Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the home stretch this week, with assessments and report cards in the process of being finalised. However, we are not slowing down one bit! Over the next two weeks, our “Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact” online Science Extension program commences; we will be celebrating Under 8’s Day; and our Instrumental, Choir and Ukulele Ensemble students will perform in a “Fete de la Musique” themed concert. Read on for an update of what has been going on around the school!

**High Achievers Program:**
The High Achievers program commenced this week, with sixteen of our Year 6 and Year 7 students heading off to Kelvin Grove State College on Wednesday. Our students joined a number of other students from our Cluster Schools in Maths, Robotics, Science, ICT and The Arts Extension classes. A HUGE thanks to PCYC for transporting our students to KGSC, free of charge, for the next 8 weeks. We look forward to viewing the fruits of their labour in August at the open evening.

**Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact Online Science Extension Program:**
Our Online Science Extension program commences Thursday, June 13 at 7:45am. Students who have opted for the program are reminded to arrive promptly at the computer lab. The program will provide students with an opportunity to learn more about the nature of science and what constitutes science facts and science fiction. The project will be delivered for 10 school weeks from Thursday June 13 (excluding holidays). Involvement in the program requires 1 web conference per week (Thursday 7:45am – 9:00am). Each web conference goes for 60-70 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher from BSDE with support from our extension teacher, Mr David Thornton. Sixteen students opted to participate in this on-line learning opportunity, which is very exciting! We are currently liaising with the Brisbane School of Distance Education regarding the delivery of a second before school program during term 4.

**Under 8’s Day:**
Under and Over 8 year olds from Prep to Year 7 will be celebrating Under 8’s Day on Friday June 21, 2013 between 9:15am and 10:30am. This is a great day for all our students and parents to celebrate childhood, and encourage all our parents to stay and enjoy the sunshine and the activities. We have booked a coffee van so that parents can also enjoy a hot beverage while they watch their children participate.

As this year’s theme is ‘Celebrating community - sharing music, movement and culture. Think locally!’, we are seeking parents who are willing to run small activities that would share aspects of their culture with our whole school community. These activities could include, but are not limited to:

- Cultural dancing e.g. Bollywood
- Arts and crafts e.g. origami, puppet making, kites, painting, henna hand painting
- Games and sports
- Cooking activities

We would love to include activities that are reflective of our cultural diversity. If you would be prepared to share or host an activity, please let either myself or your child’s teacher know. We want to make this a great morning for our students, so please consider being involved!
Fete de la Musique Concert:
Our Instrumental Music, Choir and Ukulele Ensemble students will be performing in a French inspired concert on Wednesday, June 19 at 6.30 pm. Please note the change of time and date. I know our students have been busily rehearsing pieces for the concert, and I was treated to a version of “Yellow Submarine” in French and English on Tuesday morning during Choir rehearsals! A HUGE thanks to Ms Kat McGowan and Mrs Laurinda Davidson for their hard work and time rehearsing students for the concert. A special thanks to Madame Rosa Maroto, for her expert assistance in supporting students with the French lyrics.

Uniform Policy:
As winter is now upon us, it seems timely to remind our students and parents about our Uniform Policy. The Uniform Policy was devised with, and ratified by the P&C at the end of 2011.

items include:
• BCSS black polo shirts with yellow/gold collar – This shirt is the preferred shirt for all formal occasions and all inter-school sporting events for student identification, sun-protection and aesthetic reasons.
• BCSS yellow/gold collared polo shirt with black collar
• BCSS black shorts, plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit pants - All shorts need to be at least of mid-thigh length.
• Plain Black skorts – These items need to be worn at mid-thigh length or longer.
• Plain black leggings or tights can be worn but not by themselves with a uniform shirt only underneath dresses or skorts. Leggings must be plain black, full length and without decoration.
• BCSS dresses – Must be at least of mid-thigh length or longer.
• Bike pants may be worn for modesty under dresses but should not be visible below the hemline of a dress.
• Hat – A broad brimmed hat is compulsory for all children while exposed to ultra-violet rays. A black broad-brimmed hat is available as a uniform item.
• Black shoes and white or black sports shoes/runners/sandshoes (plain or near-plain styles) are recommended as part of the uniform. Covered footwear is compulsory at all times for children attending the school. Sandals, thongs or high heeled shoes are not permitted to be worn. White or black ankle socks or sports socks are the uniform standard.
• Plain purple polo shirts (St Paul’s House) and plain red polo shirts (Rogers’ House) are available for school inter-house competition days.
• BCSS black zip-up jacket or plain black warm tops or jackets may be worn
• Plain black long trousers or tracksuit pants
• Warm clothes in colours other than plain black or gold are not suitable.

Please ensure that your child is dressed for school according to the school’s dress code. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school or the P&C for clarity on any of the details described above.

New website and QSchools App:
Have you checked out our new website and downloaded the QSchools App yet?
We will be updating our website regularly with news and events. Because our new website is linked to the QSchools app, you can get updates regularly from your smart phone or tablet. So don’t wait!! Download the app today and keep connected to us!

Have a great week!
Melissa

YEAR 5/6 NEWS
It’s been an extremely busy semester for Year 5/6. We have enjoyed learning about Australian history, healthy habits and exploring advertising in the media. We have studied Van Gough and recreated his famous sunflowers and we have redesigned existing advertisements and created our very own advertisement. We are eagerly awaiting Semester Two to explore new topics and deepen our knowledge and understanding in a range of different areas.

Miss Wall

MUSIC NEWS
We only need 6500 musicians to break the World’s Biggest Orchestra World Record! For only $15 - $25, your name can be put into the Guinness World Records Book! Under the leadership of famous trumpeter, James Morrison, beginner and professional Musicians will break 2 world records in just one day. On Saturday 13 July the World’s Biggest Orchestra will assemble at the Suncorp Stadium, and the Largest Trumpet Ensemble will play in the King George Square. All string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments are welcome. Waltzing Matilda, Ode to Joy, and We Will Rock You will be played on the day. For more information, registrations and scores, please visit www.worldsbiggestorchestra.com.
Come and join the FUN!

GREEN UPDATE
TRIVIA: Did you know that 100% of recycled aluminum ends up as another aluminum can in as few as 60 days?
Tossing a can into a landfill is the equivalent of dumping six ounces of gasoline onto the sidewalk!

FIRE FIGHTER’S VISIT

Year 1 has had a visit from the KEMP PLACE fire fighters as part of Queensland Fire and Rescue (QFRS), FIRE ED program. The program promotes fire safety rules and messages. Year 1 students learned about SAFE and UNSAFE FIRES & being SAFE in an emergency. Key Safety Rules include:

- Don’t hide, scream and shout!
- Get down low and go, go go!
- Get out, stay out!
- Stop, drop and roll if clothing catches fire

We are looking forward to another visit to look at the fire truck.

FIT ‘N’ ACTIVE REMINDER

Due to next Monday (10th) being a public holiday the Years 4 - 7 will have their last day on the 17th of June this makes next Thursday the 13th of June the last day of Fit ‘n’ Active for the Prep - Year 3. If you want your child/children to placed in the sessions you need to have the forms back by the due date. Anyone that places their forms in after that time will have to wait for someone to drop out or the next terms event. Keep an eye out for next terms event.

These days are not for play and stay. The children will be hitting, throwing or kicking balls. I do not want to see other children or parents get hurt.

If it is raining we will be conducting Fit ‘n’ Active under the shed located near the toilet block.

Pick up time is 4:15pm. The children meet me at the lunch shed on the oval at 3:00pm where we have fruit and do a roll call. All children need their hat and a water bottle. Please do not be late for pick ups. Thank you.

Maree Lewis

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENSING 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 uniform 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:

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.

Term 2, 2013

Craft Group

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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!
Brisbane Central State School's

Spring Hill Fair

Brisbane Central State School is having a fair on Saturday, 14th September, 2013.

Unwanted Items

Clean out your cupboards, items we need:
- Kids' clothes
- Men's & women's clothes
- Electrical items
- Curtains
- Clocks
- Shoes
- Toys
- Furniture
- Kitchenware
- Knick-knacks
- Books
- Magazines
- Anything

Activities include:
- Giant Slide
- Rock Wall
- Elephant Castle (jumping)
- Farmyard Animals

14 weeks to go

Volunteers needed to help with fair preparation! If you can help, see Alyson 0416 220 868 or Amanda 0437 524 460 to register your interest.

Stall holders

If you would like to hold your own stall at the fair or know someone who would, please contact either Amanda Woolnough 0437 524 460 or Alyson Fenton 0416 220 868.

Free Dress Days for the FAIR coming next term... stay tuned for more information!