



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now officially half way through the term. Over the next few weeks, students will be completing assessment items, while teachers finalise end of semester results and reports. During this part of the semester our class and specialist teachers are working hard to teach during the day and mark, analyse and report on student learning at night. I thank them wholeheartedly for the excellent work that they do and their dedication to their students during this time.



Parent-Teacher meetings:

As you may be aware, Parent-Teacher meetings were conducted late last term. Parent-Teacher meetings 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 future learning. These meetings are also a great opportunity to share any concerns you may have regarding your child's academic or social-emotional development. We aim for 100% of parents to attend these meetings so that they are well informed about their child's learning. This week, I sent home an invitation to parents who did not attend the parent-teacher meetings last term to make contact with their child's teacher as soon as possible to make a time to meet.

Formal Parent-Teacher meetings will be conducted again at the end of next term. However, should you be concerned about your child's learning or would like an update on how they are "going", please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time to meet.



Good Luck Band:

Good luck to our 15 Band students who are competing in Fanfare next Friday, May 30 at Brisbane State High School. Parents of students attending should have received a note on Thursday asking parents to provide permission to attend the event and detail picking up and drop off arrangements. Just a reminder that students can purchase Music shirts from our Uniform shop in time for the competition. With their new shirts, music folders and banners, we should score top marks for presentation!! My sincere thanks to Mr Colin McIntyre for his hard work in preparing the students for the competition.

	
Fit n' Active:	3:00pm – 4:15pm Mondays: Year 4 – Year 7 Thursdays: Prep – Year 3
Play and Stay:	3:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesdays and Fridays
Mondays:	Uniform Shop Open: 8:15am – 8:45am Religion: 2:30pm – 3:00pm Years 4 – 7 fortnightly from 28/04/2014 Years 1 – 3 fortnightly from 05/05/2014
Tuesdays:	Junior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am Parent English Class: 12:00pm – 2:00pm Recommencing June 10th Assembly: 2:30pm
Wednesdays:	Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:15am Ukulele Ensemble: 10:45am
Thursdays:	Chess Club: 8:00am Write On Program: 10:30am – 11:30am Science Club: 11:00am – 11:30am Instrumental Music: 12:00pm – 2:30pm Band Rehearsals: 2:30pm
Fridays:	Gardening Club: 8:30am SPARK Reading Program UQ Sport Aussie Rules Program: Years 4-7
28/05/2014	Mini Writers' Festival
28/05/2014 – 25/06/2014	City Science Investigation Program: <i>Wednesdays</i>
30/05/2014	Fanfare Competition Brisbane SHS: 1:40pm – 3:15pm
04/06/2014	P & C Meeting: 5:30pm Mini Writers' Festival Mini Thinkers' Festival High Achievers' Program ICAS Science Test
09/06/2014	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
10/06/2014 – 12/06/2014	Northside Junior Music Camp
11/06/2014	Mini Writers' Festival
18/06/2014	Mini Thinkers' Festival
19/06/2014	School Disco Concert: Choirs, Instrumental Music & Band
20/06/2014	P-7 Under 8's Day: 9:00am – 10:45am
25/06/2014	Report cards distributed to parents
26/06/2014	Year 2 Out of the Box Excursion Year 4-7 Athletics Carnival
27/06/2014	Last school day – Term 2, 2014
28/06/2014 - 13/07/2014	Term 2 School Holidays
14/07/2014	First school day – Term 3, 2014



High Achievers Program Information Evening:

The High Achievers' Parent Information Night is being held this Tuesday night, May 27 at 6.30 pm in the Kelvin Grove State College Hall. The High Achievers program starts on Wednesday June 4. Congratulations to Alice K, Yasmin T, Angus B, Nadine B, Sonia K, Emily B, Abi K, Shane K, Caitlyn L, Liam S, Grace C, and Arya B who were selected for this program.



Mini Festivals:

Selected students will also be participating in the City Schools' Cluster Mini Thinkers', Science Investigators' and Mini Writers' Festivals over the next few weeks. These programs are designed for high achieving students in Years 3-5, who were identified through using very strict criteria. Congratulations to the following students:

- **Mini Writers' Festival:** Lucy D, Reinna A, Fareeha Q and Francis L
- **CSI- City Science Investigators:** Jeremy P, Brielli S, Mathilda L
- **Mini Thinkers' Festival:** Raheen S, Ben T, Ellie B, Jed C, Divyang C, Marcus K

Parents of selected students should have already received notification of their child's acceptance and program details by email.



Reporting to Parents:

Report Cards will be issued to parents on Wednesday June 25, 2014. The Policy Statement: *Reporting to Parents* (<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/framework/p-12/docs/policy-reporting.pdf>), sets the expectations for the types of information that should be shared with you in your child's report card.

Achievement scales for your child's report card are as follows:

- **Prep:** Teachers will use the following five-point scale to report student achievement in the Australian Curriculum English, Mathematics, Science and History: Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware and N (Insufficient Evidence to make a judgement). Teachers will use comments to report on student achievement in the early learning areas of: Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes. Teachers will also Report on effort and behaviour using comments.
- **Years 1 and 2:** Teachers will continue to use the following five-point scale to report student achievement: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, Support required. Teachers will report on effort and behaviour using: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, and Support required.
- **Years 3-7:** Use of the five-point scale: A, B, C, D, E, N. Teachers will report on effort and behaviour using: Excellent, Very Good, Satisfactory, Needs attention, Unacceptable.

Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning. School reporting processes should be clear and transparent for parents and the community, so that parents understand:

- the learning expectations for the student
- the student's achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning
- how the student may be able to improve.

Should you have any questions or concerns about report cards or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Have a great week!

Melissa

P&C NEWS

The P&C have requested that the following statement be published in the newsletter:

Thank you Parents!

The P&C's BCSS Reunification Petitions were tabled in Parliament on Tuesday 20 May 2014, with 2577 petitioners (2109 petitioners on the paper and 468 e-petitioners) calling on the House to allocate the entire 169 Water Street (lot 1) site for the sole use and occupation of BCSS. The Minister's response is due by 19 June 2014 and will be available online a few days later. If interested in reading his response, a few days after 19 June, please go to the Qld Parliament website - Petitions - Tabled Petitions - No. 2263-14. E-petitioners will be emailed a copy of the Minister's response.

The P&C Reunification Subcommittee wholeheartedly thanks P&C members and parents for all their hard work and support in promoting the petitions, street placarding (a new experience for all of us), handing out petition sheets and reminder notes, emailing, texting, Facebooking, and obtaining signatures for both petitions from friends, family, neighbours, community members, colleagues and strangers. 2577 petitioners in 6 weeks (2 weeks of which were school holidays) is an amazing result. Parents, we salute you!

Karyn Wernham

BCSS Reunification Subcommittee Secretary

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will be open Mondays from 8:15am - 8:45am (or by appointment only).

ORDERING UNIFORMS – If you would like to order uniforms you can email Paula at uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.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.

*** NEW IN STOCK* - all sizes of black zip up jackets available \$35. Plus old style jackets & jumpers available at lower cost.**

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).

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS – The uniform shop also has second-hand uniforms for sale. If you are leaving the school or have old uniforms at home please donate them to the school office.

ENQUIRES – If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop please email Paula uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or TEXT ONLY to 0449 017 711.

COMMUNITY MEETING

SPRING HILL LOCALS ARE GETTING ACTIVE

DATE: Tuesday 27 May 2014

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm

WHERE: Brisbane Central State School Hall
(cnr St Paul's Terrace & Rogers Streets)

what will be discussed

Spring Hill Neighbourhood Plan Review – shaping the future

Brisbane Central State School Reunification – where to from here

BaT (Bus & Train) Tunnel – preventing the loss of local parkland

more information

You can find out more or register your attendance at the following:

www.facebook.com/springhillcommunity

or email

springhillcommunity@outlook.com

Organised by the Spring Hill Community Group – SHCG

