Dear Parents/Carers,

It may only be our second week back, but we have been incredibly busy! The exciting news is that we have a number of school events still to come this term! Read on for an update.

Events this week:

**Year 3 – 7 Track and Field Carnival:**
It was great to see all our students “have-a-go” and participate in the Track and Field Carnival on Tuesday. A HUGE thanks to Miss Anna Paton for her excellent organisation of and preparation for the day. A BIG thanks also goes to our staff and parents for helping to run the events. Congratulations to our age champions:

- **Girls 10 years:** Emily H
- **Boys 10 years:** Liam D
- **Girls 11 years:** Layan B
- **Boys 11 years:** John D
- **Girls 12 years:** Zoe B
- **Boys 12 years:** Adrian D

Our winning house was St Pauls!!
Junior Choir:
Our Junior Choir had its first rehearsal on Wednesday morning, with 46 students attending. This was phenomenal! If your child is in Year 1-3 and would like to join Junior Choir, please see Miss Kylie Wall or Miss Aisling Drumm.

SPARK Reading program:
The SPARK Reading Program was completed today. Our students were presented with a book from their reading mentor, and students and mentors enjoyed a morning tea together. A MASSIVE thanks to our wonderful Navitas volunteers who volunteered for 8 weeks to read for 1 hour to and with our Year 1 students. A special thanks to SPARK champion, Norina Walsh for her ongoing support of the program over the last two years.

Events next week:
• Free Adult English classes- starting Tuesday July 23: Our free Adult English classes for parents starts on Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 1:00pm. Already, we have 15 parents who have signed up! These classes will be taught by volunteer ESL teachers, Alison Chard and Sandra Trickett, and there will be no cost to your family. The classes will be an opportunity for you to grow in your use of day to day language and meet other parents. There will be lots of talking and some laughs as we engage in conversational English in many different settings. There is a rip off slip at the end of this letter. Please return to the office if you are interested in joining the classes.

• Soirée de la Bastille (“Bastille Day Ball”) - Thursday July 25: All our students are invited to come as their favourite French characters / fancy dress, or in the French colours of blue, white and red. Our Prep to Year 2/3 Disco will be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, whilst the older students (Year 3/4 to 6/7) will have their Soirée from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Entry fee will be $5 per student or $10 per family. There will be a lucky door prize, prizes for best costumes and dancers, and a number of games played. Please return the form sent home on Wednesday as soon as possible so we can ensure that there is enough food for everyone. We look forward to all our students joining us!

Enrolments for 2014:
We are now accepting enrolments for Prep and all other Year levels for 2014. If you have a child who will be turning 5 by June 30, 2014, please pick up an enrolment pack from our school office, our download the form from our website:
Please return completed enrolment forms to the school office via email: admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or in hard copy. We appreciate you returning the enrolment forms in a timely manner so that we can start to anticipate the number of classes and our staffing needs for 2014.

Staff Professional Development:
Our staff are currently working on Action Research Projects focusing on improving student achievement in reading. Through Action Research, teachers will be using students’ reading data to design learning experiences for students, as well as focusing on what they need to learn as teachers to improve their own teaching. As part of the Action Research, teachers will engage in Instructional Coaching with our Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs Charmaine Xinis for 1.5 hours every fortnight. They also are released from class to focus on their professional learning. During this time, our teachers will be researching teaching strategies and pedagogical practices, watching others teach and engaging in on-line learning opportunities (webinars and courses).

Our Action Research projects include:
• Prep and Prep/1: Improving students’ reading comprehension and retell of narratives.
• Year 1: Improving students’ oral retell of texts
• Year 2: Improving students’ inferential comprehension and transference of sight word, decoding, phonic and phonemic awareness to reading and writing
• Year 2/3: Improving students’ automaticity in decoding and improving fluency and confidence levels when reading aloud.
• Year 3/4: Improving students’ fluency and phonemic awareness and their transference of these skills to reading and writing
• Year 4/5: Improving reading fluency and confidence when reading aloud
• Year 5/6: Improving students’ ability to identify the main idea in a text
• Year 6/7: Improving students’ ability to work out the meaning of unknown words within a given context, and draw conclusions from texts.

Stay informed:
Have you checked out our new website yet? Our website has up-to-date news, calendar events, newsletters and parent letters. Alternatively, download the QSchools App from iTunes or Google Play. It is now so easy to know about what is going on at Brisbane Central State School!
Ask your child’s teacher today about how you can help support your child’s reading development at home. We believe that while our students’ results show that they are already performing well at school, we know that we can all work hard to ensure that students are reaching their fullest potential.

Have a great week!
Melissa

LE JOURNAL FRANÇAIS / THE FRENCH NEWS

A reminder that our Soirée de la Bastille (“Bastille Day Ball”), which will take place on the evening of Thursday July 25. It is a Soirée avec Déguisements (“Fancy Dress Ball”) and all our students are invited to come as their favourite French characters/fancy dress, or in the French colours of Blue, White and Red.

The evening will be divided into two parts. The younger students (Prep – Year 2/3) will have their Soirée from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, whilst the older students (Year 3/4 – Year 6/7) will have their Soirée from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

L’Entrée (“Entry fee”) will be $5.00 per student or $10.00 per family. There will be a lucky door prize as well as prizes for Les Meilleurs Déguisements (“The Best Costumes”), Meilleurs Danseurs (“Best Dancers”) and beaucoup de jeux (“lots of games”). There will also be refreshments on sale, such as home made orangina, French pastries, and snacks.

To help with catering we need to know how many children will be coming on the night and if they will be requiring food and drinks. Please complete and tear off the response sheet sent out this week and return it to their classroom teacher by Monday July 22. Please do NOT send money. We just need an idea of numbers.

Year 7 students will be helping with drinks sales, but I will also need a few parents to help with the sale of food.

Please encourage your child/children to come for a truly French experience. Funds raised from the evening will be used to purchase resources for the French Department and for the Year 7 Dinner.

À la prochaine (“till next time”).
Madame Maroto

BOOKWEEK AUTHOR VISIT

Author Tristan Bancks will be visiting Brisbane Central SS for Book Week on Thursday 22 August, discussing his books and the writing process. As well as working with Tristan, students will have the opportunity to ask questions and have books signed to bring home.

If you would like to purchase any of Tristan’s books with a school discount, an order form can be obtained from the office and returned with payment on or before the day, or refer to the link on our school website.

Cash or cheques only. No credit cards. Please make all cheques payable to Tristan Bancks.

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

With the weather getting cooler it is time to think about jumpers. Our winter stock of Zip-up Jackets has arrived. The price is $35.00 for sizes 4 to 14. We have a small supply of old-style screen-printed Zip-ups for $32.50 and Sloppy Joes for $24.00. Please email or text to make sure we have the correct size.

We do not stock Tracksuit pants. You can pick up plain black Tracksuit pants for about $8.00 at Big W or Target.

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:

(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.

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Craft Group
9:00am every Friday in the hall (children welcome)
No sewing or cooking experience required… just turn up!
Cost is $2 – includes tea/coffee and morning tea
All welcome!

Soft Drink & Water Drive
for the Fair
** Free Dress Day **
next Friday 25th July

Instead of a gold coin donation, please bring in a
carton of soft drink cans (Coke, Sprite, Fanta etc)
or small bottles of water (12) for the Fair!

Each class will have a ‘soft drink collection box’
located in their classroom

Please remember we are sun safe school.
More volunteers needed!  See Alyson, Amanda, Sunitha or Paula

Start your spring cleaning early!

Do you really need 10 clocks, 3 toasters, 14 sets of sheets and 26 coffee mugs?  Bring your extra “stuff” to school.

Unwanted items (bric-a-brac) can be brought to school every Thursday. Bring your items to the covered 4—7 lunch shed (in front of the library) Thursday collection times 8:45am & 3pm. Text Paula on 0449 017 711 if you have any questions

Cake Boss News

If you can help bake/make cakes, toffees, fudge, cupcakes etc for the Fair, please let us know!

Stall holders

If you would like to hold your own stall at the Fair or know someone who would, please contact either Amanda Woolnough 0437 524 460 or Alyson Fenton 0416 220 868.

TOMBOLA STORE - SMALL McDONALD’S/OTHER TOYS WANTED

The Tombola Stall is looking for any small toys... especially MCDONALD’S toys or any small toys... Would you like to donate them to a good cause?  Bring items in and see Amanda, Paula or Alyson. Thank you TOMBOLA STALL

8 weeks to go.....
Free Adult ESL Classes at Brisbane Central State School

Dear Parents,

A letter was sent home in the last week of Term 2 announcing that we are offering Free Adult English classes to parents of Brisbane Central State School with English as a Second Language on Tuesday afternoons in the hall from 1:00 - 2:30pm.

The classes will start on Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 1:00pm.

These classes will be taught by volunteer ESL teachers, Alison Chard and Sandra Trickett, and there will be no cost to your family. The classes will be an opportunity for you to grow in your use of day to day language and meet other parents. There will be lots of talking and some laughs as we engage in conversational English in many different settings.

We would love you to come and join us.

Children under 5 are welcome.

To help us prepare for the lessons, please fill in your reply below.

☐ Yes, I would like to come.

☐ No, I cannot come.

Name: _____________________________________ Date: ___________________

Phone number: __________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________

Thank you,

Allison Chard and Sandra Trickett