Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week zoomed by at Brisbane Central, kicking off with a Working Bee and P-2 Cross Country Carnival. Read on for further details. We are excited about our first Year 3-7 Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. We hope that our parents come along to cheer on the teams and support our first Cross Country Carnival.

**Working Bee:**
A MASSIVE thank you to the parents and families who joined us last Sunday morning for the Working Bee. Together we pruned, weeded, pulled, chipped, chopped and tidied many areas of the school grounds. Our grounds now look neat and tidy, and have been complimented on by recent visitors to the school. Our workers included: Trevor Dixon (who generously brought along his wood chipper), Brendan Stock, Brian Steendyke; Steve and Michele Maxwell; Amanda Woolnough; Paul Wilson; Alyson Fenton and Don, Emily, Sam and Eva Battams; Miranda Crisci; Karyn and Mathilde Wernham; Ramziya Asanalishoeva and Tarona Abbany; and Yasmin McErlain and Michael Halliburton. A HUGE thanks to Cecilia Huang for providing the much needed and appreciated refreshments! Next time you are at the school, why don’t you take a look at all the hard work?

**P-2 Cross Country Carnival:**
Our first P-2 Cross Country competition was held on Tuesday morning. It was great to see all students having a go and completing the run. Our students were well supported by a number of parents who came along to cheer the teams on. A HUGE thank you to Miss Anna Paton for her excellent organisation of our first carnival.

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Years 3-7 Cross Country:

Last week, parents would have received a letter detailing the arrangements for the Years 3-7 Cross Country Carnival. The details are as follows:

- **Date:** May 28, 2013
- **Venue:** Stafford State School and Hickey Park
- **Transport:** Supervised bus
- **Departure time:** 9:00am from Brisbane Central State School
- **Returning time:** 11:30am approximately
- **Cost:** $5 (paid to the school office)

**What to take to the Cross Country:**

- Appropriate running gear (students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt of their house colour and black school shorts).
- Running shoes
- Drink bottle and morning tea snack (Tuck shop is not available)
- Medication if required (e.g. asthma puffers)

We hope that as many parents possible come along on the day to help out and cheer on their child/ren. All permission forms and $5.00 should be returned to school by **Monday May 27, 2013**. The winning house and Age Champions will be announced at Assembly on Tuesday afternoon, May 28.

**Contacting the office:**

Our wonderful AO, Wendy Armstrong performs a daily juggling act in our school office - answering phones, attending to the needs of contractors and delivery persons, responding to parent questions and requests, receipting money, processing enrolments and managing school finance, amongst other things. Wendy works very hard to ensure that messages are passed along to children and teachers. However, sometimes, it is not possible for Wendy to pass along every message or respond immediately to every missed call. Should you need to pass along a message to a teacher or your child, please ensure you do so by 12:00pm, that way it will be most likely that she will be successful in doing so. If you need a document or a statement, please ensure that you give Wendy at least two (2) day’s notice to complete this, and get it ready for your collection. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**The silver is polished!**

Recent visitors to our Administration area will have noticed that we now have two cabinets on the veranda showcasing our historical sporting achievements. These beautiful trophies, which have been tarnished for a number of years, have been restored to their formal glory thanks to the tireless efforts of Maree Lewis and Shirley Vowles who spent many hours polishing and cleaning. A BIG thanks to Maree and Shirley for their hard work. Please come and admire their work next time you pass the office.

**On-line Learning Opportunity for our Year 5-7 students:**

Over the past two years, Brisbane Central Year 5-7 students have engaged in a number of exciting on-line learning opportunities (Project 600, Project U2B, Dotcom.kids) in partnership with the Brisbane School of Distance Education. This term we will be offering a before school program, “Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact”, which will provide students with an opportunity to learn more about the nature of science and what constitutes science facts and science fiction. The project will be delivered for 10 school weeks from Week 9 of Term 2, 2013 to Week 8 of Term 3, 2013. Involvement in the program requires 1 web conference per week (Thursday 7:45am – 9:00am) with 13 other students from Years 5-7. Each web conference goes for 60-70 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher from BSDE with support from our extension teacher, Mr David Thornton. All parents of students in Years 5-7 are welcome to nominate their child for the program, as long as they fulfil the following criteria:

- Ability to arrive at school promptly by 7:45am every Thursday morning during the course
- Interest, passion and ability in Science (this is an extension program)
- Qualities that suit online learning, such as commitment, independence, organisation and perseverance.

Acceptance to the course will be offered on a “first in” basis, but if there is significant interest, a second course will be offered in Term 4, with all students missing out this term placed on a waiting list. A letter outlining the course, costs and criteria was sent home via every Year 5-7 student yesterday (Thursday May 23). Please ensure that if you are interested in your child being a part of the program, that you return the expression of
interest form to your child’s teacher by **Wednesday May 29, 2013**.

**High Achievers:**

Congratulations to our Year 6-7 students who were selected for the High Achievers program starting in 2 weeks at Kelvin Grove State College. Parents of Year 6-7 students selected should have received a letter yesterday outlining the costs and transport arrangements for the program.

**Congratulations to past students:**

Congratulations to past-students, Bella Lovejoy and Grace Anderson. Both former students of Brisbane Central State School have been recently accepted for entry to the Queensland Academies, commencing January 2014. Bella was accepted to the Queensland Academy for Science, Maths and Technology, and Grace was accepted to the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries. The Queensland Academies are select entry, Queensland State Schools, for students in Years 10-12. Students who enter the Academies study the International Baccalaureate for the final two years. Entry into the Academies is a significant achievement, and we are proud of Bella’s and Grace’s success.

Have a great week!
Melissa

**YEAR 6/7 NEWS**

In English Year 6/7 students have been learning about the lives of courageous people and how to write an evaluative biography making judgements about courageous acts. They brainstormed to define ... 

**C O U R A G E**

What does courage mean?

C stands for **confidence**. You need to believe in yourself and the things you do.

O stands for **out of the ordinary** feats

U stands for **undying** fearlessness

R stands for **rising above** all odds

A stands for **ability** to meet difficulties head on

G stands for **great** personal achievements

E stands for **excellent** leadership in challenging situations.

On assembly some of our students shared who they thought were courageous people. Angus thought Edmund Hillary was, as he conquered the highest mountain in the world. Lillith thought her father was courageous as he fights for what he believes in as a politician. Jacinta said her Great- Great uncle, Joseph Maxwell, was courageous as he was awarded a Victoria Cross medal for bravery under fire. We have had many interesting discussions throughout the unit on this topic.

In other news, NAPLAN is over for Year 7, we are completing many other assessment tasks and we have welcomed Miss Georgia Barbeler, a QUT pre-service teacher to our classroom. Miss Barbeler is working with us for another week, completing a four week block practice.

We are looking forward to competing in the cross country next week and our third Gala day on Friday.

Mrs Sommerville

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers from TUH (Teachers Union Health) who give up their time each week to read with us.

**P – 2 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

The Prep – Year 2 Cross Country/Fun Run was an exciting and fun event held last Tuesday 21st May at Brisbane State School oval. It was awesome to see so many students participating, trying their best and enjoying themselves. Thank you to all parents/carers that came to watch and support the students. Thank you to all staff and the Year 7 house captains for their assistance on the day. Below is a list of the results.

The Year 3 – 7 Cross Country is on Tuesday 28th May at Stafford SS. Students will leave from Brisbane Central SS and travel by bus to the venue. A reminder to all Year 3-7 students to return their permission form and $5. We encourage all parents/carers to come and support the students running. The winning House and age champions for the 10, 11 and 12 year olds will be presented at assembly on Tuesday 28th May.
### CITY DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations and well done to the four students who competed at the City District Cross Country event on Monday 20th May at Brisbane Grammar Playing Fields, Northgate. It was a gorgeous sunny day and all of the Brisbane Central State School students performed brilliantly! Thank you to Mrs Kylie Hirst for her fantastic assistance as team manager and to all the parents that supported the students on the day. Great effort Brisbane Central!!

Below is a list of the results:

- Emily Hirst 20th – 10 Years Girls
- Layan Badhris 73rd – 11 Years Girls
- Jon Davis 78th – 11 Years Boys
- Virat Chaudhary 58th – 12 Years Boys

Thanks
Anna Paton (PE Teacher)

### TAG LEAGUE RESULTS – DAY 2

#### Junior:
- Bris Central 20 vs. Ascot (B) 0
- Bris Central 5 vs. Ascot (A) 0
- Bris Central 40 vs. Wilston 0
- Bris Central 5 vs. Virginia 5

#### Senior:
- Bris Central 20 vs. Windsor 0
- Bris Central 20 vs. Hendra 0
- Bris Central 40 vs. Wilston 0
- Bris Central 15 vs. Hamilton 0

#### Try Scorers:
Max Wilson(3), Virat Chaudhary(3), Emanuel Pop(2), Jon Davis(3), Zac Buscombe(3), Royce Brinosa(3), Zoe Boe(8), Josua Balekiwai(3), Shane Karunaratan(1), Jacinta Maxwell(2) and Aldric Goh(2)

#### PLAYERS OF THE ROUND
- JUNIOR - Max Wilson and Abi Kinnaird
- SENIOR - Zoe Boe, Royce Brinosa and Sarah Tran

### GREEN UPDATE

Brisbane Central State School has been nominated as a finalist in the Brisbane City Council Green Heart School Showcase Awards. The Sustainability Showcase Awards celebrate schools and their communities taking action for sustainability involving change in areas of:

- water
- waste
- transport
- energy
- greening their school grounds

Winners will be announced and prizes presented at the Green Heart Sustainability Fair for World Environment Day on Sunday 2 June 2013 at Seventh Brigade Park, Chermside. Feel free to come along on the day to see if we win. Fingers crossed! Hope to see you there!

#### TRIVIA: Did you know that Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a washing machine for 10 minutes?

### 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.

If it is raining we will be conducting Fit ‘n’ Active under the shed located near the toilet block.
**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

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**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.

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**Term 2, 2013**

**Craft Group**

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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!**

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**Carer Support Group**

Are you currently providing care for a family member, friend or neighbour who has a disability, mental illness, chronic illness or is frail aged? Come along to our Carers Support Group and meet other carers in the same situation, share stories and find out what is out there for you.

Meets 4th Friday each month
10am—12pm
The Paddington Centre
132 Latrobe Tce, Paddington
Phone Carers Queensland: 3264 1700
E: acampbell@carersqld.asn.au

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**A Big Thank You**

To the working bee helpers!
Kind regards,
P&C
Brisbane Central State School’s

Spring Hill Fair

Brisbane Central State School is having a fair on **Saturday, 14th September, 2013**. A fair is a huge undertaking for a small school, so we, the P&C, will be asking the school community to help us organize this wonderful event. Remember, all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of all our children.

**Bric-a-brac**

Start collecting your unwanted household items for the **bric-a-brac stall**?

(bric-a-brac is also known as knick-knacks, curios, junk, stuff - which could include clothes, shoes, household items etc)

If you have any bric-a-brac at home you would like to donate to the school fair, please bring your items to school on a Thursday ONLY. Paula will be in the covered 4-7 lunch shed (in front of the library) at 8:45am & 3pm to collect your items. Text Paula on 0449 017 711 if you have any questions.

**Small furniture items**

**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.