



# BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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# newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of 2013 is fast approaching, with only 4 weeks of school to go! Luckily, we still have much to look forward to:

- Swimming Carnival: November 25
- Christmas Concert and Year 7 Leaving ceremony: December 5
- Announcement of school leaders : December 10
- Year 7 Graduation dinner: December 11
- Report cards issued and notifications of classes for 2014: December 11
- Break up day: December 12

Make sure you keep up to date with what is going on around the school by "liking" us on Facebook (Brisbane Central State School) , "following" us on Twitter (@Bris\_Cent\_SS), and making us a favourite through the QSchools app (available for free through the iTunes Store or Google Play). It is now easier than ever to stay in touch.



### Prep Open Day:

It was wonderful to welcome our new students and their families to Brisbane Central State School on Thursday for the Prep Open Morning. Many of our new students had such a great morning, that they were reluctant to leave! While our students explored their new learning environment, our new parents had the opportunity to join a school tour, purchase uniforms and complete paperwork. My thanks to Darren Waugh, Jan McKean and Jenny Gilmour for their hard work preparing for the day, and to our parents who ran the uniform shop- Sarah, Cecilia, Ria and Pocharathorn.



### Fundraising at Brisbane Central State School:

Congratulations and well done to Mathilda L, who with the support of her family ran a bake sale last week to raise funds for CARE Australia to support Syrian refugees. Mathilda raised over \$456!

The school will be holding a **Free Dress Day and bake sale on Friday November 22**, to raise funds for families affected by the Philippines typhoon. Free Dress is a gold coin donation, and baked goods will be on sale from \$1. My thanks to the student council and our baking families for running this fundraising venture.



<b>Fit n' Active:</b> (Week 3 – Week 8)	<b>Mondays:</b> Year 4 – Year 7 <b>Wednesdays:</b> Prep – Year 3
Tuesdays	Junior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
Wednesdays	Band Rehearsals: 7:30am – 8:30am
	Ukulele Ensemble: 11:00am – 11:30am
Thursdays	Chess Program: 8:00am
	Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
Thursdays: 10/09/2013 – 28/11/2013	Write On: 7:45am
Fridays	Gardening Club: 8:30am
	Uniform Shop Open: 8:30am – 9:30am
Fridays: 25/10/2013 – 06/12/2013	Prep – Year 7 Swimming Lessons
25/11/2013	Year 1 – Year 7 Swimming Carnival
04/12/2013	P&C Meeting: 8:00am
05/12/2013	Christmas Concert and Year 7 Leaving Ceremony
09/12/2013 – 13/12/2013	Assessment Period
10/12/2013	Announcement of School Leaders
11/12/2013	Report Cards Issued Notification of Classes for 2014
12/12/2013	End of Year Break Up
<b>13/12/2013</b>	Clean Up Day <b>Last school day - Term 4, 2013</b>
14/12/2013 – 27/01/2014	End of Year School holidays
<b>28/01/2014</b>	<b>First school day – Term 1, 2014</b>



### Classes for 2014:

We are currently finalising our classes for next year, and anticipate that we will be able to release classes and teachers for 2014 by the end of the 2013 school year.

When composing classes for next year, we will be taking the following factors into consideration:

- A balance of academic abilities across the classes of the year level;
- A gender balance across the classes of the year level;
- A balance across the classes of the year level in relation to social and behavioural factors;
- The combinations/dynamics of the group of students.

There will be a number of multi-age (combined year level) and straight year level classes next year, as there was this year. **The selection of students for either a multi-age class or a straight year level class will be based on the criteria stated above.** Should you have any questions or concerns about classes for next year, please discuss this with your child's teacher in the first instance.



### Christmas Concert and Year 7 Leaving Ceremony:

Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday December 5 at 6 pm, followed by the Year 7 Leaving Ceremony at 7.45 pm. Our classes, choirs, band and Ukulele Ensemble are busily rehearsing in preparation for our big night. We look forward to all our families joining us!



### Preparing for 2014- Please let us know if you are leaving our school or returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 28, 2014

Thank you to the parents who have already let us know their intentions for 2014. Preparations for 2014 classes and staffing have already commenced. **It is crucial** that parents let either Carolina Duncan or myself know **as soon as possible** if their child/ren will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School.

We understand that many of our families use the summer holidays to visit family and friends overseas and interstate, and may return to school after the **commencement of school on January 28, 2014**. Should this be the case for your family, **it is crucial** that you return the form sent home last week, or provide an email/ letter to Carolina Duncan ([admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au)) stating your return date so that your child is still considered as being enrolled in our school. Should your child be away for more than 10 consecutive days from the commencement of Term 1, 2014 (January 28, 2014), you will need to complete an *Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling* form. These forms are available from Carolina Duncan in the office.

Our final staffing numbers for 2014 depend on the number of known enrolments (either students present at school, or students for whom we have a written correspondence stating their return or start date). Knowing whether you are leaving the school or taking an extended summer holiday makes a difference to our staffing and the number of classes we are able to make. **Please let us know now so we don't have to make unnecessary class changes at the beginning of the year.**

So... in summary:

#### **If you are leaving the school and will not be returning:**

- Please email Carolina Duncan – [admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au) stating your child/ren's name and the name of the school your child/ren will be attending in 2014, or,
- Address a letter to Carolina Duncan stating the same, or,
- Complete the form at the end of this newsletter or return the form sent home last week, and return to the office.

#### **If you will be returning to Brisbane Central State School, but your child will not be returning until after January 28, 2014:**

- Please email Carolina Duncan stating your child/ren's name, the reason for their absence from school, and the expected date of return to school, or,
- Address a letter to Carolina Duncan stating the same, or,
- Complete the form at the end of this newsletter or return the form sent home, and return to the office, and,
- Complete an *Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling* form (required if absence from school is greater than 10 days)

Please help us to make accurate predictions about our staffing for student numbers by letting us know whether you intend to leave our school, enrol a child, or return to school after January 28, 2014.

Have a great week,

Melissa

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Junior Swimming Carnival 9.45am – 11.15am

#### Years 1 - 3

Students in Year 1 – Year 3 will participate in their annual swimming carnival on **Monday 25th November**. Students will travel by bus to Stafford State School for the carnival. The carnival will begin at 9.45am and finish at approximately 11.15am. Events will include the following races: Freestyle and Backstroke 25m (full lap), 12.5m (half lap), kickboard and noodle races. The junior school carnival is a short fun carnival with the emphasis being FUN and PARTICIPATION!!

At the conclusion of the carnival, students will travel back to Brisbane Central SS and continue lessons from 12.00pm

**Please note that students in Year 3 that are 9 years old or turning 9 this year (born in 2004) will compete in the senior school swimming carnival.**

### Senior Swimming Carnival 11.45am – 2.15pm

#### 9 Years – 12 Years

The fun and exciting senior school swimming carnival begins at **11.45am on Monday 25th November and will finish at approximately 2.15pm at Stafford State School**. Students will participate in normal lessons at Brisbane Central State School from 9am – 11am. At 11.15am students will travel by bus to Stafford State School for the carnival.

Students have been given the opportunity to nominate for any of the 25m and 50m finals events. Time trials have been completed during swimming lessons to find the fastest six students in each of the finals events. Age champions and district selection is decided from the finals.

If students did not make it into a final, they may still nominate to swim in any of 25m and 12.5m open events on the day. **House points are awarded for all events**. Novelty events such as a noodle race and a fashion parade will also be held on the day. The more participants swimming in each house = greater chance of winning the carnival. **So encourage your child/ren to get involved, have some fun, wear their house colours and most of all try their best for St Pauls and Rogers!!**

The fashion parade will be held after all of the swimming events. Students are encouraged to wear clothes in the colour of their house. Remember that St Pauls wears Purple and Rogers wears Red. The most interesting, creative and brightest male and female from each house will win a prize.

#### What to take to the carnivals

- Swimmers, swim shirt, cap, towel, goggles (optional)
- Hat and sunscreen
- Drink bottle, lunch / snacks (Tuck shop is **not** available)
- Medication if required

Parents, friends and family are encouraged to attend the carnivals to support the students swimming. Please come along for a fabulous day!!

Students must bring their own lunch / snacks as there will be no food and drinks available to purchase throughout the day.

Kind regards, Ann Paton (PE Teacher)

## BIG BAKE OFF!

Thank you so much for your help last week by eating on our Big Bake Off day. With your eating, and my mum and dad's great baking, we raised **\$456.25!**

This will give four families enough food to see them through the winter. What a great conclusion to the Big Bake Off!

We will do another Big Bake Off for people in the Philippines to help them after the horrible typhoon.

Thanks again so much for eating our delicious cookies and muffins!

Mathilda L.

(Year 3/4)

## YEAR 4/5 NEWS

In class we have studied a range of famous Australian poems including our national anthem 'Advance Australia Fair'. To the melody of our national anthem the students wrote a school song for Brisbane Central.

### *We Strive to Excel*

*By Liam Dewar and Hassan Badhris*

*From our vast green oval,  
To our educational classrooms,  
We study, work and read,  
We strive to excel!*

*We've been here since 1875,  
We've always been the best,  
We come from all around the world,  
We strive to excel!*

*We lend a hand to people, who need it,  
Our behaviour is superb,  
We respect staff and students alike,  
We strive to excel!*

*We've got a cupboard full of trophies,  
A bountiful supply of fun programs,  
We'll make your kids ambitious,  
We'll make your kids want to learn,  
We'll make your kids kind, honest and tolerant!  
We strive to excel!*

### **We Strive to Excel**

**By Emily Hirst and Caitlyn Leeson**

**Our small but beautiful little place,  
And the sacred place we call home,  
Our own garden,  
Our fun playground,  
We strive to excel!**

**Our school was an ancient church,  
We were born in 1875,  
But we survived through the floods and storms,  
We strive to excel!**

**We're always positive to keep our strength,  
To work hard and encourage,  
We support each other,  
We value friendship,  
We strive to excel!**

**We impress other schools,  
We are proud; we stand up straight,  
We're multicultural,  
We love our school,  
We strive to excel!**

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to put in an expression of interest to learn an instrument for 2014 as part of our Instrumental Music Program. Instruments offered include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar and percussion. The cost for being in the program is \$100 a year (which includes the BCSS Music Polo Shirt) plus the hire cost of the instrument. For more information please email Mrs Davidson: [ldavi352@eq.edu.au](mailto:ldavi352@eq.edu.au) or pick up a form from the School Office.

## PARENT ENGLISH CLASS

On Tuesday we visited City Hall again to listen to the inspirational music of **Brazil** - a trio from *The View from Madeline's Couch* and **Persia - Jazab**. We were treated to a wonderful contrast of music by the two groups.

We loved the rhythm of the music and the range of instruments!

## FIT n' ACTIVE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Fit and Active will finish a week early.

Finish dates for Prep - Year 3 is the 27/11/13 and for the Years 4 - 7 it is the 02/12/13.

Thank you for your understanding.

Maree Lewis.

## 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](mailto: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.

**METHODS OF PAYMENT:** You can put **cash** or **cheque** in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or

(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](mailto:bcsspandc@hotmail.com).

## P & C POSITION VACANCIES – UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR/ SUBCOMMITTEE

This week our Uniform Co-ordinator, Amanda Woolnough, decided that she wished to stand down at the end of this year. We wish to whole-heartedly thank her for her hard work and effort in providing a great uniform service to the BCSS student and parent community.

This means that we now are asking for interested parents/caregivers who would like to volunteer to sell school uniforms, through either nominating as the Uniform Coordinator, or as a member of the Uniform Sub-committee.

The **Uniform Coordinator** needs to be a member of the P & C and attend meetings during the year. Key tasks include ordering uniforms, banking, keeping a record of Stock on Hand, operating within a budget agreed at P & C meetings and, of course, selling uniforms. The Uniform Coordinator would need to be available for approximately 4-5 hours per week.

Members of the **Uniform Sub-committee** would not necessarily have to attend P & C meetings, and would assist the Coordinator in any of the tasks listed above. For example, if you can offer only an hour a month, that would be enough time to assist with a stocktake.

If you are looking at returning to, or joining the work force this could give you some retail experience to put on your resume.

If you are interested in volunteering as the Uniform Coordinator, or as a member of the Uniform Sub-Committee, would you please contact Alyson Fenton on 0416 220 868 or myself on 0439 933 991.





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**Learning Benefits**

- ✓ Experienced teachers
- ✓ French lessons Prep to Year 7
- ✓ Comprehensive Music program
- ✓ Interactive whiteboards in every classroom
- ✓ Air conditioned classrooms
- ✓ Gifted and Talented programs, including dedicated Extension teacher
- ✓ Differentiated swimming programs
- ✓ Free English lessons for parents
- ✓ Oral language and Reading programs
- ✓ High student and parent satisfaction ratings on school opinion surveys
- ✓ High expectations for student behaviour
- ✓ High levels of academic achievement

**LEAVING US? PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will not** be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2014. Please state the school child will be attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Will** be returning to Brisbane Central State School after Tuesday January 28, 2014 (first day of school). Please state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_