Dear Parents/Carers,

**World Teachers Day**
Next Friday 31 October is World Teachers Day. This is a day set aside to celebrate the great work that teachers do every day. We are very fortunate to have committed and outstanding teachers at our school. I want to thank them for the hard work and dedication that they show to develop our students academically and socially.

**Tasty Treat Café**
On Friday, 31 of October, Year 5/6 will be setting up a delicious Tasty Treat Café with loads of yummy biscuits, cakes and slices for sale. Our Goal is to raise enough money to purchase presents, which we can place underneath the Salvation Army Kmart Christmas Tree.

**The Day for Daniel: Wear Red**
Also on Friday 31 October we are participating in the Day for Daniel where we encourage the children to wear red. There are more details below.

**Junior Choir**
Just a reminder that junior choir is on every Tuesday morning at 8am in the library.

**Band Rehearsals**
Band rehearsals are on Tuesday morning from 7:45am in the hall. Please remember to bring along your instruments.

**Update contact details**
It is important for parents to let the office know if you have changed your phone numbers. We need to be able to contact you especially in an emergency or when your child becomes sick during the day. You can contact us via a phone call on 3230 4333 or via an email to admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au to let us know of the changes.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
Brisbane Central State School will be participating in The Day for Daniel on Friday 31st October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right. We are encouraging the school community to wear an item of red clothing, perhaps a red shirt on the day.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

• To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children
• To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’
• To provide FREE safety and educational material
• To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe
• To have over 1 million people Australia wide participate in Day for Daniel.

For more information visit [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au) and please remember to send your child to school wearing an item of red clothing on Friday 31st October.

### Random Act of Kindness: Kmart Wishing Tree

Throughout 2014, Brisbane Central State School has prioritised the importance of taking care of our community and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In Term two, we joined together to raise funds to purchase 200 cuddly toys for children at the Royal Brisbane Hospital and in Term 3 Years 5, 6 & 7 raised hundreds of dollars for charity through their Kidpreneur Program. Through the gift of giving, we have decided to complete the year with another Random Act of Kindness.

On Friday, 31st of October (Week 4), Year 5/6 will be setting up a delicious Tasty Treat Café with loads of yummy biscuits, cakes and slices for sale. Our Goal is to raise enough money to purchase presents, which we can place underneath the Salvation Army Kmart Christmas Tree.

*For more than 25 years, The Salvation Army has been working with Kmart to help families in need. With hundreds of thousands of Australians in need this Christmas, the Appeal aims to collect more than 500,000 gifts nationally.*

*The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia’s largest Christmas gift appeal, having collected more than six million gifts since its inception in 1988. We are proud that the Appeal is now a Christmas tradition – not only for Kmart and The Salvation Army but for thousands of Australia’s who donate each year.*


We value your support and appreciate any donations you can make on the day. You can get involved by:

• Donating a plate of delicious treats for our stall
• Purchasing delicious treats from our ‘Tasty Treat’ café on Friday 31st October. (Before school, 1st break & after school)

We look forward to seeing you at the Tasty Treat Café!

### Conference Hall – Stop and Drop

After the busy school drop off, call in for a coffee and a chat with other parents.

**Starting Monday 13th October from 9am – 10am**, then every second Monday during School terms. (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8,10)

**Conference Hall 38 Grenier St, Spring Hill**

Onsite parking available. We look forward to meeting you.

Enquiries can be sent to conferencehallbne@hotmail.com

### Play and Stay

The play and stay days will remain on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for Term 4. The oval is available from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for these activities.

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On our off newsletter weeks, don't forget to check out Facebook, Twitter and the QSchools app for all the information and updates!
Fit and Active starts next week. I’m sorry that I can’t take everyone as places are limited. I hope that everyone who has done some sort of Fit and Active sport has enjoyed themselves.

Thank you
Maree Lewis

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Free dental check-ups and treatment available now.

Regular dental check-ups and early preventive care are an important part of good oral health. Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child a dental check-up through the Stafford Dental Clinic or one of our school based dental facilities. They will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge!

There have been some changes to who we can now offer dental care to. The following children are eligible for our service now:

- ALL Students 4 years of age through to year 10
- Students in Years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2 – 3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2 – 17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility visit the website at my.gov.au or phone 132001.

This offer of care is an opportunity to provide your child with more timely access to public dental care and we also now have the ability to offer more regular recalls for children who attend our service. So if it has been more than six months since your child’s last check-up ring us up now.

Call 1300 300 850 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and our friendly staff will arrange an appointment for you at the Stafford Dental Clinic or one of our school-based dental facilities.

Bunnings BBQ at Stafford

1 MORE HELPER NEEDED FOR THE 7.00AM-9.30AM SLOT.

Please contact Alyson Fenton (0416) 220 868 or donaly@bigpond.com

Sunday 23 November 2014

QACI One Day
2014 6/7 Canberra Trip

Recently we had the privilege of taking our Year 6/7 students for an educational tour of Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. Our students gained a lot of new knowledge and experiences and made us very proud in the way they conducted themselves. They asked inquiring questions and responded very well to the questions asked by the various presenters. Their behaviour was so exemplary that we were complimented everywhere we went. Here is a reflection of the highlights of our trip from the point of view of Ashley Kuo. Hopefully we can publish some more for you in the coming weeks.

Reflections of our Trip to Canberra

On a beautiful, fresh morning, the Year 6 and 7 students departed on a journey to explore the National Capital, Canberra. Full of energy and excitement, we embarked on our fun and education filled journey to the colder climate of Canberra. We visited places where decisions that could affect the whole of Australia were made, as well as learnt about the development of our capital city. The 6 and 7’s visited science centres such as Questicon and CSIRO, Snowy Mountains Discovery Centre and learnt about our history in the War Memorial. We saw museums and art galleries and generally had a blast!

The absolute highlight of the trip for me was the Snowy Mountains. We jumped on the chair lift and up, up, up, it took us, past mountains with tops of snow and flowing streams. We went up, up, up into the clouds, over tree tops. It was a breath taking experience. But when we hopped off what we could see over the mountains was absolutely amazing. Although we were freezing, we still played around in the snow throwing snowballs in every direction. But that was only the start of our snow play. There was another whole mountain full of snow where we hiked up to the top and rolled all the way down! It was like going on a rollercoaster of snow. We had races and snow ball fights. We were wet and cold by the end of our time in the snow, however, no one really cared because we had so much fun. Coming down the mountain it rained and then hailed and we got soaked but had a wonderful time!

Another highlight of our Canberra trip was visiting Parliament House. I pretty much freaked out at Parliament House because it was serious and nerve-racking. We had to go through a security check like we did at the airport. We also couldn’t say any words like, or related to “bombs” or security would be on to us! We got to sit in the viewing platform of the Senate and the House of Representatives where we learnt about the roles of each of the members. We even got to go to another room and act out a mock parliament by dressing up and doing role-plays. It was a lot of fun learning about Parliament House and how it operates.

On the last night of the Canberra trip, we had a talent show. As we nervously sat in the hall, it was time for our turn. We were shaking and doubting ourselves. “Brisbane Bella’s performing Pitch Perfect!” That was us! There was Alice, Charli, Yasmin, Joanne, Chi, Nadine and I. We stood there, and then the music started. We were lip-syncing and dancing. We were a bit slow to start off, however, when we started relaxing we were getting into the music and it was great. Overall we tied with the Swifities which consisted of the 5/6 girls who did dancing and gymnastics to “Shake it Off”. The crowd demanded a dance off in which we tied again. We had a great time and a lot of fun. Angus came first with his amazing yo-yo tricks and he totally deserved it! That night was a fun night where we discovered some people’s hidden talents.

We had fun at Canberra and learnt a lot of new things. I wished we could stay a bit longer. But we have to thank the teachers, Mrs Gilmour, Miss Wall, Mrs Somerville and Miss Asan for organising the trip and taking such good care of us. We had a fantastic time and have many wonderful memories.

Ashley Kuo - Year 7