FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

It’s our third week into the term, and we are certainly into the swing of things here at Brisbane Central! Our students are very busy engaging in extra-curricular activities, participating in a variety of learning programs, and training for and competing in team sports. Read on for a quick update!

Volunteering at Brisbane Central:

We are very lucky at Brisbane Central to be the beneficiaries of a number of volunteer programs. Presently, the following volunteer programs are running:

- **SPARK Reading program**: The SPARK program has been running for a number of years at Brisbane Central State School. The program links volunteers from local businesses with schools, to provide additional reading support for students. The launch of this year’s SPARK program took place today. Volunteers from Navitas will be reading weekly with selected students from our Year Prep/1 class. This is the second year that employees from Navitas have volunteered as reading mentors for our students. A HUGE thanks to Meredith Waghorn, our ESL Specialist for coordinating the program and training the volunteer reading mentors.

- **Year 1 Reading program**: Volunteers from Teachers’ Union Health will be reading twice weekly with selected students from our Year Prep/1 class. This is the second year that volunteers from Teachers’ Union Health will be working with our students. Last year, volunteers dedicated 45 minutes a week for approximately 16 weeks helping us to run an oral language program for our Prep students.

- **Ready Reader volunteers**: We are also lucky to have a number of parents who have trained as Ready Reader volunteers, who read weekly with students in Years Prep to 3.

Assembly:

Our weekly assemblies are held on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm. Every week one of our classes presents an item that reflects what they have been learning in class. Often our instrumental music students, band, choir or Ukulele Ensemble also perform a piece. Class Awards are also presented to students during assemblies. This week, our Ukulele Ensemble performed the Jason Mraz song, “I’m Yours” to the excitement of many of our students who sang along. This was an amazing achievement given that our ensemble has been playing together for only a few months!

If you pick up your children on a Tuesday afternoon, why not arrive a little earlier and join us for assembly?

UQ Sports:

Our UQ Sports program recommenced today for our Year 4, 5, 6 and 7s. Parents should have received a letter home this week, providing the relevant details. For the second year, qualified sports instructors will be
conducting the program at school, saving students and teachers time in transportation, and reducing the cost of involvement for parents. The program provides students with the opportunity to be involved in 60 minutes of physical activity, learn specific skills, and experience being part of a competition with qualified referees. The program runs for seven weeks.

**Mini Writers’ and Mini Scientists’ Festivals:**
Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for and accepted as part of the Mini Writers’ and Mini Scientists’ Festivals:

- **Mini Writers’ Festival:** Trudy Francis, Mathilda Lovejoy, Arya Bekal, Grace Clark
- **Mini Scientists’ Festival:** Raheen Samnani, Benjamin Tran, Hans William Chung, Lewis Smith

Our students will join students from the City Cluster schools, with each school only able to nominate a small number of students to take part in the program. Students involved in the Mini Writers’ Festival will work with an award winning author and teachers to produce their own creative writing piece. The program will include face to face workshops on the writing process, generating ideas and publishing and polishing. This is a very unique opportunity to foster young students who show exceptional talent in writing. Students involved in the Mini Scientists’ Festival will be introduced to four areas of science – Chemistry, geology, engineering and palaeontology – and then will concentrate on an investigation in their one selected area. Students will engage in a number of activities to develop their scientific inquiry and investigation skills. They will be expected to present the results of their investigations using digital media.

**P&C Meeting:**
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8 at 8:00am in the hall meeting room (bottom level of hall). We look forward to welcoming everyone back this Wednesday!

**Earn and Learn Woolworths Sticker Sheets:**
For all the Earn and Learn Woolworths stickers, please pick up your sticker sheets at your local Woolworths store as we no longer provide the sheets here at school.

Have a great week!
Melissa

**YEAR 4/5 NEWS**
Our focus in maths rotations has been applying our mathematical knowledge to multi-step word problems. We have even written some tricky, multi-step word problems of our own! Have a go and see if you can work out all the necessary steps!

1. A rectangle has a perimeter of 84cm. The length is 1.5cm longer than the width. How long is the length?
   **By Caitlyn Leeson**

2. Sarah loves to walk. She walks a total of 13km every week. For every kilometre, Sarah walks 853 steps. For every 100 steps, Sarah loses 163 calories. How many calories does Sarah lose after walking 13km?
   **By Jon Davis**

3. Danny has a pet hamster. The hamster requires feeding 12 times per day. How many times does Danny need to feed his hamster in 8 weeks?
   **By Jeremy Pham**

4. Kim has $500 to spend at the toy store. If she buys nine dolls costing $43.27 each, how much money will she have left?
   **By Hassan Badhris**

**LE JOURNAL FRANÇAIS / THE FRENCH NEWS**

Salut / Hello,

Just a reminder to all parents and students that Lingascope forms need to be returned to Madame Maroto, as soon as possible. Merci / Thank you to all those who have done so already.

Do not forget that we need parents and students to sign those Terms and Conditions forms before I can give students the school Username and Password, so that they can access this educational and interactive Language website. We will be using it in class very soon, but students can also access it at home for homework. Those like me that love languages will also be able to access other languages, such as Italian, German, Spanish and English as a Second language. There are lots of new fun activities added on this year. Preps and year 1 should look at the elementary stage, years 2 to 7 should go to beginner, as well as fantastic football, and years 6 and 7 I will also be encouraging to access the intermediate stage. If you have lost your copy of the letter please see Madame Armstrong in the office, as she has a few spares.

Next Tuesday the Prep/1 will be singing a couple of little French songs on Assembly. Everyone is welcome to come and support them.

Next week in the newsletter I will also be including a brief outline for Term 2 for all classes. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.
À la prochaine,
Madame Maroto

**FIT ‘N’ ACTIVE REMINDER**

These days are not for play and stay. The children will be hitting, throwing or kicking balls. I do not want to see
other children or parents get hurt.

**Pick up time is 4:15pm.** The children meet me at the lunch shed on the oval at 3:00pm where we have fruit and do a roll call. All children need their hat and a water bottle. **Please do not be late for pick ups,** Thank you.

Maree Lewis

**GREEN UPDATE**

Garden Club is on Friday mornings at 8:30am for all interested children.

Thanks to Paula and Dave Pattinson (Ethan and Aaron) for their donation of a $20 Bunnings voucher. It will go towards new equipment and seedlings for the Garden Club.

**TAG LEAGUE RESULTS**

**Junior:**
- Brisbane Central 10 vs. Eagle Junction 5
- Brisbane Central 20 vs. Wooloowin 0
- Brisbane Central 0 vs. Enogerra 15
- Brisbane Central 10 vs. Virginia 15
- Brisbane Central 0 vs. Nundah 10

**Senior:**
- Brisbane Central 0 vs. Ascot 5
- Brisbane Central 10 vs. Northgate (3) 15
- Brisbane Central 25 vs. Northgate (1) 0
- Brisbane Central 20 vs. Kelvin Grove 10

**Try Scorers:**
Max Wilson, Virat Chaudhary, Emanuel Pop (4), Jon Davis (2), Zac Buscombe (4), Royce Brinosa, Zoe Boe (4), Angus Beavis, Adrian Dzepo

**PLAYERS OF THE ROUND:**
JUNIOR - Ashley Kuo, Emanuel Pop
SENIOR - Zac Buscombe, Zoe Boe

**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 uniform 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.

**Mothers’ Day**

Next Sunday, 12th May

... and the craft group is selling some items for students to buy for their mums.

**Prices range from $3 - $6**

Students are to bring their Mothers’ Day money to school next Friday 10th May and buy their mums a gift to take home.