Charleville State School Newsletter

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

From the Principal’s Desk...

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that we are currently participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students should have received the forms to record their nightly reading activities. Students are expected to read every night in order to enhance their exposure to reading. Have a look at the facts below about reading at home:

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night... or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.
Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 minutes.
Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.
Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year
Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year.
Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
Charleville State School operates under the SWPBS system to provide students with the necessary skills to ensure they can learn to behave appropriately in school and social settings. SWPBS focuses on teaching behaviours, and rewarding students for displaying this behaviour. Charleville State School uses four simple school rules that underpin this system:

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be an Active Learner

Students are rewarded for displaying behaviours that typify these rules, for example, a student who lines up immediately when the bell rings at the end of play may be rewarded a ‘Gotcha’. We have just started a new system where students can earn Gotchas and use them to claim prizes as follows;

- When students achieve 25 they will be able to choose a prize out of the Deputy Principal’s ‘Smiggle’ box.
- When students achieve 50 gotchas they will have the choice of either a special Charleville school hat or water bottle.
- When students achieve 100 gotchas they will receive a super special reward – details are just being finalised.

In addition to this, when a class earns 250 Gotchas in a term, they are entitled to a class reward, such as a movie, a cooking activity or just a game of sport. Parents can help this out by asking simple questions – “Are you behaving responsibly” or “Is that safe play?” your students will understand, give it a try!

Regards,

Justin Kamerer
This week I would like to mention lunch boxes as we move into the second half of the year. I would like to remind parents to speak to their children about only eating their own lunch as we do not encourage sharing at school. It is important that parents know what their child is eating and are ensuring their control of what is being eaten. It is every parent’s choice to pack what they wish their child to eat at school and the following article provides a few tips on how to keep it healthy.

**Ideas for healthy lunch boxes**

It is possible to pack your child a nutritious lunch box that will actually come home at the end of the day empty and eaten.

**Try these tips:**

- Think about what your child likes to eat at home and try to translate that into a lunch box option.
- Vegetables are often overlooked in the lunch box. Try cutting up some carrot sticks or putting in a handful of cherry tomatoes.
- While the humble apple is a great lunch box filler (sturdy and hard to squash), consider cutting softer fruit up and putting it into a smaller container for protection. Berries and kiwi fruit survive very well this way.
- Dairy can be hard to include, particularly in hot weather. If you can’t safely get yoghurt into the lunch box, make sure you offer dairy when she comes home from school.
- Last night’s leftovers in a container with a small spoon can make a welcome change to the parade of endless sandwiches.
- Try putting together a small picnic in her lunch box - slices of tomato, ham, grated carrot, grated cheese and some bread and butter - so she can build her own sandwich.
- Stick to water in the drink bottle - most juices are full of sugar and make the drink-bottle smelly. They also don’t do a very good job of quenching thirst.
- Homemade pikelets are a great snack - easy to make ahead of time, they’re filling and don’t require any extra toppings.

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**...Meal Deals...**

Next week 18/06/14 Homemade Meat
Pies $5
25/06/14 Hamburgers $3 Half Serve / $5 Full
Slushies also Available for $2

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Saturdays 4pm and Sundays 5.30pm

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Mandy Roser 0421 980 733 (Licenced Zumba Instructors)

$5 per class or $20 for 5 classes
Big congratulations to the students of 1A and 2B as we have noticed an improvement in the amount of homework books being handed in each week. In turn there has also been a significant increase in spelling test results. Keep up the great work! We have all been working very hard in Mathematics and some pleasing results will be reflected in end of Semester Report Cards. Please ensure your child attends every day to give them the best chance of completing their end of Semester assessment pieces.

Thank you to the families who have donated the items to make boats, parachutes and lunchboxes in Science and Technology — all students are very keen to start building this week!

It has been a very busy and enjoyable semester and we look forward to what Semester Two may bring!
Show – Schoolwork Prizes!

Each year, students enter a range of schoolwork at the local show. A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers who ensured their classes were given the opportunity to enter this year. Congratulations to the following Charleville State School students for their achievements:

Playgroup Painting - 1st Luke Maiden, 2nd Siyas Ryan, 3rd Tia Taylor
Prep Painting - 1st Anna Cullen, 2nd Kirra Harris
Prep Drawing - 1st Bunny Vu, 3rd Alexah Little
Prep Collage - 2nd Anna Cullen
Year 1 Handwriting - 1st Isabella Richards, 2nd Spencer Kummerow
Year 1 Painting - 3rd Gracie Fraser-Burns
Year 1 Drawing - 1st Jasmine Keenan, 2nd Alii Comba, 3rd Spencer Kummerow
Year 1 Collage - 1st Anabella Hawcroft, 2nd Bo Gattera, 3rd Isabella Richards
Year 2 Drawing - 1st Gabriella Bennett, 2nd Deon Schouten
Year 2 Collage - 1st Emma-Lea Frost, 2nd Theo Grayson-Murray, 3rd Esther Davies
Year 2 Science/SOSE - 1st Nash Kennedy, 2nd Karlee Capewell, 3rd Tahlia Stewart
Year 3 Creative Writing - 1st Beau Devine
Year 3 Drawing - 1st Chelsea Hill, 2nd Esther Davies, 3rd Mathew Little
Year 3 Collage - 3rd Gabby Lyons
Year 4 Drawing - 3rd Kim Fisher
Year 4 Collage - 3rd Peta Russell
Year 5 Handwriting - 2nd Danielle Anderson
Year 5 Creative Writing - 1st Cassie Owczarek, 2nd Duyen Nguyen, 3rd Kye Smith
Year 5 Drawing - 2nd Matilda Vagg
Year 6 Creative Writing - 1st Aaliyah Kennedy
Year 6 Drawing - 1st Nash Kennedy, 2nd Aaliyah Kennedy, 3rd Cody Brayley
Year 6 Science/SOSE - 1st David Wakefield
Year 7 Drawing - 1st Jacob Hammond, 3rd Mary Williams
Year 7 Science/SOSE - 1st Kirra Halford, 2nd Mirri Maire Burns

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