FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK…

Dear Parents/Carers,

With school finishing on Friday 4 April, this will be our final newsletter for the term! From all of the staff at Brisbane Central, I wish all our families a very safe and relaxing holiday period. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday April 22, 2014.

HARMONY DAY:
What a wonderful day! No other words can describe the feeling in the school yesterday. It was very exciting to see how many parents and family members were able to join us for the Harmony Day assembly. The students who spoke on assembly shared their own personal histories and stories about their cultural heritage and journey to Australia. Our cultural diversity was also well represented by the range of traditional dress shared by students across the school. Classes enjoyed a wide range of cultural food for morning tea. A MASSIVE thank-you to Mrs Somerville for organising our student leaders to run the whole assembly. I also wanted to say a big thank-you to the Brisbane Central team, including our pre-service teachers who all prepared Harmony Day activities to share with our students. So many smiles, so much joy. There is no doubt it will be an occasion that many of our students will never forget.

Congratulations to all our Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir students for their performance at yesterday’s Harmony Day Assembly. The rain could not dampen anyone’s spirits. I’m sure that all our parents who attended will agree that our students performed extremely well. A BIG thank you to Miss Kylie Wall and Miss Rae Ross for their continued dedication and support of our Junior Choir students and to Mrs Jenny Battersby for her preparation of the Senior Choir’s rendition of the Harmony Song. Mrs Battersby also taught this song to our entire student body so that they could sing along during Assembly. I can’t wait for next year!

Up-coming Events:
Cross Country – Thursday 3 April
All students will be sitting in the shade in their class groups when not competing. Please wear sunscreen and your hats at all times and bring your water bottle to ensure maximum hydration.
SCHEDULE:
9:15 – 10:45am.
9 -13 year old students:  Students in this age group will run 1.5 km

11:30 – 1pm Prep – Year 3
Preps – 1 lap of the oval
Year 1 – 1 lap of the oval
Year 2 – 2 laps of the oval
Year 3 – 3 laps of the oval

Easter Hat Parade
Friday 4 April at 9:15am. Come along and enjoy our egg-tastic hats! Please join us.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
Many of our staff are more than half-way through meeting with parents to discuss their child’s progress and to develop goals for future learning. If you have not made a time to meet with your child’s teacher, I urge you to do so. Even if you have no concerns or questions, meeting with your child’s teacher allows you to get a “full picture” of how your child is progressing at school. My sincere thanks goes to our wonderful class teachers who have given up their mornings and afternoons to meet with our parents.

Have a great week.

Charmaine Xinis
A/Principal

UNIFORM NEWS

NEW HOURS AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR UNIFORM SHOP....starting from term 2 after the Easter school holidays.
Opening hours Mondays 8.15am to 8.45am (or by appointment only)
The uniform shop is run solely by volunteers, so your patience and consideration is needed.

ORDERING:
If you would like to order uniforms you can text Paula Pattinson on 0449017711 or email lumpydo@optusnet.com.au. The order will go home in your child’s bag once payment has been received. If you ordered the wrong size, it can be returned as long as it has not been worn.

PAYMENT:
Listed below are the methods of payment:

- You can put cash or cheque in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher/office
- You can bank the total into the P & C account

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS:
The uniform shop also has second-hand uniforms for sale.
If you are leaving the school and your uniforms are in good condition please drop them to the school office.
Once a term a second-hand uniform sale will take place on a Monday morning for all to “grab a bargain”.
Notice of this will go into the school newsletter.

Paula Pattinson (school uniform co-ordinator)
EVERY DAY COUNTS

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at:

GARDEN CLUB PLANT STALL

Due to the weather this week, our Garden Club Plant Stall has been postponed until next Friday 4th April at 3pm.

We are selling:

- assorted potted plants ($1-$2)
- vegetable growing kits - tomato, capsicum, lettuce, beans and cucumber ($2.50 each)
- herb growing kits - chives, parsley, coriander and basil ($2.50 each)

Come and grab a bargain on the driveway out the front of the school. We hope to see you there!

Garden Club Kids

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

There was some very pleasing music coming from the band this afternoon and also some excellent progress amongst the year 5s. We are in the process of creating band folders for the students to keep all their sheet music in. This should help in many ways including presentation, identity and remembering to bring their music to school. Band and lessons are on next Thursday and again on the first week back after Easter.

Please encourage regular and proper home practice. Happy Music Making,

Colin Mc Intyre
Senior Instrumental Music Teacher

NEW CYBERSAFETY WEBSITE

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

PARENT ENGLISH CLASSES

Next Tuesday, 1st April will be our final English class for this term. Our class time is from 12:00 - 2:00pm, and we meet in the School Hall.

Please remember there are some changes to the normal Parent English Class program in Term 2. In Term 2 we will have a break until 10th June (Week 8) as both Sandra and Allison will be travelling overseas. Allison will be back on class from her overseas trip on 10th June. Sandra will return to class from her overseas holiday on 24th June. We look forward to seeing you in the Parent English Class on the 10th June.

Allison and Sandra

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
CHESS CLUB

Chess is an activity which uses both sides of the brain and studies conducted worldwide have shown that engaging in regular chess lessons results in improved mathematical, spatial and lateral-thinking skills. Studies have also shown that Chess improves reading skills by up to 25%.

Chess at Brisbane Central is open to all students from Prep to Year 7 and Term 2 lessons commence on Thursday 24 April and continue for 9 weeks until the 19 June, the second last week of term.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CHESS IN THE LAST WEEK OF THE TERM.

All classes will be held in Mrs Fitzgerald’s room and will begin at 8.00am and finish at 8.45am. Chess at Brisbane Central caters for all levels of play.

Mrs Connie Pizzato who has been teaching chess for over 20 years will conduct classes with Lisa Morris who teaches chess at Somerville House and several other schools in the Brisbane region and with Brodie McClymont who is ranked 16th in Australia. Mrs Pizzato may be contacted on 0409 794 745 if you have any queries about the program.

Our coordinators request that parents leave the classroom after dropping off your child so that the maximum amount of space is available for the chess students. If you have a concern about your child’s ability to settle into the club, or need to stay with your child please speak with Connie directly or phone Mb 0409794745.

Throughout the year there are opportunities for students to participate in chess tournaments which allow them to use the skills they acquire in chess lessons.

Cost for the term is $90 which must be paid in full by Week 2 of lessons.

Please sign the permission form below and return with money to Mrs Fitzgerald or Mrs Pizzato as soon as possible.

Brisbane Central Chess Lessons Term 2, 2014

I………………………………………… giv e permission for my child …………………………………………………..

Year…………….. Date of Birth …………………

To participate in chess lessons. $……………enclosed

Signed……………………………….. Contact details……………………………….

Email address…………………………………………………………………………………

REMEMBER
The answer to Slide Inquiry 1

The bat is a mammal; relatively recent on the evolutionary time-scale. The earliest bats date from about 50 million years ago; only 16 million years after the extinction of the dinosaurs. The quick evolution of bats from early mammal forms showed how rapidly mammal species diversified.

The pteranodon was a flying reptile. It was a member of the Pterosaurs that dominated the skies from ~220-70 million years ago. All pterosaurs are extinct following the meteorite crash about 65 million years ago. Pterosaurs were cold-blooded reptiles that reproduced by laying eggs; much like modern day crocodiles or turtles.

The velociraptor was a dinosaur. From 200-70 million years ago, dinosaurs were the dominant land animals on the earth. Over the last 10-20 years or so, many fossils of small dinosaurs have been found and a full appreciation of the breadth of the dinosaur fauna has occurred. Many of the smaller dinosaurs had feathers that were used as insulation from cold/heat, and perhaps for ritual display. Dinosaurs could not fly. Likewise, the latest evidence from isotope studies of fossilised teeth from plant eating dinosaurs suggests their body temperatures were 36° -38 °C; that is - warm blooded, and quite different to reptiles.

A meteorite crashing into the earth about 65 million years ago in the location of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico caused the extinction of most of the dinosaurs - all of the large ones; but some of the smaller ones survived. These smaller feathered, warm-blooded dinosaurs evolved into modern-day birds.

The chook is a modern bird; warm-blooded and egg-laying- just like dinosaurs.

So the two animals most closely related are the velociraptor and the bird.

PS- The portrayal of velociraptor in ‘Jurassic Park’ probably was incorrect in regard to its visual form. But still a formidable predator.

Charmaine Xinis

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SCIENCE INQUIRY 1

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

- Velociraptor
- Pteranodon
- Octopus
- Jellyfish

SCIENCE INQUIRY 1 – ANSWER

I think the velociraptor is closely related to the chicken because:

- They both have feathers and the others don’t
- They have similar bodies and wing bones
- They look quite similar
- They have the same rib cage
- There are from the same family

Jonah – Year 4/5

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SCIENCE INQUIRY 2 - FROM OUR STUDENTS

Which one of these animals doesn’t belong?

- Octopus
- Clam
- Jellyfish
- Stingray
Today we had lots of traditional foods that I have never even eaten before. It was a day of lovely food like fried potatoes. Today was a full day of cultural inspiration and it was lots of fun like we walked around our school and got photos taken in traditional dress. Today was the best harmony day ever and it proves this school is full of diversity.

By Seth Bond

What I enjoyed most about Harmony Day was the paper doll making with the preps. The teacher showed us how to do it and we set to work. I helped a really little girl. I encouraged her to keep going and she finished. Then it was time to go. I really enjoyed Harmony Day and I can't wait for next year.

By Thomas McCarthy

ON 27th march 2014, we had our Harmony day. It was wonderful, gorgeous and fantastic! My favourite parts of Harmony Day were tasting cultural foods and kite making. I ate spring rolls, brownies, dumplings, Indian foods, sushi other type of dumplings etc..., I had so much fun on harmony day! Today was the best day ever.

Joanne
On Thursday the March 27th Brisbane Central State School celebrated Harmony Day. We enjoyed your company and appreciated your appearance. We loved all the support and the filled hall. 72% of Brisbane Central students have English as their second language and their first is from any amazing place in this big world. All of the school had a very special tradition to wear clothes from their country of origin and bring food to share. Thank you for attending Brisbane Central’s Harmony Day. …and thank-you everyone for making it such a memorable day!

By Brydee McCormick
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

Parent/Guardian Details
Full Name: __________________________
D.O.B: __________________________
Relationship to Child: __________________________
Address: __________________________
Suburb: __________________________
P/C: __________________________
CRN (customer reference number): __________________________
Mobile: __________________________
Work: __________________________
Home: __________________________
E-mail: __________________________

Child A Details
First Name: __________________________
Last Name: __________________________
CRN: __________________________
DOB: __________________________

Child B Details
First Name: __________________________
Last Name: __________________________
CRN: __________________________
DOB: __________________________

Child C Details
First Name: __________________________
Last Name: __________________________
CRN: __________________________
DOB: __________________________

Please complete children’s details and place a ✓/✔️ tick to indicate days of care required (✓) are public holidays & no care is provided.

Week Ending April 13 2014
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Week Ending April 20 2014
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Week Ending April 20 2014
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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 $30.00 administration fee will be charged to my account. Each day I will ensure my child has a healthy lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a drink. I will ensure that my child always arrives at the service with closed shoes, a hat and suitable clothing (no clogs, tank or tube tops). 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.

someone other than I will be collecting my children. I am aware that I need to provide 48 hours notice for cancelations on normal program days and 7 days notice for incursion 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, sheets must be completed in full. Full fees will be charged when full 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 5.00pm 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 programs 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 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 an account 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 each day: lunch, morning, afternoon tea and lunch. They also need a water bottle each day, water coolers are available for refills.
- **Dress:** PCYC have a sun safe policy and as such children need to bring a full each day and wear appropriate clothing (no tank, tube or singlet tops) Closed in shoes must be worn every day. Unfortunately this is for children’s safety and you will be asked if children do not have correct foot wear on to bring closed in shoes back to the service.
- **Mobile Phones and 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 the parent table. If you cannot find what you are looking for please see the coordinator. Conduct: We ask that parents work with staff to ensure that all children enjoy the program and remind that all the following will not be tolerated: obscene language, bullying, biting, continual non-compliance of staff instructions. We also ask that parents set an example for all children.