Dear Parents/Carers,

The school is abuzz with excitement with only one week to go until the Spring Hill Fair!!! Our choirs and band are busily rehearsing, teachers and students are organising stalls and our Fair coordinators and volunteers are FLAT OUT!! It is going to be a huge day, and we are looking forward to seeing our community coming together to celebrate and to raise funds for our school. Make sure you read on for an update!

While the Fair preparations hum along, our dedicated teachers are working hard to conduct parent-teacher interviews. Our teachers put a lot of time and effort into preparing to meet with you to share information about your child’s progress. I know they are looking forward to meeting with every parent over the next two weeks.

Spring Hill Fair - 1 week to go!!

With the Fair almost upon us, please take note of these last minute reminders:

- We need all hands on deck. Have you signed on for your child’s class stall? To make our stalls a success, all we need is for every parent to sign on for one hour on the day. Please let your child’s teacher know when you can volunteer. We need everyone to help out!

- So that the volunteers can start setting up for the fair, there will be **no Play and Stay on Friday, September 13**. If you wish to stay, then our volunteers will gratefully accept your help.

- Our book stall still requires second hand books. If you have any unwanted books, please send these to our Year 2/3 classroom.

- Our choir, band and Year 4/5, 5/6 and 6/7 students have received a separate letter with details about their performance. The letter includes a rip off slip indicating your child’s commitment to the performance. Please return this slip on Monday September 9 so that teachers are aware of which students will be performing on the day.
  - The theme of the day is dress up! Join in the spirit of the day by just including some dress up items with your outfit. This may include a pair of crazy glasses, a wig, fairy wings, silly hat etc.
  - As Fair items will be arriving by truck all day on Friday September 13, please exercise vigilance and caution when moving around our school grounds on Friday.

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**From the Principal’s Desk…**

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**Brisbane Central State School’s Spring Hill Fair**

**Saturday 14th September 2013, 10:00am – 3:00pm**
Music Program:
Our Music Teacher, Ms. Kat McGowan has extended her leave, and will not return to Brisbane Central State School until October. In the meantime, Mrs. Julie West has kindly agreed to continue to replace Kat. Julie will cover Kat’s Music classes and will lead the choir and Ukulele Ensembles.

As a result, rehearsal times will continue as stated below:

Choir:
- **Wednesday**: 2nd Break 1pm – 1:30pm
- **Thursday**: Before School 8am – 8:40am

Ukulele Ensemble:
- **Wednesday**: 1st Break 11am – 11:30am
- **Thursday**: 1st Break 11am – 11:30am

Due to the Junior Music Camp this week, there will be **no band** Wednesday 11 September. The band will have a rehearsal on Friday instead.

Michael Carr-Gregg Parent Session- Monday 21 October:
The City Cluster of Schools is proud to host Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Monday 21 October, at the Windsor State School Assembly Hall, for a special presentation to parents on “The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in 2013”. Dr Carr-Gregg will speak to us on a number of topics including:

- Communication and strengthening connections between you and your child;
- Online safety;
- Equipping our children emotionally.

The details are:
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg @ Windsor State School,
Constitution Rd, Windsor Qld 4030
21st October 2013
7:00pm-9:00pm (Tea & Coffee available on arrival)
Cost: $10.00 per ticket (available from Brisbane Central State School’s office)

Brisbane Central State School has been allocated 35 tickets for this special event. Tickets are available from the office. Both our teachers and teacher-aides will also be attending two sessions with Michael Carr-Gregg on the Student Free Day. This is a very worthwhile opportunity for Brisbane Central State School.

Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s best known child and adolescent psychologists and one of the country’s leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. He is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying and an official ambassador for the National Depression Initiative—beyondblue as well as Mindmatters, one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government. Dr Carr-Gregg has a private practice in Melbourne, and is in much demand as a speaker, educator and commentator. You may have seen Dr Carr-Gregg during one of his regular sessions on Channel 7’s Sunrise program.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr Carr-Gregg to our cluster and in turn we would like to welcome you to join us as a member of a very special audience. Event details are below. For further details please contact the school office.

A limited number of tickets are now available from the school’s office. Seats are limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early to this premier event so as to avoid disappointment.


Prep Enrolments for 2014 - due now!
If you have a child eligible for Prep in 2014, please ensure that you have picked up an enrolment form from our office, or
have downloaded one from our website. We ask that you return these forms to our school office with a birth certificate. This helps us to plan our staffing arrangements for next year. If you have a neighbour who is turning 5 by June 30, 2014, please let us know so we can arrange for an enrolment pack to be sent to their home.

**Rule Reminders:**

Every week at assembly, I take the opportunity to remind our students about our three school rules, “Be safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful”. We appreciate our parents reinforcing these rules at home. This week, we discussed being “safe” and being “responsible”, by reminding our students that they must have an adult with them if they remain at school after 3 pm. Students were also reminded that they must wait at the office if the adult collecting them is late. Parents are reminded that unless attending Fit and Active, all students must be collected by 3 pm or attending School Aged Care. We appreciate parents also reminding children walking to and from school that they need to depart school on the bell. We thank you for your support.

**Parent-teacher Interviews - September 9 – 20:**

From September 9 to 20, teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to meet with them to discuss their child’s learning over the past two terms. This week, all parents should have received a letter from their child’s teacher inviting them to attend these meetings. I strongly encourage all parents to attend an interview with their child’s teacher. These interviews provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to celebrate a child’s achievements, provide an opportunity for feedback on their progress, and to develop goals for a child’s future learning. These meetings are also a great opportunity to share any concerns you as a parent may have regarding your child’s academic or social-emotional development.

If you have missed the letter from your child’s teacher, please check our Parent Letters and Forms link under “Quick links” on our webpage.

**Thank you:**

Thank you to Gary Gradwell, Jarrod Gradwell and our Gardening Club for our new garden between A Block and the Prep rooms. If you haven’t already seen it, please take the time to check it out.

**Discipline Audit - October 9, 2013:**

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. Brisbane Central State School’s Discipline Audit will be conducted on Wednesday October 9. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about schoolwide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behavior management. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and school staff.

The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline. For further information about Discipline Audits, please contact the principal.

**School Photos - Wednesday September 11:**

Just a reminder that school photos are being taken on Wednesday September 11. On the day, students will need to be wearing their black, formal Brisbane Central State School shirt, black shorts or skort. Girls may wear the uniform dress. A HUGE thanks to Jenny Gilmour for coordinating the photos again this year.

**Band next week**

There will be no band rehearsal or music lessons with Mrs. Davidson next Wednesday as she will be on Junior Music Camp BUT there will be a rehearsal on Friday next week for all the band students from Year 5 – 7 in the hall from 12:20pm to 1:00pm in preparation for the Fair.
Fit and Active

Reminder that next week is our last week for this term. Next terms Fit and Active will be Years 4 - 7 on Mondays and Prep -3 on Wednesdays. The forms will go out on the first week of Term 4.

Have a great week!
Melissa

YEAR 2 NEWS

On Friday 30th August Year 2 participated in the Online Literature Festival. Presented in partnership between Education Queensland and the State Library of Queensland, the Online Literature Festival offers the opportunity for teachers and students to meet and work with their favourite authors and illustrators. Year 2 participated with several other schools in an online web chat with author Meredith Costain. Meredith’s book ‘Doodledum Dancing’ was one of our C2C texts in Term 1. Meredith took us through the process of writing short poems about pets. We got the chance to build up word lists together to use in our poems. We also had a chance to chat about our own pets and what makes them special. We had an online discussion about Meredith’s own books about pets: Bed Tails and Doodledum Dancing. It was a great experience.

Here are some cinquain poems about our pets that we wrote during our web chat. We hope you enjoy them!

**Birds**

Awesome, fluffy
Walking, flying, flapping
Fly
Birds
By Theo Song

**Dogs**

White, cute
Running, digging, breaking, playing
Puppies are cute
Dogs
By Layla Stephenson

**Fish**

Fast, colourful
Jumping, swimming
In a bowl
Fish
By Evan Liu

**Birds**

Hot, flying, dirty
Nesting, chirping, laying
Catch fish
Birds
By Rudra Potlapally

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Year 3/4 has been writing poetry. Please enjoy these examples.

**The Moonlight**

By Trudy

By the light of the moon
A little boy sat
He held just a small balloon
Nothing did he do when he sat just like that
Nothing but watch the moonlight
Nothing at all
The moon shone with all its might
It looked like a big ball
The boy watched it all night
From evening to dawn
Without a single yawn.

**The Sun**

By Jenina

The Sun is beautiful and bright,
It doesn’t shine at night,
It helps plants grow,
And it doesn’t shine down low.

**The Call**

By Mathilda

The glassy surface of the clear water
 Calls the mountains
 And stains the midnight black.

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Parents please remember that the school photos will be on next Wednesday September 11, 2013. Your child should have brought home an order envelope last week. These need to be returned on or before next Wed to the class teacher. Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform. This is a dress or black polo shirt and skirt or shorts for the girls, and black polo shirt and shorts for the boys. The shoes should be black or white, with black or white socks. If you would like to have sibling photos of your children, these envelopes are available at the office. There will also be a whole school photo taken which you may purchase. If you have any queries, please contact the office. Thank you, Mrs Gilmour
GREEN UPDATE

Last Friday the members of the Garden Club helped Mr Gary (groundsman) plant some cordylines in the new garden beds behind the Prep buildings. We planted several plants, mulched and watered the beds. They look fantastic! If you happen to walk past please admire our work, and give Mr Gary (Gary Gradwell) a round of applause if you see him around the school. He does amazing work for the short amount of time he is allocated to our school each week! The Garden Club is also calling out for donations of small plants and vegetable seedlings. Thank you.

Brendan Stock

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

With this week being Health and Physical Education week and the AFL and NRL football finals about to begin, BCSS had a ‘Longest Kick Competition’ for students in Year 3 – 7 during lunchtime on Monday. Many enthusiastic students participated in this competition on the oval. It was fantastic to see both boys and girls trying their best to kick the football as far as they could! The winners of the competition were Yasmine Taylor and Emanuel Pop. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all students that competed!

This week BCSS students also had a cricket coach from Cricket QLD during their PE lessons to help refine their cricket skills. All students learnt many key points about throwing and batting, but most importantly had fun participating in the skills, drills and games.

Thanks,
Anna Paton (PE Teacher)
A BIG congratulations to Mathilda Lovejoy, who placed first for 8 year old girls mini K1 single, and third in the girl's 10 year old TK2 double at the weekend’s Queensland School Canoe Marathon Championships. Well done Mathilda!!

Important News!!

On Tuesday 15th October the Parent English class will have its first Downtown Language Experience. We will visit the Brisbane City Hall to enjoy a free musical concert and tour the City Hall. You are invited to join us on the 15th October. More information will be given closer to the date.

QTMB’s Staffroom for Improvement - help the staff of Brisbane Central State School build a better staffroom!!

We all understand the idea behind giving a teacher an apple. Some of us may have even wanted to do it when we were students, but we might have been too shy or even scared of being branded a ‘Teacher’s pet’.

The thing is, it’s hard to imagine just how much it means to teachers to know that people are doing something (anything) to let them know that we value what an amazing job they do every day.

Yes, there are monetary prizes available - a grand prize of a $20,000 Staffroom makeover and $1,000 each for our top five individual apple givers – but beyond that, the real benefit of the Staffroom for Improvement is how powerfully it works to bring teachers, school staff, students, parents and the broader school community together.

So while giving an apple may seem like such a little thing, believe us, it means so much to teachers.

Go on don’t be shy. Yes, it’s the little things that make a big difference. So if you’ve got a spare moment each day over the next few weeks, maybe you could do that thing you always wanted to do, but were never game to: give an apple to your teacher.

How to Play Start by registering your details at staffroomforimprovement.com.au. Once complete, click the “verify” link in the email automatically sent to your specified email address.

Now you can give one apple valued at one vote to your teachers, just click The Big Red Button above. The second time you give an apple, it will be worth 2 votes. Your status will also upgrade. The third time you give an apple it’s worth 3 votes, and so on, right up to the Golden Apple!

Privacy and email policy If a participant is identified during the sign up process as being under 18, we have asked them, before they signed up, to obtain your consent to them entering the competition and agreeing to us emailing them updates about the competition and to give information about QTMB’s products and services.

Whilst we will contact them, we are mindful of promoting good and responsible savings habits and appropriate products.
OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

With the weather getting cooler it is time to think about jumpers. Our winter stock of Zip-up Jackets has arrived. The price is $35.00 for sizes 4 to 14. We have a small supply of old-style screen-printed Zip-ups for $32.50 and Sloppy Joes for $24.00. Please email or text to make sure we have the correct size. We do not stock Tracksuit pants. You can pick up plain black Tracksuit pants for about $8.00 at Big W or Target.

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

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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).

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9:00am every Friday in the hall (children welcome)

No sewing or cooking experience required… just turn up!

Cost is $2 – includes tea/coffee and morning tea

All welcome!

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### Spring Hill Fair Book Stall

The Spring Hill Fair Book Stall needs books!

Do you have books at home that you don’t read or use? Do you have books you do not like to read?

**Donate them to the Spring Hill Fair book stall!**

Children’s books, novels, cook books…any books welcome!

**Where to drop off donated books:**

* Into the box next to the stairs to the office
* Bring them straight to the Year 2/3 classroom at any time

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

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

As a member-owned mutual bank, transparency is just part of the way we do things. So yes, if you are an adult, we would like to send you some information from time to time about things like our very competitive home and car loans. Or the benefits of becoming a member of a really nice bank that genuinely cares about the community. We promise not to be too annoying, and if you’d like to stop receiving such materials, it only takes a jiffy to click the ‘opt out’ button.
On Sale NOW!

P&C are offering a Pre-purchase Special for Unlimited Amusement Rides & entry to the Animal Farm Yard.

Purchase the wristbands **by Monday 9th Sept** and receive a discount of $5 on the Fair day wristband prices. Pre-purchase special price is:

- $30 for a SINGLE PASS (all ages; includes children 13 years and older)
- $50 for a FAMILY PACKAGE – 2 or more children up to 12 years of age

*If you didn’t get an order form, contact the office to get a copy.*

Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes Wanted!

Bring them in on Wednesday 11th September, 2013.

With only 1 week to go to the big day, we are still seeking items and prizes for our Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes...movie tickets, gift vouchers, electronics, toys, household items, appliances, cosmetics, hair products, beauty treatments, jewellery...it is only limited by the imagination. Ask your hairdresser, local butchers, beautician etc for their support.

*Items must be new and in their packaging*

It is still not too late to raise Sponsorship for our stalls, staging, entertainment, silent auction and raffles. Sponsorship and support can be financial, donation of products and services or a combination of these. Sponsors will have their name and logo placed on our Website, School newsletter and stall on the day.

*Just call Miranda on 0403 595 577 and she will organise the rest.*

More Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are still needed to help man our School Stalls and assist with set-up and bump-out on the day of the Fair. If you haven’t already registered your name to volunteer, there is still time. So, if you can volunteer, even for one hour on the day of the Fair, just let Amanda know.

*Call Amanda on 0437 524 460*
SPRING HILL FAIR – CAKE STALL

Thank you for offering to supply something for our CAKE STALL.

Below are a few suggestions that will help us:

Drop off items to the school on Friday 13th or Saturday 14th September

- Please include the ingredients used (a copy of your recipe maybe easier)
- Clearly write “NUTS” if item contains any
- Note: It may be difficult to refrigerate items so avoid creams or items that may spoil
- Write a note with any special instructions relating to the donation
- Packaging: we can provide some cake boxes/containers if required

We are very grateful for your donations!

Please contact if you have any questions:
Sarah Dewar (0448 779 767) or
Aisling Drumm (0431 123 519)
Maths Fiesta

Dear Parents / Guardian,

On Tuesday September 17th, Brisbane Central State School will host its very first Maths Fiesta!

Maths Fiesta will be a celebration of Mathematics and all you need to bring is your thinking cap and a pencil! The whole day will be extremely interactive, challenging and fun! Activities have been created to suit all age groups and abilities.

Calling all parents and family members!

We would love to see your involvement in the Maths Fiesta! If you would like to accompany your child to his/her allocated session or assist with one of the activities on the day, your attendance and assistance will be greatly appreciated!

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| All Prep & Year 1 students | 1.30 – 2.30 PM |

I look forward to seeing you all at the fiesta!

Regards,

Kylie Wall
Teacher

Melissa Burke
Principal

I, ________________________________, will be accompanying my child in year __________________, to the Maths Fiesta on Tuesday 17th September.

I can / can't assist with an activity on the day.