too!!
and remember THE FETE IS COMING UP 😊