Dear Parents/Carers,

**High school enrolment for 2015**
Parents of students in year 6 and 7 need to make a decision on the high school they are sending their child to. High School’s can then assist with a transition program where the children are invited to go to the school to see what it looks like and how it runs.
Please make sure that you have started the enrolment process for high school now.

**Master planning for Brisbane Central State School**
At present the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) is working with the school and P&C to determine a plan for future growth. Parents are able to provide comments directly to the DETE by December 19 on the following website: https://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/gi/consultation/2300/survey/2200/view.html
More information can be found at this website: http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/schools-planning-central-brisbane.html
You can also talk to any staff or P&C member to put forward your ideas for our school.

**2015 school year**
The teachers and I are starting to consider class groupings for 2015. Please let us know if:
- You are leaving the school and will not be returning,
- You are coming back to our school after 27 January 2015.
You can send us these details by:
- Emailing admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au
- Letter
- Complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office.
We appreciate your help by letting us know what your family is intending on doing for 2015 and thank you to those parents that have already let us know.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

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**FIT N’ ACTIVE**
- **3:00pm – 4:15pm**
  - Mondays: Year 3 – Year 7
  - Thursdays: Prep – Year 2
- **Swimming:**
  - Thursdays: Prep
  - Fridays: Year 1 – Year 7
- **Play and Stay:**
  - 3:00pm – 4:00pm
  - Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Library Open:**
  - 8:30am – 8:55am
  - Thursdays and Fridays

**TUESDAYS**
- Uniform Shop Open: 8:15am – 8:45am
- Religion: 2:30pm – 3:00pm
  - Years 4 – 7 fortnightly from 21/07/2014
  - Years 1 – 3 fortnightly from 28/07/2014
- Band Rehearsals: 7:45am
- Junior Choir: 8am
- Assembly: 2:30pm

**WEDNESDAYS**
- Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:15am
- Ukulele Ensemble: 10:45am
- Chess Club: 8:00am
- Science Club: 11:00am – 11:30am
- Instrumental Music: 12:00pm – 2:30pm
- Parent English Class: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**THURSDAYS**
- Gardening Club: 8:30am
- Senior Choir Rehearsals: 10:45am
- Science Club: 11:00am – 11:30am
- Instrumental Music: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

**FRIDAYS**
- P & C BBQ – Bunnings Stafford
- End of Year Concert
- Report Cards sent home
- Year 6/7 Graduation Ceremony
- Last Day of School Year
- First Day of 2015 school year
**Christmas Concert Hampers**

**Christmas Concert** is coming and so are the **Raffles**.
I will be sending home a letter and tickets regarding our school hampers in the next couple of days. Keep an eye out for them.
Next Friday the 28th of November we will be holding a free dress day and instead of a gold coin donation your child can bring in an item for the hampers. Please read the coming letter for further details.
Thank you, Maree.

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**PE/Sports News**

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to everyone that participated in the swimming carnival yesterday and thank you to Mr Johnson for organising this event. The results and age champions will be announced at Tuesday’s assembly in the hall.

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**Play and Stay**

Just a reminder that Play and Stay is on Wednesdays and Fridays until 4pm. It is important that you monitor your child/children and know where they are during this time. If you would like to stay, please fill in a form at the office. We appreciate your assistance with this initiative.

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**Expression of interest for instrumental music 2015**

Recently, students in years 3 – 5 received a note regarding the Brisbane Central State School Instrumental Music Program. The Instrumental Music Program offers students weekly group lessons. As students advance on their instrument, they will also be included in our School Band. Students will also have opportunities to attend camps, workshops and concerts.

The costs of the program are: Participation Fee for 1 year = $100 and Music polo is for sale from the uniform shop $30

**General considerations** -
- Students will initially join the program for 1 year, and will be expected to fulfill this commitment.
- Parents will be required to hire or buy an instrument from a music store. A list of stores will be supplied to students invited to participate in the program.

If you would like your child to be considered and tested for a position in this program please complete the EOI available on the website (Parent Letters section) and return to the school office no later than by **Friday, 12th December 2014**.
Suitability testing will take place during the first weeks of **2015**.

Instrumental music is a big commitment for the students and parents and we want everyone to be as informed as possible so educated decisions can be made. Please do not hesitate to contact the Instrumental Music Teacher, Mr Colin McIntyre by email: cmcin13@eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

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**Uniform Shop 2015**

Thank you to Ria Wahyuni who has accepted the role of uniform shop coordinator for 2015.

The uniform shop will be opened on November 24 for the last time this year. This will give Paula time to stocktake and prepare for 2015 with Ria. I thank Paula Pattinson for the great work that she has done operating the Uniform Shop for us.

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**Our Social Media sites**

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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 8 and 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

Help Wanted

I would like to have the help of parents to translate key points in the newsletter into the languages our families speak at home. If you are able to help please see me or send an email to the.principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au indicating what language you would be able to assist with.

I希望能有家长帮助将学校每周通讯的要点翻译成学生家庭所使用的语言。如果您能够帮助，请来找我，或寄电子邮件到the.principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au，告知您所能翻译的语言。

ご両親に学校のニュースレターのキーポイントをご家族が使用する言語に翻訳するお手伝いを求めています。お手伝いのできる方は、私に直接、あるいはthe.principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.auまでメールで、あなたの翻訳できる言語を教えてください。

با توجه به عدم تسلط عده ای از والدین به زبان انگلیسی، جهت ترجمه خبرنامه مدرسه از کلیه والدین علاقمند دعوت می شود به صورت حضوری و یا از طریق ایمیل نظر خود را اعلام نمایند.

ต้องการแปล

ผมต้องการความช่วยเหลือจากผู้ปกครอง เพื่อแปลรูปสาระสำคัญในจดหมายข่าวของโรงเรียนให้เป็นภาษาที่พ่อแม่ใช้สื่อสารกับลูกที่บ้าน หากสนใจโปรดติดต่อผมโดยตรงหรือส่งอีเมลที่the.principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.auพร้อมระบุภาษาที่คุณสามารถแปล

Please return this form to the office if you are leaving or returning late in 2015

My child/ren’s name: _________________________________________________________________

☐ Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2015

Name of school they will be attending: ________________________________________________

☐ Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 27 2015

Date of return to BCSS _________________________

Reason for late return _____________________________________________________________
4/5 Excursion to Eureka Goldfields

On the 18th of November the year 4/5 class went to the Belivah Goldfields near Beenleigh. In our History lessons we have been learning about life and events that occurred on the Goldfields during the Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade in 1854.

When we arrived at the Goldfields we were greeted by a traveller named Miss P. who told us all about travelling and the goldfields, then suddenly, out of nowhere a policeman, known as a ‘trap’ joined us. His name was Trooper Pete! He told us that a notorious bushranger named Captain Lucas was on the loose. We quickly made our way to town when we were intercepted by a bushranger at the coach station! She told us to get on the ground and put our hands up. She then asked Jaylem to empty his bags, she stole some gold out of his bag and his yummy chocolate cupcake! She shared it with Trooper Pete and her horse Misty. Poor Jaylem!

When we entered the town we had the opportunity to explore it. The first things we saw were all our names hanging up on the stores and tents. Once we finished lunch we were split into groups so we could make some tents. We had no help whatsoever, which meant we had to work really hard as part of a team. We had heaps of fun and we really worked up an appetite. We headed back to the town bakery, owned by Santiago, and started to make damper. While we were waiting for our damper to cool we got to participate in some role plays. We swindled and haggled in the General Store, owned by Kalyan, and we panned and cradled gold and arrested law breakers.

Finally it was time to taste our damper with golden syrup. It was delicious! Miss Ashcroft covered our hands and arms with the syrup. It was a fun mess. Once our tummies were full we played the Gold Rush game. We had to buy a gold licence (otherwise we couldn’t hunt for gold) for 20 cents. We then had a certain amount of time to find as much gold as we could to sell. The person with the most amount of money earned at the end was the gold rush champion. Our gold rush champion was Divyang. We learnt a lot about how competitive the search for gold was and how hard it was to survive. To end our day we took part in a mapping activity to search for bushrangers. We learnt a lot about them. The day ended with certificates and prizes being handed out. We had a fantastic time at Belivah Goldfields! Wish we could go next year!

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