FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really hit the ground running this week, with most of our students having now returned to school and commencing new learning tasks!

Don’t forget that Monday, October 21 is a Student Free day, and the school will be closed. While students enjoy a long weekend, our teachers and teacher-aides will be attending the City Cluster conference at Windsor State School, with our colleagues from neighbouring schools. For the first two sessions of the day, our staff has the opportunity to listen to renowned expert, Michael Carr-Gregg talk about Student Wellbeing and Cyber -Safety. Teachers will then be accessing a number of other sessions encompassing a range of curriculum and pedagogical topics.

Discipline Audit:

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. Brisbane Central State School’s Discipline Audit was conducted on Wednesday October 9. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visited the school to collect a range of data and information about school-wide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews were conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management. The school will receive the auditor’s report within the next 15 days. Key findings from the audit have already been discussed with the school’s leadership team and school staff.

Initial feedback from the auditor was very positive, with the school commended for the small number of positively stated school-wide expectations and appropriate behaviours that are clearly defined and embedded in practice. The auditor also recognised that these expectations are highly visible throughout the school environment and are continually communicated in school documentation, newsletters, meetings, assemblies and are evident in the behaviour of the students.

The report’s Executive Summary and a 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. I look forward to sharing this with you when made available.
Music Program:
Ms Kat McGowan has extended her leave until the end of the year. We are very fortunate that Mrs Julie West has agreed to continue as our Music Teacher until the end of the year. As a result, the following rehearsal times will remain until the end of the year:

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Are you leaving the school in 2014 or will be returning to the school after January 28, 2014?
As we are in the process of organising our classes and staffing for 2014, it is crucial that you inform us as soon as possible if you are leaving the school or will not be starting the academic year at Brisbane Central until after January 28, 2014.

If you are leaving the school and will not be returning:
- Please email Carolina Duncan – 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 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 an Exemption from Compulsory School form (required if absence from school is greater than 10 days)

Please help us to make accurate predictions about our staffing and class compositions, by keeping us informed about your intentions for 2014.

New Maths Resources for the school:
Last term, Miss Kylie Wall coordinated the acquisition of over $5000 worth of new maths equipment. Through these purchases, Kylie, with the help of teacher aide, Mrs Debbie Cameron, was able to create a number of year level kits for classroom use, as well as purchase a number of shared resources for use across the school. The new resources were shared with teachers, students and parents at the Maths Fiesta last term. A HUGE thanks to Kylie and Debbie for their work in getting these resources organised and ready for use this term. The feedback from teachers is that the resources have already been well utilised and are enhancing their teaching of mathematics.
Music Shirts and Banners:
Our new music shirts and banners have now arrived, and look fantastic! A HUGE thank you to Laurinda Davidson and Amanda Woolnough for their organisation and coordination of these. The shirts and banners will get their first proper outing on October 30, when our Instrumental Music students perform at MusicFest.

Fortitude Valley State School Parent Information sessions:
This week, we ran 2 Information sessions for families from Fortitude Valley State School, who are considering Brisbane Central State School for their child or children in 2014. A BIG thanks to Paul Wilson, Miranda Crisci and Amanda Woolnough who joined me in welcoming our new families, and who were able to provide an invaluable “parent perspective” of our school.

Year 6 and 7 Personal Development classes:
My thanks to the parents who were able to attend last week’s Parent Information session with the teacher running the sessions, Susan Somers. The Personal Development classes started this week, and will be running for another 2 weeks. Students found the first session on Protective Behaviours, useful and informative. Should you have any further questions about the program, please feel free to contact Annette Somerville in the first instance.

French Theatre Evening:
This week, students in Year 3/4 - 6/7 would have received a letter providing details about the upcoming French Theatre Evening on Wednesday, October 30. The doors will open at 5:45pm, and the performances will be from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Our students in classes 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 and 6/7 have been working very hard preparing for the evening, and will be presenting 4 plays and songs, all in French. Year 3/4 will be presenting “Le Chat et la Lune” (The Cat and the Moon). Year 4/5 will present “Comment y aller?” (How Will I Get There?). The Year 5/6 will present “Les animaux du bayou” (The Swamp Animals), and Year 6/7 will present “Le bistro des animaux” (The Animals’ Bistro).
There will be a $5.00 cover charge per family to help cover the cost of the home made *orangina*, which will be available before the plays and during the short intermission. Please indicate whether you plan to attend the evening and whether you are able to assist with serving the *orangina* on the night on the form provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

**MusicFest:**

The Prestige Music Festival is a school competition featuring concert bands, jazz ensembles, string ensembles, orchestras, percussion ensembles and choirs, and aims to provide an environment where excellence in performance and education can be celebrated. It is held across four venues, Iona College, Calamvale Community College, Ferny Grove State High School and Mansfield State High School.

Brisbane Central State School’s band will be competing this year for the first time! All Instrumental Music students should have already received a letter with the following details:

**Where:**
Iona College Performing Arts Centre, 85 North Road, Wynnum

**When:**
Wednesday October 30, 2013 at 10:50am

**Uniform:**
Music Polo Shirt with school / skirt / skort, black shoes (Music Polo Shirt is now available from the Uniform Shop)

**Meeting Place:**
School Hall at 9:15am.

**Transport:**
Students will be transported by the PCYC Bus

**Cost:**
$10.00 (payable to the office now)

Parents are welcome to also attend on the day to watch their child perform. The costs are as follows:

- **$10.00** Adults (single day entry only)
- **$5.00** Concession (single day entry only)
- **$20.00** Family single day entry (2 Adults 2 Children)
- **$35.00** Family Pass Unlimited Entry (2 Adults 2 Children)
- **$20.00** Adult Unlimited Entry Pass

Thank you for your continued support with the music program at Brisbane Central State School. We are very proud of the wonderful results our young players continue to achieve!

**Our school rules:**

Each week at assembly, I discuss our school rules: “Be safe, Be respectful and Be responsible”. This week I discussed “Be safe” in relation to:

1. Wearing hats – no hat, no play! Students without hats are required to sit in the covered eating area (next to the oval).
2. Being in the right place at the right time. Before school, students should only be under the jacaranda tree, or playing handball. Students are not permitted to congregate on verandas, outside classrooms or around school buildings. On Play and Stay afternoons, students should only be on the oval, playing on play equipment or on the driveway.

How parents can help to ensure that students are following the rules:

1. Remind your child to place their hat in their bag after every lunch break and zip up their bag to avoid it becoming lost. Remind your child that a lack of a hat reduces their play options dramatically!
2. Drop your child off at school as late as possible. There is no supervision provided for students before 8:55am. If you do drop your child off before 8:55am, remind them of the expectation that they must wait under the jacaranda tree or should be playing handball. Better still; enquire about before school care - Brisbane Central SAC ([briscentralsac@pcyc.org.au](mailto:briscentralsac@pcyc.org.au)).

We appreciate the support of our parents to ensure that every day, every child is safe, happy and learning.

**Prep Information Evening- Wednesday October 23, 2013, 6:00pm:**

We are holding our 2014 Prep Information evening on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00pm in the Prep Building. All our
families who have enrolled students in Prep, have received a personal invitation to attend our evening. The staff and I are looking forward to meeting our new Prep parents and welcoming them to our school. We will be holding a Prep Open Day for our new students on November 14, 2013 from 9:30am to 10:30am - more information to follow. Myself and EAL/D teacher, Mrs Meredith Waghorn, will also be conducting Prep Interviews over the coming weeks. A HUGE thanks to Mrs Jan McKeen, Mr Darren Waugh, and Mrs Jenny Gilmour, for their hard work in ensuring our new students have a smooth transition.

Young Scholars Information Evening- Thursday October 24, 2013, 6:00pm:
Some parents in Year 4 - 6 will have received an invitation to the Young Scholars Information evening on Thursday October 24, at 6:00pm in the hall. Please indicate your interest in attending this information session by filling out and returning the form to the office by Tuesday October 22, 2013.

Swimming starts on Friday!
Swimming for Prep – 7 will begin Friday, October 25. This is part of the school curriculum and it is an expectation that students attend. Students will travel by bus to Healthstream Aquatic Swim Centre, Kelvin Grove for swimming. Please make sure your child has the following:

- swimming costume - girls (Sunsafe shirt and board shorts or a full one piece swimsuit), and boys (Sunsafe shirt and board shorts or swimming trunks),
- swimming cap,
- towel,
- goggles (if preferred)

All clothing should be clearly named.

The total cost for this activity includes Term 4 bus hire, pool entrance, tuition and the Swimming Carnival scheduled for 25th November. Payment for buses is negotiated at the beginning of the term based on the number of seats needed each week. Therefore refunds for individual non-attendances cannot be made. Cost per child is $52 each. You will need to sign and return the permission form below, together with your payment before the first swimming day.

As this a curriculum activity, all students not attending swimming, should have a signed note from a parent stating this. Should you have any questions or concerns about the swimming program, please see your child’s teacher in the first instance.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
Thank you to the parents who took the time last term to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their child’s progress and identify areas for improvement and further development. Parents who did not attend a parent-teacher interview last term, will receive a letter from me, encouraging them to make contact with their child’s teacher to make a time to meet this term. Research and experience tell us that students are more likely to be successful at school when their parents are involved in their education. We are aiming for 100% attendance at parent-teacher interviews!

Have a great week!
Melissa

PARENT ENGLISH CLASS
On Tuesday morning, seventeen members of BCSS’s Parent English Class arrived at the City Hall to view and enjoy the many wonderful delights on offer. We had a full day’s program organised, and will include detailed information and some colourful photos of our time at City Hall in next week's newsletter.

Don’t forget that we now have a longer lesson time each Tuesday. Our lesson starts at 12:30pm on Tuesdays in the School Hall and finishes in time to attend the school assembly at 2:30pm. Please join us in the hall each Tuesday if you want to grow in your use of day to day English.

We have noticed a free City Hall concert which will be culturally interesting to a number of our class members and any newcomers. The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 November at 12 noon, and is titled Scintillation: Brazil to Persia. This concert features South American music (bossa nova and samba) and Persian poetry and jazz. Please keep this date free as we intend to revisit City Hall on the 12 November.
FIT N' ACTIVE List – Term 4, 2013

Mondays: Yr’s 4 - 7
Starting 28/10/2013

Ian Cojo M.
Colin K.
Jenina M.
Tanish S.
Ha C.
Bodi M.
Santiago G.
Raheen S.
Joshua K.
Benedict J.
Joshua B.
Arya B.
Alexey G.
Virat and Yash C.
Odin H.
Layan and Hussan B.
Vedit C.
Liam S.
Teemo R.
Aditiya S.
Elly B.
Jed C.
Raquel Santiago R.

Wednesdays: Prep - Yr 3
Starting 23/10/2013

Leandra and Fatih W.
Leigh and Lillian D.
Akruti M.
Joanne K.
Dishita K.
Asish M.
Liyah W.
Samuel A.
Kourosh K.
Danil G.
Sophia S.
Fouad N.
Vedhavyas V.
David B.
Felix L.
Edward (Teddy) W.
Soma T.
Dhruv S.
Keerthana K. P.
Tejas L.
Angela S.
Joseph R.
Ella J.

I am sorry that I cannot take on more participants; the limit for each group is 25 children. We have a lot more children that are new to Fit and Active this term. We have been informed that we will be commencing this program again next year.

A reminder that your child/children need to be picked up at 4:15pm, unless they are going to after school care.

Thank you,

Maree Lewis

Schools Update – Turn Your Phone Into a Life Saver

The Australian Red Cross has released a free first aid app for smartphone users.

The app guides users through the correct response for many incidents including heart attacks, strokes, diabetic episodes along with the more common burns, sprains and strains.

The app is easy to use and features vital life-saving information, videos and quizzes to test your first-aid knowledge on correct treatments for children and adults.

Learning the skills to save a life through first aid training is one thing, but remembering what to do when under pressure is where this first aid app can help most.

This new Smartphone app is available from www.redcross.org.au/first-aid-app.aspx or the Google Play and Apple app stores.

Can Awards 2013: Nominations Now Open!

The CAN Awards recognise and celebrate the work undertaken in the community, private and public sectors to achieve social justice and equity in the inner city of Brisbane. The first CAN Awards were held in 1997, honouring people and
organizations for their work, passion and leadership in the community. Now in their 16th year, the CAN Awards continue to shine a light on the inner city.

Anyone can make a nomination and winners are decided by a panel of independent community leaders and announced on the night. These awards are proudly facilitated by the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre.

Nominations can be for an individual, program, business, government body, institution or community group and proposers are welcome to submit more than one nomination.

To nominate someone or an organisation that you know, visit [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2PCNBWP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2PCNBWP) to complete a form online or pick up a form from the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, or the Westpac New Farm branch.

Nominations close **30th October 5:00pm** and the winners will be announced at the CAN Awards ceremony held:

**Monday 11th November, 2013 at 5:30pm**

New Farm Neighbourhood Centre (Community Hall)

Contact Clare at the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre on (07) 3358 5600 or clare@newfarmneighbourhood.org for details or to RSVP.

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### 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 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.
Animato International Violin Competition
Concert, featuring the winners

Sunday 24th November 2pm, Old Museum Brisbane

Program:

2nd and 3rd Prize Winners perform a movement from a Bach Solo Sonata or Partita and a work of their own choice, accompanied by Brachi Tilles (piano)

String Quintett No VI by W A Mozart
Spiros Rantos, violin (judicator)
Shaun Lancaster, violin (judicator)
Igor Orlovskiy, violin (judicator)
Dietrich Lasz, viola (from Animato Strings and founder of the competition)
Irina Orlovskaya, cello

Interval

1st Prize Winner performs a complete Mozart Concerto:
Either A Major, K 219, or D Major, K 218

The soloist will be accompanied by the competition’s chamber orchestra, conducted by John Curro and Spiros Rantos as the Concert Master.

The chamber orchestra consists of the judicators, participants of the competition (those who didn’t win this time) and other talented local musicians.
The concert will be recorded (including video) for broadcasting.

Book through 4MBS Ticketing on 3847 1717 (no extra charge) 9am – 5pm, 7 days
18 October 2013

Dear Parents,

Are you leaving us? Will you be enrolling a student for the Preparatory Year? Are you taking holidays?

Preparations for 2014 classes and staffing have already commenced. Thank you to the parents who have already let us know that they will be leaving us, or have returned their child’s enrolment for Prep. 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, or similarly, if they intend to enrol their child/ren for Prep in 2014.

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 provide an email or letter to Carolina Duncan (admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au) stating your return date so that your child is still considered as being enrolled at 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 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). Please help us to make accurate predictions about our staffing and student numbers by letting us know whether you intend to leave our school, enrol a child, or return to school after January 28, 2014.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding enrolment, please do not hesitate to contact either Carolina or myself.

Kind regards,

Melissa Burke

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Leaving the school or not returning to school by January 28, 2014

My child/ren’s name: ____________________________

☐ Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2014
Name of school they will be attending: ____________________________

☐ Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 28, 2014.
Date of return to BCSS ____________________________
Reason for late return ____________________________

☐ My child is eligible for the Preparatory Year in 2014 (turns 5 years of age by June 30, 2014), and I intend to enrol him/ her at Brisbane Central State School.