



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

A HUGE thanks to the families and staff who came along to support our students who performed in the French Theatre performance on Wednesday. The performance highlights our students' high level of French competence and enthusiasm for learning the language. A MASSIVE thanks to Madame Rosa Maroto for her hard work over the past two terms, preparing props, rehearsing students and organising the performance. We are extremely proud of our Languages program! Check out the photos in next week's newsletter.



MusicFest:

A MASSIVE Congratulations to Mrs Laurinda Davidson and our school band for achieving "Gold" at the MusicFest competition at Iona College this week. The Prestige Music Festival is a school competition featuring concert bands, jazz ensembles, string ensembles, orchestras, percussion ensembles and choirs, and aims to provide an environment where excellence in performance and education can be celebrated. This result placed us at first place, ahead of a number of much larger bands. This is an amazing result for a band that has been playing together for less than 2 years – for our beginning students, they have only been playing with the band for one term! The feedback from the judges included commendations on the band's rhythmic precision and ensemble teamwork. The band was also given a high rating for repertoire selection and utilisation, and for stage presentation and presence. Well done band!!



Like us and Follow us!

This week we have started to expand our ways of communicating with our school community by starting to engage in social media. You can now "like" us on Facebook – *Brisbane Central State School*, or follow us on Twitter - @Bris_Cent_SS. We now have a number of avenues to communicate with our parents regarding what is happening at school – newsletter, QSchools app, school sign, and now Facebook and Twitter. So jump on board, keep up to date and "like" and follow us today!



Fit n' Active: (Week 3 – Week 10)	Mondays: Year 4 – Year 7 Wednesdays: Prep – Year 3
Tuesdays	Junior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
Wednesdays	Band Rehearsals: 7:30am – 8:30am
	Ukulele Ensemble: 11:00am – 11:30am
Thursdays	Chess Program: 8:00am
	Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
Thursdays: 10/09/2013 – 28/11/2013	Write On: 7:45am
Fridays	Gardening Club: 8:30am
	Uniform Shop Open: 8:30am – 9:30am
Fridays: 25/10/2013 – 06/12/2013	Prep – Year 7 Swimming Lessons
04/11/2013 – 08/11/2013	Assessment Period
06/11/2013	P&C Meeting: 8:00am
25/11/2013	Year 1 – Year 7 Swimming Carnival
04/12/2013	P&C Meeting: 8:00am
05/12/2013	Christmas Concert
09/12/2013 – 13/12/2013	Assessment Period
12/12/2013	End of Year Break Up
13/12/2013	Clean Up Day Last school day - Term 4, 2013
14/12/2013 – 27/01/2014	End of Year School holidays
28/01/2014	First school day – Term 1, 2014

World Teachers' Day:

While last Friday was officially World Teachers' Day, at Brisbane Central State School, we celebrate this day together, appreciating and acknowledging the hard work of **all** our staff to ensure that we provide the best education and environment for our students. A HUGE thanks to Miss Kylie Wall and our Year 5/6 students who provided morning tea for the staff as a "thank you".



School rules:

Each week at assembly, I discuss our school rules: "Be safe, Be respectful and Be responsible". This week, we discussed "Be respectful". Following feedback from new parents and teachers to our school, I was able to commend our students on the kind and inclusive way that they welcome adults and other students to the school. New parents have also shared with me how welcoming our parents are. I was very proud of our students when this appreciative feedback was shared with me.

Preparing for 2014:

Are you leaving us? Will you be enrolling a student for the Preparatory Year? Are you taking holidays?

Last week, we sent home a form for you to complete to let us know whether you were leaving the school, or whether you were returning after January 28, 2014. Thank you to the parents who have already let us know their intentions for 2014. Preparations for 2014 classes and staffing have already commenced. **It is crucial** that parents let either Carolina Duncan or myself know **as soon as possible** if their child/ren will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School, or similarly, if they intend to enrol their child/ren for Prep in 2014.

We understand that many of our families use the summer holidays to visit family and friends overseas and interstate, and may return to school after the **commencement of school on January 28, 2014**.

Should this be the case for your family, **it is crucial** that you return the form sent home last week, or provide an email/ letter to Carolina Duncan (cdunc69@eq.edu.au) stating your return date so that your child is still considered as being enrolled in our school. Should your child be away for more than 10 consecutive days from the commencement of Term 1, 2014 (January 28, 2014), you will need to complete an Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling

form. These forms are available from Carolina Duncan in the office. Our final staffing numbers for 2014 depend on the number of known enrolments (either students present at school, or students for whom we have a written correspondence stating their return or start date).

So... in summary:

If you are leaving the school and will not be returning:

- Please email Carolina Duncan – admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au stating your child/ren's name and the name of the school your child/ren will be attending in 2014, or,
- Address a letter to Carolina Duncan stating the same, or,
- Complete the form at the end of this newsletter or return the form sent home last week, and return to the office.

If you will be returning to Brisbane Central State School, but your child will not be returning until after February 6, 2014:

- Please email Carolina Duncan stating your child/ren's name, the reason for their absence from school, and the expected date of return to school, or,
- Address a letter to Carolina Duncan stating the same, or,
- Complete the form at the end of this newsletter or return the form sent home last week, and return to the office, and,
- Complete an Exemption from Compulsory School form (required if absence from school is greater than 10 days)

Please help us to make accurate predictions about our staffing for student numbers by letting us know whether you intend to leave our school, enrol a child, or return to school after January 28, 2014.

Have a great week!

Melissa

YEAR 2/3 NEWS

Our Science unit in Year 2/3 this term is called 'What's the Matter?' We have begun investigating the properties of solids and liquids, as well as the effect of adding or removing heat on a solid or a liquid. The last two weeks have seen us investigate viscosity, in particular the effect on the viscosity of a liquid when heat is added.

One of our investigations involved adding heat and cold to room temperature honey. We then held a 'viscosity race' to see which sample of honey – cold, room temperature or hot – would flow the fastest and thus win the race!



"I predict that the hot honey will flow the quickest and will win because it has the lowest viscosity. I predict that the cold honey will flow the slowest and will lose because it has the highest viscosity." - Madison K.

"I predict that the heated up honey will win, it will flow the quickest. I predict the cold honey will flow the slowest. My prediction was correct and the hot honey had low viscosity, that's why it went so fast." - Harmin C.

"I predict that the hot honey will flow the quickest because it has low viscosity and that means that it is very fast. I predict that the cold honey will flow the slowest because it has high viscosity and that means that it is very slow." - Raquel R. S.

"I predict that the heated honey will win. It will flow the quickest because it has low viscosity." - RJ A.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS

This term, Year 5/6 have been learning a plethora of interesting things! In English we are comparing a range of literary and informative texts, in Science we are conducting environmental field studies and in History we are investigating the experiences of migration groups from all around the world. We are also excited about commencing our journey into school leadership. Over the next 6 weeks, we will learn more about what leadership encompasses and how we can become excellent leaders at Brisbane Central State School in 2014!

YEAR 6/7 ITEM – BALLAD WRITING

My Hero Dog

By Max W.

It was a dark and stormy night all the lights were down.
But then my plump dog molly went out to sniff around.
And while on her nightly hunt she found a furry thing.
And this creature that she brought inside. She treated like a king.

I was sitting doing homework when I saw a patch of hair.
It was a tiny baby possum lying curled up on the chair
I looked at the little possum thinking it was dead.
But then I saw a glimpse of hope because it moved its head.

I bellowed at my mum. And she rushed in hastily.
She stared at the possum who was squeaking painfully.
We wrapped it up all warmly and jumped straight in the car.
We drove quickly to the nearest vet that was not very far.

And now on dark and stormy nights when all the lights are down.
Me and my dog molly hunt and sniff around.
And we look up in the trees. We see a patch of hair.
And we hope that it's our possum looking down from way up there.

The story of Wendy and Goldie

By Lillith B.

The first thing after hatching that Wendy and Goldie saw
Was a heaving mass of little chicks, letting out a caw
The humans came and took their parents, and their brother too
And then threw them in a gas room where they fell with a coo
The humans snatched up the two friends and threw them in a cage
The pair did not know this was the start of the dark age

Wendy and Goldie were sitting trapped inside a hell
Their feet ached so they stood on fellow chickens that had fell
Their food was a gross sludge and tasted more bitter than wine
Their water came through tubes to them, one drop at a time
Just when they thought they had reached the end of the line
The two saw a bright light and they thought it must be time

The light was really a nice, kind rescuer coming in
And choosing desperate birds to salvage from this bin
Next thing that sad and tired Wendy and Goldie knew
They were in a yard with grass of a greenish hue
A tall girl came into the yard and looked at them and then
She pointed at the scrawny hens and said 'Mum, I want them.'

Wendy and Goldie were put gently into a cage
Oh joy! The cage was, for a change, much bigger than this page.
They were released; they looked around, feet flat on the ground.
The sun was shining in their eyes, highlighting a mound.
What was the sun? They didn't know, but both their lives now shined
But they recalled the terror of their friends they left behind.

PARENT ENGLISH CLASS

The Parent English Class will be revisiting the City Hall for a free concert which will be culturally interesting to a number of our class members and any newcomers.

The concert is scheduled for **Tuesday, 12 November**, and is titled **Scintillation: Brazil to Persia**. This concert features South American music (bossa nova and samba) and Persian poetry and jazz. Please keep this date free so you can join us.

We will meet in the BCSS Hall at **10:45am on Tuesday 12 November**, and walk to the City Hall. Following the concert, we will walk to the Roma Street Parkland to enjoy lunch (BYO - bring your own). We will then walk back to BCSS in time to meet your children at 3:00pm.

On Tuesday, 15th October, the BCSS Parent English class visited Brisbane City Hall. On our walk down town we stopped at the old windmill on Wickham Terrace, before enjoying coffee in King George Square. In the City Hall we explored the Museum of Brisbane where we saw an excellent display of Expo 88 memorabilia. We also enjoyed an audio-visual of the history of the Brisbane River. Following this we listened to classical Italian Opera music in the auditorium.

Finally, a tour guide took us through the City Hall before we returned to school. We had a great day together!





MEASLES HEALTH ALERT

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

More information is available from:

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

ASTHMA FOUNDATION QUEENSLAND UPDATE

Managing Asthma over the School Holidays

Although school holidays are a time to relax and unwind from the busy school term, it's important to still remain vigilant to asthma management to ensure that your time off is enjoyable. Whether you're planning a trip overseas, interstate or even just staying at home, here are a few tips to ensure your asthma, or your child's asthma, is well managed during the school holidays:



- Continue to take preventer medication as prescribed on your Asthma Action Plan
- Carry blue reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin) and spacer with you at all times
- Visit your doctor for an asthma review prior to travelling and request an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Remember to take your Asthma Action Plan away with you, or keep in an easy to access location in your home
- Ensure you take enough medication to last your trip, and take repeat prescriptions with you in case you misplace or run out of medication whilst away
- Check that your travel insurance policy specifically includes asthma and that it offers the cover you need

For more information about asthma, please contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open FRIDAY mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

ORDERING UNIFORMS - If you would like to order uniforms you can email Amanda on bcsspandc@hotmail.com and it will be put in your child's school bag after payment is received. If you have ordered the wrong size, it can be returned as long as it has not been worn.

METHODS OF PAYMENT: You can put **cash** or **cheque** in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or

- (1) You can put **cash** or **cheque** in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or
- (2) You can bank the total into the P & C account

BSB: 064012, Account: 0090 4486 (NOT THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT) - Detail uniform with your name (e.g. Uniform Smith).

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please email Amanda bcsspandc@hotmail.com.



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Learning Benefits

- ✓ Experienced teachers
- ✓ French lessons Prep to Year 7
- ✓ Comprehensive Music program
- ✓ Interactive whiteboards in every classroom
- ✓ Air conditioned classrooms
- ✓ Gifted and Talented programs, including dedicated Extension teacher
- ✓ Differentiated swimming programs
- ✓ Free English lessons for parents
- ✓ Oral language and Reading programs
- ✓ High student and parent satisfaction ratings on school opinion surveys
- ✓ High expectations for student behaviour
- ✓ High levels of academic achievement

LEAVING US? PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN

Child's name: _____ Parent's name: _____

Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2014. Please state the school child will be attending:

Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after Tuesday January 28, 2014 (first day of school). Please state reason: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____