



Charters Towers State High School

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Principal Update — 4th May 2022

Good afternoon Parents, Guardians and Community members,

STATE HIGH PROUD....., We have so much to celebrate!

2022 Country Music Festival Float Procession - WE WON BEST SCHOOL! !!!! - our float entry this year involved a huge team of staff, students and community members. It was sensational to be part of this wonderful procession, the spirit and excitement amongst our community was electric. This truly was a huge team effort led by the fabulous Mrs Carol King! Our exceptional float was constructed and decorated by our fabulous staff and students, a big shout out to Mr Gary Pelletier, Mr Robert Homer, Ms Liezel Binas-Visser, Ms Mia Wells and Ms Hannah Chapman! The most memorable part for me was listening to the amazing voice of Layla Gossage, what a super star! Layla was supported by Ms Kate Peucker and Mr Jim Douglas! To the many students and staff who joined us on the float and walking beside I sincerely thank you for your dedication and pride in our school, simply sensationall!! A special and heartfelt thank you to Phil Hill-Warner for donating not only your truck for our float but your time and your enthusiasm, on behalf of the CTSHS family we THANK YOU!!

ANZAC DAY Celebrations —The community ANZAC day celebration was certainly memorable. The pride that I felt walking alongside our outstanding students was a moment I will never forget. Our Marching Band created by the seriously amazing Mrs Meg Mackenzie was spectacular. Ainslie Tonks led this fabulous group of young musicians proudly through the streets of Charters Towers, the cheers from the crowd highlighted how appreciative we all are of their talent and dedication! Our community was then in awe as we witnessed the exceptional talents of Georgia Brier who sounded the last post and Reveille at both the Dawn Service and Town Service. I would like to acknowledge the work of Deputy Principal, Ms Coralie Gunn and our senior leaders who co-ordinated our Anzac Day celebrations, thank you so much!

Cluster Primary School support — We are working hard to continue to build excellent relationships with each of our cluster primary schools as this really helps to provide a seamless transition to high school for our community. Our Physical Education/Wellbeing Head of Department, Ms Kate Peucker is leading a volunteer Ambassador program whereby our students assist with whole school primary school events. Last week we assisted Millchester Primary school with their Interschool cross country, I thank Paul Thorpe, the Principal of Millchester for his kind words. "Thank you once again to you and your outstanding staff and student team for your school's support of Milly at the Interschool Cross-Country event this morning, Kate organised this on vety short notice and it once again demonstrates the visible strength and tangible impact of State High's support of Mi/lchester and our cluster schools."

Parent-Teacher interviews — It was so wonderful to see many of our parents/carers at our recent Parent — Teacher interviews, I had the pleasure of speaking to most parents seeking feedback on how we could further improve our school, I received some great affirmations for the school and some excellent ideas for improvement, so thank you so much. One excellent suggestion was to email a full contact list to parents so communication is easier, we are currently working on this and will send this to all parents/carers over the coming days.

Interschool sport — I am looking forward to seeing our Interschool sports teams for Rugby League and Netball playing over the next 4 weeks. We have many dedicated staff members who volunteer their time to coach these teams, thank you so much! It is so fabulous to arrive at school in the morning to see our students training hard. I really appreciate the hard work of all of our sports staff and in particular our Sports Co ordinator, Mr Corey Walker!.

Best wishes to all, I am very proud to be Acting Principal at this fine school!

Leanne Knight-Smith
A/Principal





