Dear Parents/Carers,

We have just completed our seventh week of Term 1! The time feels like it is racing by! This week you should have received a letter from your child’s teacher inviting you to a parent-teacher meeting. Our Harmony Day celebrations are just around the corner, and with our hall now occupied with the library, we are taking our celebrations outdoors. Read on for an update about both.

**Parent-Teacher meetings:**

From March 17 to April 3, teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to meet with them to discuss their child’s learning over the past term. Within the next week, all parents should receive 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.

A couple of tips to make the most of your meeting with your child’s teacher:

- The interviews are short, so please come prepared with a list of questions you want to raise.
- Attend with a partner or friend, particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.
- Let the teacher have a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress - they have a lot of your child’s work to show you!

Take notes and clarify information that you don’t understand. “What do you mean by ‘he needs to spend time reading’...?” Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child’s teacher is giving.

Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened. No doubt your child’s teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child’s difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher’s time and of those parents who are to follow. If you are unable to attend an interview due to unforeseen circumstances, please let your child’s teacher know so the time can be offered to another parent.
Harmony Day Celebrations:
Harmony Day at Brisbane Central this year will be held on Thursday March 27. Our Student Council has been working with Mrs Annette Somerville and Mrs Charmaine Xinis to plan the morning. As our hall is now not large enough for a special assembly, we will be holding the event on the oval instead. We would LOVE for our families to join us to help celebrate our diverse cultural backgrounds and heritages. Students are encouraged to wear their national dress or orange (the colour of harmony), and bring cultural foods to share. This is always a very special day for our community.

Dress Code:
As the weather starts to become a little cooler, it is important to remember that the school has a P&C endorsed Dress Code. This code states that our uniform includes:

- 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 should be at least of mid-thigh length.
- Plain Black skorts. Skorts 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.
- 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.
- Revealing swimwear or swimwear with inappropriate designs or logos is not permitted. Bathing caps are compulsory.
- When warm clothing is required, BCSS black zip-up jackets are available. Plain black long trousers or tracksuit pants and plain black warm tops or jackets may be worn. Warm clothes in colours other than plain black or gold are not suitable.
- It is essential that parents/carers clearly label all uniform items with their child’s name so lost items can be returned to their rightful owners.

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school or the P&C for clarity any of the details described above.

Have a great week,

Melissa
Bonjour/ Hello, the last two weeks have been very busy for our French students. We celebrated Mardi-Gras on Pancake Tuesday with the Years Prep and 1 making their masques/ masks (some are being exhibited outside the school office), and all Tuesday classes enjoying a taste of traditional crêpes.

This week our Years 3 to 7 attended the Brisbane French Film Festival. 112 students accompanied by their teachers enjoyed the screening of « Boule et Bill ». I would like to thank all our great staff for their support, making this trip possible, as well as to compliment our students on their good manners and behaviour. It is always a pleasure to receive compliments on our students from the cinema staff and bus drivers, as we did last Tuesday. Bien fait/ well done. And lastly thank you to all the parents for getting those forms and money paid in on time.

merci, et à la prochaine / thanks and till next time,

Madame Rosa Maroto

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**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.

*** NEW IN STOCK - Size 4 Black and Gold coloured polo shirts are now available ***

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.

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**SCIENCE CORNER**

Our Science Club is up and running with 15 eager students at our first meeting today. Our students will be working on the inquiry question every Thursday first break in our School Library; researching the inquiry question; communicating with our Scientists in Schools Partners, Dr Rob Kenyon and Dr David Innis; reporting their findings in the school newsletter and generally having fun learning!

Charmaine Xinis
Head of Curriculum

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**SCIENCE INQUIRY 1**

Here are four animals; two of these animals are closely related. Which ones and why?

- Velociraptor
- Pteranodon
- Chicken
- Dinosaur

Discuss your answer at home or with peer teachers, for science our teachers will guide our students.
CITY DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS

Parents of children interested in trialing for City District teams in the following sports –

- Soccer
- Touch Football

Please contact Mr Waugh dwaug3@eq.edu.au for details.

**Children must be born in 2002, 2003** and be of a high standard of ability in the sport.

TAG LEAGUE

Players are needed for our school Tag League teams to compete at City District Gala Sport Days in Term 2. Children in Years 5,6,7 must attend training on Tuesday mornings at 8.30 am on the school oval to be considered for selection. Darren Waugh

PARENT ENGLISH CLASS

Our planned excursion to Shorncliffe is on **Tuesday, 18th March**.

**We will meet in the School Hall at 9:00am to walk to Brisbane Central Station** to take the train to Shorncliffe. We will return to BCSS before 2:30pm in the afternoon.

Everyone needs to bring their own lunch. We need to wear comfortable sun safe clothing (including a hat) and good walking shoes.

We extend an invitation to any new parent to join us on our March 18th excursion.

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**Harmony Day**

**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2014

**Time:** 9.00am – 11.00am

**Venue:** Brisbane Central SS

Please come along and join in our Harmony Day Celebration. Commencing at 9.00 with an Assembly at the top of the school driveway, join in a whole school Harmony Day song led by our choir; hear our multi-lingual students speak about what harmony day means to them; join in some cultural games on the oval; and stay for our BIG HARMONY PICNIC from 10.30am -11am. We hope to see you there!

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**A message to all year 6 & 7 parents**

As part of the 6/7’s 2014 fundraising, we are selling ice blocks at play and on Wednesdays and Fridays and we need YOUR help!

If you cannot help to sell ice blocks or on either of these days, you can help by:

1. **Buying some Ice Cubes** and sending them in with your son/daughter to school (hand to the class teacher).
   
   OR

2. **Donate $10** to help with the cost of purchasing the ice blocks (place your donation in an envelope and hand to the class teacher).

Many thanks 2014 6 & 7s.
PCYC Fortitude Valley - Brisbane Central
Vacation Care
Autumn Program
Monday 7 April 2014 to Thursday 17 April 2014
$45.00 per child per day
For full week bookings or
$50.00 per child per day
Less CCB for 1-4 days
$60.00 for bookings received after 28/03/2014
For further information please contact 07 32560683

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I understand that my children will be unable to start the program until first week of payment has been received. ALL fees are to remain one week in advance at all times. I understand that payments can be made anytime up to the start of the program. I am aware that if bookings are not received by 28/03/2014, I will be charged at the higher rate of $60.00 per child per day. I am also aware that once I have submitted my booking form that any changes I make will require me to complete another form in full and a $20.00 administration fee will be charged to my account. Each day I will ensure my child has lunch, morning and afternoon tea, and a drink. I will ensure that my child arrives at the service with closed in shoes, a hat, and suitable clothing (no cloggers, tank or tube togs). I understand that I will be contacted and asked to bring back to the service suitable clothing or my child will be unable to participate in activities.

I would love to hear from anyone else whom I will be collecting my children. I am aware that I need to provide 48 hours notice for cancellations on normal program days and 7 days notice for sick and excursion days. I know that my child must be a member of the PCYC and I have read all the information provided.

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A SIGNATURE
**PCYC SCHOOL AGE CARE INFORMATION — PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- **Program Hours:** Our programs operate from 7.00am to 6.00pm. Children cannot be dropped at the service prior to this time. A late fee of $10.00 for the first 5 minutes and $1.00 for every minute after will be charged per child for pick ups after 6:00pm.

- **Bookings:** All bookings received prior to Wednesday before the start of the program will have a statement sent out either by email or mail. To receive your CCB rebate bookings must be completed in full. Full fees will be charged when all information is not provided. Unfortunately due to CCMS and time restrictions we will only be able to provide an approximate fee upon receiving bookings, full and accurate costs will be sent out once bookings have been entered into systems.

- **Bookings must be received by 6.00pm Friday 28th of March 2014 to receive the lower fee rate. Bookings received after this date will incur the $60.00 a day fee (regardless of full week bookings). Any changes to bookings once bookings have been accepted will incur a $5.00 administration fee.

- **Payments can be made up to the start of the program or on the first morning of attendance. ACCOUNTS MUST REMAIN ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE AT ALL TIMES.** Please be aware that your child cannot commence the program on the morning of booking if fees have not been received. Any outstanding fees from previous program or Term 4 2012 must be paid before children can commence program.

- **Excursions/Incursions are extra and compulsory if booked in on the day. The costs are added to your fees and separate payment is not required.

- **Cancellations:** Any day where children leave the service or a activity or group are invited to the service is classified as an excursion day and requires 7 days notice for cancellations. Any other day notice of 48 hours is required for cancellations. Refunds will be sent out after the end of the program upon request or monies will carry over as a credit to the next program.

- **Costs and Payments:** Cost is $45.00 per day for full week bookings. $50.00 for bookings 1-4 days per week and $60.00 for bookings received after 28th March 2014.

- **FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE CHILDREN CAN START.

- **Membership:** All children must be financial members of the PCYC, this covers insurance. Cost is $20 per child or $60 renewable every January.

- **Food and Drinks:** PCYC has a healthy eating policy and we ask that parents provide healthy alternatives for children when possible. Children need to bring their own bottle of water.

- **Dress:** PCYC has a sun safe policy and as such children need to bring a hat each day and wear appropriate clothing (no tank, tube or singlet tops). No open shoes or shoes with buckles are permitted.

- **Mobile Phones, hand held games:** Children are asked not to bring phones or games to the service, unless program states otherwise. We also ask that they don’t bring games, toys or trading cards. Items will be taken from children and can be collected by parents/guardians at the end of the day. No responsibility will be taken by PCYC for lost, damaged or stolen property.

- **Information Booklet:** Parent hand books and further information is available on request.

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**Excursion and Incursions**

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Preparing for puberty
Family Education 2014

Family education programs

- Family education programs are conducted for parents/carers and children to encourage open communication about sexuality.
- As a parent/carer you are the foremost educator of your child.
- Build communication to last a lifetime with FPQ family education.

FPQ’s family education program will assist you to:
- Develop healthy communication with your child/children
- Provide age-appropriate sexuality education
- Build your child’s self-esteem
- Provide information and support during puberty
- Answer questions with comfort

Course details:

Date: 9 April 2014
Time: 1.00pm to 2.30pm
Location: Fortitude Valley
Cost: $25 per family
RSVP: 1 April 2014

Upper Primary Program Grades 6 – 7:

Preparing for Puberty

A 1½ hour session for parents/carers and children aimed at encouraging parent/child communication about naming body parts and the changes that occur at puberty.

The session will include activities between parents/carers and children to facilitate open communication.

For more information:

Family Planning Queensland
PO Box 215
Fortitude Valley QLD 4008

Phone: 07 3250 0240 or 3281 4088
Email: brisbaneeedu@fpq.com.au

Booking is essential for this popular program.

Course code: 328

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FPQ will keep you updated about FPQ courses and news via e-mail. ○ No, I don't want to receive updates/news.

How did hear about this course? □ Email □ Events calendar on FPQ website □ From a parent/professional □ Hard copy of flyer □ On a notice board □ Other - please state

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FPQ offers some support in the area of language, literacy, numeracy, learning needs and disability.

Please tick if you would like assistance with any of these areas.

### PAYING BY:

- [ ] CHEQUE For $__________ incl.
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- Credit Card Number: ________  Expiry Date: ________
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Signature: ____________________________

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**Post:** Family Planning Queensland  
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I understand that by lodging this form I am agreeing to Family Planning Queensland’s Terms and Conditions on Course Registration which is available at [www.fpq.com.au](http://www.fpq.com.au) or phone (07) 3250 0240.

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