Charleville State School Newsletter

Wednesday, 6 August 2014

From the Principal’s desk...

Attendance – It’s a serious issue

For the last 4 years we have been very serious about attendance at Charleville State School. For the large majority of our students and their families, this message has been heard, and adhered to. However for an alarming number of students, attendance at school is very low. Our system has a number of attendance markers for schools to measure attendance by, the most concerning to schools is those students who attend less than 85% of their schooling. Parents have a legal obligation to ensure students attend school regularly. Under Section 17B(2) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, parents are obliged to ensure that children of compulsory school age (which is all children in Primary Schools) are attending school, on every day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled. Parents who fail to adhere to this can be prosecuted under Section 17B(4) of the Act. This may result in you being liable for a fine of up to $660 (6 penalty units) for the first offence and up to $1320 (12 penalty units) for each further offence.

It is the responsibility of Principals to ensure that parents are meeting these obligations. At Charleville the following criteria are used to determine whether a parent should be sent a letter regarding Enforcement of Attendance. These criteria are:

- Students who attend less than 85% of their educational program (this is reviewed every two weeks)
- Students who have very high rates of unexplained absences

Students who fall into this category will be sent a notice to meet with the school. Failure to improve attendance within five school days of this meeting, or failing to appear at the meeting, could mean that prosecution will be recommended.

It’s really simple to avoid this occurring, as you can see by the steps below;

- Contact us! Call us, SMS us, email us, send a note or use the Skoolbag App to notify us of an absence
- Respond to the SMS messages (sent out daily) and you can reply for free to the message we send you
- Come in and see us! We are only too happy to talk about the reasons for your child not attending
- Provide us with reasonable explanations for your child’s absence. A shopping trip, a few days off for a birthday event are not reasonable, and you may be at risk of having to respond to the Enforcement of Attendance process.

We strive at Charleville State School to provide a high quality education for every child, every day, but if your children are not attending, you are placing them at a distinct disadvantage of getting the education they deserve. Education is a partnership, and the school alone can only help your child while they are at school, so please take the responsibility you need to take to ensure your children attend every day that they are entitled to be at school.

Skoolbag App

We continually get great feedback about our App, but we also understand for some people this is not the most appropriate way to access information. We are currently working on a ‘Feed’ for our website that will show the latest notifications. From time to time we get questions about why we don’t send as many notes home. The main reason for this is that it’s quite expensive. For us to send a note on A4 paper to each of our 170 families, it costs about $15 in paper and copying costs, and additional time in staff copying and distributing these notes. If we do that twice a week, for every week of the school year, we’d spend $1200 a year on notes which can be found crumpled at the bottom of bags, on classroom floors or blown up against the school fence. Skoolbag allows us to minimise paper consumption, reduce our environmental footprint and most importantly allows parents to access the information when needed.

School Opinion Surveys

The deadline for completing these has been extended until this Friday August 8, as the new method of online survey across the state has had limited response rates. Each family is encouraged to complete the survey to provide us with valuable feedback. Please contact the school if you need assistance in completing these, or need a new set of login details.

Rewards Room this Thursday!

Congratulations to the 60 students who will participate in the Rewards Room on Thursday. We are still after a few parents to help run the day if you haven’t already put your name down! A reminder that the criteria for gaining a ticket to the Rewards Room is as follows:

- Attend at least 95% of the time (that means students can only be absent for 1.25 days during the period)
- Complete all homework tasks
- Have no behaviour incidents recorded on OneSchool
- Wear correct uniform (this means a school shirt, black shorts/skirts/pants and a plain blue jumper free of any designs or branding other than a Charleville State School Logo)

It is great to see so many students striving for these achievable targets!

SNIPRS Update

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support committee meets monthly to review behaviour data and to respond to areas that are of concern. One of the latest ways of rewarding students for good behaviour is our Gotchas targets. When students achieve 25 Gotchas they are able to choose a prize from the Smiggle prize cupboard, at 50, students can choose from a special Star Student hat or water bottle, and at 100 Gotchas there is a very special reward planned. Gotchas are an easy way for staff to acknowledge behaviour that aligns with our four school rules – Be Safe – Be Respectful – Be Responsible – Be An Active Learner. Parents are encouraged to use this language at home to reinforce appropriate behaviour between school and home.

Regards,

Justin Kamrowski

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Wednesday 13 August

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Students of the Week

Week Beginning 21/07/14

Prep A  Bella Newby-Roberts
Prep/1 Mathew Holley
Year 1 Jason Maiden
Year 2 Deon Schouten
Year 2/3
Year 3  Lockyear Ldeca
Year 3/4  James Percival
Year 4/5 Danielle Anderson
Year 5/6 Jayson Arancana
Year 6/7 Cody Brayley

Reading Rocks

Week Beginning 21/07/14

Prep A  Mya Richards
Prep/1 Monique Devine
Year 1  Alli Combe
Year 2 Logan Read
Year 2/3
Year 3  Sienna Barry
Year 4/5 Jesi Rowlands
Year 4/5  John Rivera
Year 5/6  Brock Campbell
Year 6/7 Jenny Le

LOSE YOURSELF IN THE MUSIC AND FIND YOURSELF IN SHAPE AT THE ULTIMATE DANCE-FITNESS CLASS

DATE:  Mondays 5.30pm, Wednesdays 5.30pm, Saturdays 4pm and Sundays 5.30pm

PLACE:  St Mary’s Performing Arts Hall

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$5 per class or $20 for 5 classes
3/4B Term 3
In Maths this term students have been focusing on money. Students were able to apply this learnt knowledge in real life scenarios. Students had the opportunity to use these skills when adding money together or finding out how much change they should receive when purchasing something.

During this term in English, students have looked at analysing poetry and traditional tales. Students focused on how poetic devices are used in poetry and lyrics. The students are having a lot of fun with this unit, and even gave singing ‘firework’ by Katy Perry a go. Though the students engaged very well with popular songs, nursery rhymes have also been examined this term. The students have enjoyed creating their own poetry and learning about morals in traditional stories.

4/5A
Hello everyone, we have had a busy start to the term in the class. We are currently investigating Space and the Earth in Science and the students are looking forward to visiting the Cosmos Centre at the end of August for a twilight session. We are coming up with lots of questions for the Cosmos Centre staff to answer for us.

In technology this semester we will be designing individual class shirts that the students feel will best represent our class. This task will take most of the semester as we explore the worlds of designing and production. I’m looking forward to seeing the finished products towards the end of Term 4.

It was wonderful to see so many of the class participating in the Athletics carnival last week with some students qualifying for the District Athletics Carnival. Cricket on Monday was also great fun.

SWPBS
Congratulations to the more than 60 students who qualified for the Rewards Room this session. If you would like to come and help in the Rewards Room this Thursday please call the school on 4656 8222.

Our new Reward Room Period started on Monday 4 August and it will be another Treasure Hunt Reward. Remember to wear your school uniform, do your homework (homework club on Monday afternoons in the Resource Centre), 97% attendance at school and no negative office referrals!

If you are interested in how the Positive Behaviour Support team works, you are more than welcome to join us this Thursday morning at 7:45am in the Resource Centre for our August Meeting.
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