From the Principal’s Desk...

Fire and Lockdown Drills
Schools are required to rehearse drills once per term for both Fire and Lockdowns. There is occasions where these drills, or the real need for a Fire or Lockdown procedure to occur when parents and visitors are onsite. In the event of this, either as a drill or as the real event, parents and visitors are expected to be a part of the drills. Our drills are quite simple to identify as described below:
Fire Evacuation: Continuous bell over 1 minute. All staff, students and parents present on site to move onto the oval via safest route and assemble at the Highway end of the oval.

Lockdown Procedure: Ten short bursts of the bell will sound. Students and staff to move into their rooms and remain low and out of site on the floor with doors locked. Parents and visitors are to move to the Resource Centre, lock the doors and stay out of site. These procedures are in place to keep all present on site. Failure to follow these procedures places you at great risk – it is big assumptions to make that these procedures are always ‘drills’.

Lunch Drop Offs
Parents who drop off lunches to school are asked to carefully consider the safety of our students. Even though we are in a small town, expecting students to collect lunches in unsupervised areas can pose a great safety risk. It is far more preferable, and safe for parents to come into the school, and even more preferable to sign in at the office and allow office staff to get lunches to students.

Josh Arnold Visit
Josh is back again this week with his cameraman Martin to get images and audio for our Small Town Culture Project. Students were yesterday treated with a flyover with Josh and Martin in a chopper to get some aerial footage of staff and students on our oval. In a few months time we’ll see the result of the project on YouTube, iTunes and even the local radio!

Year 5/6/7 Noosa Camp
With less than two weeks until we depart for camp, parents of attending students are asked to ensure payment is made by March 10, all permission forms are returned, and any special dietary requirements (gluten/lactose tolerance etc) have been passed on to the office by the end of this week. Final preparations are being made now, including departure and arrival home times. A reminder that no electronic devices are allowed on camp as part of the Campsite policy. The school will keep parents informed via Skoolbag and SMS of our intended time to arrive home on Friday the 21st of March.

Attendance Data and Explained Absences
Our attendance data over the term has been nothing short of outstanding, with an average of around 94% attendance for the term. It has been even more pleasing to note how few of the absences have been unexplained. We understand that children are sick, or at times need to go away with families, but we are required to obtain reasons for absences. Charleville State School has a variety of options to communicate absences, our dedicated SMS number – 0428386225 (remember if we send you a text you reply for free!) by using the eForms on our Skoolbag app, calling the office on 46568222 or by sending a note in your child’s diary.

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Regards,
Justin Kummerow
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Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James
reads 20 minutes per night.
5 times per week.

Travis
reads only 4 minutes per night.
...or not at all.

In one week:

100 minutes of reading

In one month:

400 minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600 minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800 minutes of reading

5760 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?

Students of the Week

Week Beginning 03/03/14

Prep A Bridgett Sullivan
Prep/1B Nicole King
Year 1 Rowdy Jie Bennett
Year 2 Dylan Blackman
Year 2/3 Keenan Burns
Year 3 Lailani Burns
Year 3/4
Year 4/5 Dannielle Anderson
Year 5/6 Kaiden Williams
Year 6/7 Cody Brayley

Week Beginning 03/03/14

Prep A Annabell Collins
Prep/1BBilly Liu
Year 1 Tlismoa Bloomfield
Year 2 Bianca Hickson
Year 2/3 Tahlia Stewart
Year 3 Gabby Lyons
Year 3/4B
Year 4/5A Maltilda Vaggs
Year 5/6 David Wakefield
Year 6/7 Charlie Richards

Meal Deals

12/03/14 - Chicken and Coleslaw/Pasta Salad
19/03/14 – Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Cheese, corn and Bacon
26/03/14- Pizza -Supreme/ Ham and Cheese/ Ham and Pineapple

All orders to be placed on a brown paper bag with your Name and Class marked clearly
Welcome to week six at Charleville State School – this year is already zooming by! Everyone seems to have settled into their new classes, especially after the slight changes and new friends for doing so.

In 1A students we were studying different character emotions in English. In Mathematics we studied number, addition, subtraction, place value and this week we are learning about counting in tens.

In 2B we have been studying poetry in English and how poems can be changed. In Mathematics we have been learning days and months, place value and partitioning numbers and this week we are busy measuring lengths of objects with formal and informal units of measure. In History we are learning about special places, so if you are a 2B member and your family has a special place you want to visit, can you please email them to Mrs Callon at bcavan@bigpond.com.

All students have enjoyed Josh Arnold visiting a few weeks ago and are very excited that he is coming back – especially those who are lucky enough to working with him a bit more to record our new school song.

Keep up the great work 1A and 2B!

From Miss Colley and Mrs Callon

Word of the Week

1A and 2B have been working hard to learning their words of the week. So far we have studied exquisite, recently and identical and have had fun doing so.

For the word recently, 2B created a semantic continuum. Students had to think of words that lead to the word “recently”.

They did a great job!

For the word identical, 1A drew pictures of things that were identical.

Well done 1A.

WHATS ON

Charleville Netball Inc. AGM
TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014
HEALTHY AGEING AT 5.30PM
FOR FORMS OR INFORMATION CONTACT MADONNA MARIS ON 041 7742569

Charleville Junior Miss Show Girl 2014
Savannah Brayley – Cake Stall in front
Of Supa IGA, Sturt Street, Sat 8th March 2014
From 9 – 1 pm. Come along and support your
We’ve had a busy start to Term One, with Charleville and District Sport Trials well underway!
Firstly, thank you to those who have been patient with information being handed out and diligent in returning forms, it’s been much appreciated! It has been fantastic to see so many great sportsman and sportswoman compete in the various Sports Trials over the last two weeks!

Congratulations to Charlotte Blackman, Matilda Vaggs and Ashtyn Shearwin for making the South West Regional Softball team and Lilly Bradfield for making it as a shadow reserve. Well done girls!
On Friday 14th February, we held the District Swimming Carnival at the Charleville Pool. Twelve students competed at these trials. It was great to witness the sportsmanship and enthusiasm by all Charleville State School students.

To follow, we then had Kirra Halford who competed at the South West Regional Cricket Trials on the 15th and 16th February, in Chinchilla. Kirra displayed a high level of skill and has progressed on to make the Regional State Cricket Team that will compete in Mackay in March. Huge congratulations to Kirra for such a special achievement!!

Last week we had district Netball trials, with Mirri-Ma Burns and Amy Hammonds making the Regional Team to compete in Roma at the end of April. Bella Widgell-Williams and Charlotte Blackman also made the team as shadow reserves. Great effort girls!
Next week, we have seventeen Under 12 boys going off to Rugby League District Trials. Good luck boys and we look forward to hearing some great results.

Keep up the water, hats and sunscreen!!
We still have a few more hot days left!!

Louise Raven
HPE Teacher