FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost half way through the term! This week marks the end of many of our units of work, with students completing assessment pieces, and teachers making judgements about students’ work so that they know how to target their teaching to ensure that every student, every day is learning. In a few weeks, teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to meet with them to discuss their child’s work and academic progress. I strongly encourage every parent to take this opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher between September 9 and September 20. We highly value this partnership with parents, and know that it is when parents and teachers are working together, that children are most likely to succeed.

Club Kidpreneur Launch:

Our Year 6/7 class was very excited and honoured to host the launch of the Club Kidpreneur, “Business in a Backpack” on Wednesday. Opening the launch was Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, along with Councillor Vicki Howard and Kidpreneur CEO, Graham Berman. Club Kidpreneur is a social enterprise that provides an opportunity for primary aged students to start and sustain their own micro-enterprise. The $50 Challenge is a nation-wide competition in which students are supplied with a “Business in a Backpack”, that provides students with the raw materials and resources to build their own business, the profits of which are donated to a charity. The Brisbane City Council has decided to sponsor the program in Brisbane, the first council in Australia to get behind the initiative. Our Year 6/7 students have just started their business enterprises this week, and will be working on their projects over the next several weeks. Make sure you look out for the story on the Channel 9 news this weekend!

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| Tuesdays |
| Band Rehearsals: 7:30am – 8:30am |
| Ukulele Ensemble: 11:00am – 11:30am |

| Wednesdays |
| Chess Program: 8:00am |

| Thursdays 11/07/2013 – 29/08/2013 |
| Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact: 7:45am |

| Fridays |
| Gardening Club: 8:30am |
| UQ Sports Program: 12:00pm – 3:00pm |

13/08/2013 ICAS Maths Test

14/08/2013 Ekka Show Public Holiday

19/08/2013 – 21/08/2013 Year 5 – 7 Camp

22/08/2013 Book Week Author Visit

30/08/2013 Year 2 Fathers’ Day Workshop

04/09/2013 P&C Meeting: 8:00am in the school hall

11/09/2013 School Photos
| Concert: 6:00pm – 7:00pm |

12/09/2013 Maths Fiesta

14/09/2013 BCSS Spring Hill Fair: 10:00am – 3:00pm

20/09/2013 Last school day - Term 3, 2013

21/09/2013 – 07/10/2013 Term 3 School holidays

08/10/2013 First school day - Term 4, 2013

Brisbane Central State School’s Spring Hill Fair
Saturday 14th September 2013, 10:00am – 3:00pm
**Adopt-a-Cop Visit:**
We were joined this week by Constable Sebastian, who spoke to all our students about situational awareness when walking to and from school. In particular, Constable Sebastian reminded students to:

- Walk like you mean business.
- Maintain a confident appearance.
- Be aware of everything that is going on around you.
- Remember key street names.
- Take notice of the location of public telephone boxes.
- Do not cover both ears with headphones as you may not hear approaching danger.
- Find an easy way to get to school where there is less traffic and safer road crossings.
- Consider practical clothing and dress for what you are doing.
- Practice walking the route with your parents or someone you trust before school starts.
- Keep to major well-lit streets.
- Avoid dark areas.
- Stick to well-travelled routes and avoid shortcuts.
- Let someone know: where you are going, how long you intend to be, which route you are taking.

While Brisbane is generally a pretty safe city, it is important that parents also discuss these reminders with their children, particularly if they walk by themselves to and from school.

**Acknowledgement of Country:**
Last year, under the leadership of Ms Alison Thomas, and after consultation with our staff, our school adopted an Acknowledgement of Country that was used at school assemblies. In conjunction with Reconciliation Week in May, the Department of Education, Training and Employment adopted an official Acknowledgment of Country. We have recently adopted this new Acknowledgement of Country at our assemblies, the wording of which is:

“We acknowledge the Turrbul people, the Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us today”.

I would like to thank Alison for her work in this area. Brisbane Central State School is the first school community that I have been a part of that has used an Acknowledgement of Country, and I am proud that we implemented one in the absence of an official version.

**Book Week: August 19 - 23:**
This year, to celebrate Book Week, we have invited Tristan Bancks to bring his “World of Creativity” to the students. The cost per child is $5.50 to attend this amazing workshop on Thursday 22nd August, and payment can be made by cheque, cash or direct debit. Please see the letter at the end of this newsletter for details. Tristan’s workshop brings together images, video, music, maps, text and web grabs on virtual pages and is based on the author’s own multimedia-fuelled approach, supercharging the writing process for people who think visually, interactively and aurally, as well as textually. As well as working with Tristan, students will have the opportunity to ask questions and have books signed to
Bring home. If you would like to purchase Tristan’s books on or before the day, an order form can be obtained from the office and returned with payment. Please make all cheques payable to Tristan Bancks.

**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.

**Making payments to the school account:**

When making a payment into the school account, please ensure that you state your child’s name and the reason for the payment- e.g. *J BROWN- Swimming*. This ensures that we credit the payment to the correct student. We currently have $5 paid into the school account which would have been for the bus to the Track and Field Carnival, but no student’s name. If parents could please check their own bank accounts and advise the office if they paid $5 into the school account, so that we can credit your student’s account for this expense. Thank you to the parents who already follow this procedure.

**Earn and Learn:**

A BIG thank you to our parents for supporting the “Earn and Learn” promotion this year. A HUGE thanks to Sarah Dewar for coordinating the collection and recording of the stickers. The points awarded will go towards the purchase of science materials to support the implementation of the science curriculum.

Have a great week!

Melissa

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**YEAR 2/3 NEWS**

Vocabulary in the classroom is an important part of teaching and learning at Brisbane Central State School. In Year 2/3, we co-create a Word Wall with words from our English, Maths, Science and History units. Many of the words are chosen by the students and are words they recognise as being central to the unit of work, words they are unsure of the meaning and/or use and words they need to refer to regularly in order to learn to spell with confidence. Words are also chosen by the teacher in order for the students to be able to develop a deeper understanding of their meaning, so that they can transfer their understanding of the word across a variety of contexts.

We have recently begun creating our own ‘Personal Vocabulary Books’ for English, Maths and Science. We regularly add new words to our books with meanings, examples and drawings. These words and meanings are also displayed on our Word Wall and we review them almost daily. The students can also add their own words and examples when they feel it necessary and this has allowed them to feel ownership and control over both their vocabulary books and their learning.

A busy term ahead!

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**CITY DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL**

Brisbane Central SS performed very well at the City District Track and Field Carnival on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August. Well done and congratulations to all of the students that competed. You should be very proud of your great efforts. Zoe B has qualified for the Met North Championships at St Lucia later this month. Zoe came first in the 12 Years Girls 200m event and second in the 12 Years Girls 100m event. Congratulations Zoe! A big thank you to Maree Lewis for managing the team and to all the Brisbane Central parents that supported and cheered on the students at the carnival over the two days.

Thanks
Anna Paton (PE Teacher)
BOOKWEEK AUTHOR VISIT

Author Tristan Bancks will be visiting Brisbane Central SS for Book Week on Thursday 22 August, discussing his books and the writing process. As well as working with Tristan, students will have the opportunity to ask questions and have books signed to bring home.

If you would like to purchase any of Tristan’s books with a school discount, an order form can be obtained from the office and returned with payment on or before the day, or refer to the link on our school website. Cash or cheques only. No credit cards. Please make all cheques payable to Tristan Bancks.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

(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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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!
The perfect senior high school for creative young minds.

QUEENSLAND ACADEMIES
Creative Industries Campus

Clever Minds
We offer the rigorous and world recognised International Baccalaureate Diploma which challenges academically and grows the individual ethically and socially.

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We bring together like-minded peers who seek to collaborate in an environment specifically designed to foster creativity, innovation and enterprise.

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We recognise that the world is our student’s future workplace. Our approach to education develops an international understanding through a global citizenship perspective.

Bright Minds Brilliant Futures

Come along to our Open Day!
Tuesday 27 August
Tours 4 - 6pm
Info. Session 6 - 7pm

Queensland Academies - Creative Industries Campus - 61 Musk Ave, Kelvin Grove
For more details call us on (07) 3377 9366 or visit www.qa.eq.edu.au
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.

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.

Spring Hill Fair Website goes live. Fair organisers are excited. The Spring Hill Fair website went live last Friday evening. Tell your friends and visit www.springhillfair.com.au for all the latest on the Fair.

It has been an exciting week with the following stalls committing to the Fair:
1. Plaster Painting for Kids
2. Little Miss Pretty
3. Goodlife Health Clubs
4. Handmade by Bath
5. Debbie Fernandez – Your Inspiration at Home

If you would like to hold your own stall at the Fair or know someone who would, please contact Amanda (0437 524 460) or Alyson (0416 220 868)

We are still looking for sponsorship of our stalls, staging and entertainment. 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. To find out more about Fair sponsorship, call Miranda on 0402 595 577.

A reminder that, “Many hands make light work”, so “THANK YOU” to everyone who have already volunteered. There is still a lot to do and we need help with the manning of stalls on the day of the Fair. If you are able to volunteer even for one hour out of the 5 hours of the Fair, let Alyson, Amanda or Sunita know, as soon as you can. If everyone does a little...we can achieve a lot.

Our colourful and festive Official Fair Poster and our Election Campaign themed flyer are being distributed around Spring Hill and beyond, this week. If you can help with the distribution of our posters, call Miranda on 0402 595 577.
Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday 31st July 2013

Meeting commenced at 8.06am
Held at Brisbane Central State School, Spring Hill

Present
Melissa Burke, Paul Wilson, Alyson Fenton, Karyn Wernham, Miranda Crisci, Rosemary Foster, Cecilia Huang, Peter Zunker, Ivan Leeson

Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting
A motion was carried that the tabled minutes of the previous P&C meeting held on Wednesday 5th June, 2013 were a true and correct record of proceedings.
Moved: Rosemary Foster Seconded: Paul Wilson

Correspondence: Discussed

Treasurer’s Report
Moved: Peter Zunker Seconded: Paul Wilson

General Business
1. Stingless Australian bees (beehive) update – Karen
   A motion was moved (5/6/13) to purchase and install bees and (axel grease) up to $400 for the gardening club – discussion. Principal needs to do a Curriculum Risk Assessment before bees can be bought.
2. Re-unification update – discussed Robert Cavallucci’s newsletter article
3. Fair update -
   2 more “free dress days” with a gold coin donation
   Performances
   Opening
4. Receipting/acknowledging receipt of Fair sponsorship and stall fees - need a process for receipting/acknowledging receipt of Fair sponsorship and stall fees once received in the P&C bank account. Treasurer to ensure receipts are issued.
5. School Marquees Suggestion to raise a motion that some of the money raised at the Fair be allocated to the production and purchase of 3 x 3.0mx3.0m BCSS branded marquees with full branded backs, for use at school and P&C events eg (sausage sizzles etc) and also for hiring out.
   Estimated total cost of 3 x 3.0mx3.0m branded marquees plus full backs for each based on quote provided is $4,258.50.
6. Fundraising – Entertainment Book finalised ($546 profit)
7. Newsletter display – discussed single column display
8. Music stands - have been received by the school
9. Collection of funds - P&C have had safes installed for their use. Discuss the cash handling procedures at the next meeting.
10. Hall (cooling) - louvre and fan discussion - ongoing
11. Funding an improvement to the frog habitat (including student seating) update Amanda and Alyson. Prices obtained for seating.
12. Disco times a suggestion has been made to have one (1) disco session only and start later than 5pm ie whole of school disco etc 5.30pm to 7/7.30pm.
13. Uniform update – Amanda
14. School Business Planning Day - discussed having a meeting in term 4 to discuss a 5-10 year school plan.
15. Acknowledgement of Country – A motion was moved to formally adopt DETE’s Acknowledgement of Country. All in favour

Principal’s Report:

Next meeting/s: Wednesday 4th September at 8am (week 9)
Meeting closed: 9.25am
Melissa Burke  
Principal  

9 August 2013  

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Please pay directly to the Commonwealth Bank.  
Account Name: Brisbane Central State School General A/C  
BSB: 064 012  
Account Number: 10035751  
Reference: Child’s name and author visit  

Regards  
Narelle Hoelzl,  
Teacher Librarian  

Story Scrapbook  
Create and visualise stories using Tristan’s multimedia story brainstorming app, Story Scrapbook. This workshop brings together images, video, music, maps, text and web grabs on virtual pages and is based on the author’s own multimedia-fuelled approach, supercharging the writing process for people who think visually, interactively and aurally, as well as textually.  
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