



Charters Towers State High School

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Principal Update -- 1st April 2022

Good afternoon Parents, Guardians and Community members,

What a tremendous finish to a huge TERM 1. We have so much to celebrate!!

Instrumental Music — Longreach SHEP - The State Honours Ensemble Program is an educational program for music students that helps extend and encourage their pursuit of musical excellence. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program has grown from relatively modest beginnings in 2001. SHEP is now a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music.

We had several students attend the program from our Cluster schools, co-ordinated by the magnificent Meg Mackenzie, "This was the largest contingent of participants in any SHEP program from Charters Towers Schools and it was fantastic to see the support from parents of these students so that they could attend" Please check out our Facebook page to see photos of these highly talented students in action.

Inter-house Cross Country— Our cross country was held this week, we had an excellent participation rate and enjoyed some magnificent performances from our young athletes. We held a celebration parade yesterday where we congratulated our Age Champions and Runners Up. We also enjoyed the celebration war cry presented by our winning house, Mossman — led by House Captains, Steven Pianta and Kenna Archer. The school community also viewed a wonderful photo story of the event, including the fabulous memories captured again by our awesome photographers, Sandra Thorpe and Jim Douglas. I would like to reiterate my thanks to our staff who made this event so successful, in particular our Sports Co-ordinator, Corey Walker and HOD Katelyn Peucker.

Community Support — State High Ambassadors This week many of our Student Ambassadors offered their service to our Cluster primary school's Cross Country events. Our students assisted with the running of the primary school cross countries, I had the pleasure of seeing the students in action at Millchester this morning, they were seriously sensational. Thank you to Ms Peucker and Ms Huen for facilitating this and huge thanks to our amazing Ambassadors — Molly Vardy, Reuben Stanton, Logan Coffison, Riley Beare, Amanda Forward, Georgie Vardy, Braythen Hansen, Brianna Hill-Warner, Seth Matthews, Mikayla Vickery, Sandeep Singh, Hayley O'Keefe, Renae Forward and Keely Retchford. I had so many staff and parents comment about how amazing our students are and how grateful they were for our involvement. This great community service is an example of the foundation we are enhancing here at State High, we will take every opportunity to show our broader community how tremendous our students are — we are STATE HIGH PROUD!

Senior shirts and Senior Jerseys — Our Year 12 students are looking forward to receiving their shirts and jerseys early next term. We thank Ms Shelly Pianta for going above and beyond to make sure our students received these shirts early in the year so they can enjoy wearing them with pride for the rest of their senior year!

I wish all of our families and community members a wonderful and safe holiday.

Best wishes

Leanne Knight-Smith
A/Principal



