



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is only 3 weeks to go until the Spring Hill Fair!! Our Fair Organising Committee has put out the call for volunteers, so make sure you return your form to the office as soon as possible! You can also volunteer through signing up to help with your child's class stall. Teachers have placed the sign-up sheets outside and in classrooms, so that parents can select times to "man" the stall during the day. Volunteering to help as part of our Fair is a great way for you to meet other parents and contribute to our school community – so sign up today!

As part of the Fair celebrations, the Committee has also planned for a "Bollywood Flash Dance". Rehearsals are now underway, and we would like to encourage as many students, parents and community members to get involved as possible. Come along, get active and enjoy the dancing!!



Read on for an update on our goings on this week and plans for the remainder of the term!

Year 5-7 Camp:

We welcomed back 48 tired, but happy students on Wednesday afternoon! There were glowing reports about the day/ night activities, food and student behaviour. Student reports and photos will follow in our next newsletter. A



Mondays Thursdays	Fit 'n' Active: Yr 4 – 7 Prep – Yr 3
Tuesdays	Junior and Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
Wednesdays	Band Rehearsals: 7:30am – 8:30am Ukulele Ensemble: 11:00am – 11:30am
Thursdays	Chess Program: 8:00am
Thursdays 11/07/2013 – 29/08/2013	Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact: 7:45am
Fridays	Gardening Club: 8:30am UQ Sports Program: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
30/08/2013	Year 2 Fathers' Day Workshop
04/09/2013	P&C Meeting: 8:00am in the school hall
11/09/2013	School Photos Concert: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
12/09/2013	Maths Fiesta
14/09/2013	BCSS Spring Hill Fair: 10:00am – 3:00pm
20/09/2013	Last school day - Term 3, 2013
21/09/2013 – 07/10/2013	Term 3 School holidays
08/10/2013	First school day - Term 4, 2013

Brisbane Central State School's Spring Hill Fair

**Saturday 14th
September 2013,
10:00am – 3:00pm**

MASSIVE thanks to Annette Somerville, Kylie Wall, David Thornton and Lauren Neilson for their hard work over the past three days and two nights.



Book Week:

This year we celebrated Book Week with a visit from author, Tristan Bancks. Students were delighted with stories from Tristan's childhood, and how these tales were the impetus behind the creation for his many books. A HUGE thanks to our librarian, Narelle Hoelzl, for organising Tristan's visit.



Our festivities continue next week when our Year 2 class chats to author Meredith Costain next week, as part of the On-line Literature Festival.



Parent-Teacher Interviews:

From September 8 to 20, teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to meet with them to discuss their child's learning over the past two terms. Within the next week, all parents should receive a letter from their child's teacher inviting them to attend these meetings. I strongly encourage all parents to attend an interview with their child's teacher. These interviews provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to celebrate a child's achievements, provide an opportunity for feedback on their progress, and to develop goals for a child's future learning. These meetings are also a great opportunity to share any concerns you as a parent may have regarding your child's academic or social-emotional development. A couple of tips to make the most of your meeting with your child's teacher:

- The interviews are short, so please come prepared with a list of questions you want to raise.
- Attend with a partner or friend, particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.
- Let the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child's progress - they have a lot of your child's work to show you!
- Take notes and clarify information that you don't understand. "What do you mean by 'he needs to spend time reading'....?" Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child's teacher is giving.
- Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened. No doubt your child's teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child's difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher's time and of those parents who are to follow. If you are unable to attend an interview due to unforeseen circumstances, please let your child's teacher know so the time can be offered to another parent.

A HUGE thanks to our class teachers – Jan McKean, Darren Waugh, Wendy Fitzgerald, Brendan Stock, Rae Ross, Alison Thomas, Aisling Drumm, Kylie Wall and Annette Somerville for balancing teaching, planning, and preparation with parent-interviews during this busy time. I know our teachers put in a lot of time ensuring that they are prepared for interviews so that you leave as well informed as possible about your child's progress.



Welcome!

Welcome to Ellen Fell, who will be teaching our Prep class while Darren Waugh enjoys some well-deserved long service leave. Welcome to Julie West, who will be joining us as our replacement Music teacher while Kat McGowan takes some additional leave. Julie as be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Senior Choir rehearsal will be moved to **Thursday mornings at 8 am.**



Farewell!

We bid a very sad farewell to Wendy Armstrong, who will complete her contract with Brisbane Central State School on Friday August 30. Wendy has been with us since November 2012, when Carolina Duncan was seconded to work at OneSchool, and then most recently in a relief capacity at Greenslopes State School. I cannot thank Wendy enough for her resiliency, dependability, kindness and “can do” attitude. She has been a tremendous asset to our school community, and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.

A HUGE welcome back to Carolina Duncan, who is very excited to return to the Brisbane Central State School community on Monday September 2. Make sure you drop by the administration office to say hello!



Good luck to our Maths Tournament Competitors:

Fifteen Year 5-7 students will be competing against other Metropolitan state school students at the 2013 Mathematics Tournament at Graceville State School on Monday. Our teams have been involved in some intense training over the past six weeks, under the guidance of Annette Somerville, Anna Paton and Supriya Sant. The Tournament aims to stimulate students’ interest in mathematics, provide an activity of intellectual fun in a scholarly atmosphere, and foster interest in creative problem solving. A HUGE thanks to Anna, Supriya, and Holly who will be accompanying or students on Monday. We wish our teams good luck!



Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact Course with the Brisbane School of Distance Education:

Our Sci-Fi or Sci-Fact online course is completed this week. A BIG thanks to Dave Thornton, who has been running the course in conjunction with the Brisbane School of Distance Education. We are currently in negotiation with BDSE to deliver an online Writing course next term. Stay tuned for further details!



Parent English Classes:

Our free Parent English classes are in now in their fifth week! The classes are voluntarily run by qualified English as an Additional Language teachers, and commence from 1:00 – 2:30pm every Tuesday afternoon in the hall. The classes provide a fun way for parents to enhance their English speaking and written skills, as well as providing an opportunity to get to know other parents and make some new friends. Currently, the classes have 16 parents who regularly attend. All parents are welcome to join teachers, Allison and Sandra and our other parents – it’s free!!



Have you checked out our website lately?

We update our website very Friday with news stories, calendar events, parent letters and the newsletter. Our website now includes a section that links to School Aged Cares services (PCYC), Enrolment information and Parent forms and documents. Over the next six months, we will be building our website to include more information about the school, for both prospective and current parents.

If there is something that you would like included on the website, please let either Wendy Armstrong – admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu or myself – the.principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au know!

While you are checking out our website, be sure to have a look at the Fair’s website also - <http://springhillfair.com.au/>. This website provides ongoing updates on the Fair, including food and beverages, live performances, and stalls.



Change of dates:

- Due to the Fair, there will not be an end of term concert this term. Instead our musical groups will be performing for a much larger audience on September 14.
- The Maths Fiesta, that was originally scheduled for Tuesday September 3, will now be held on Tuesday September 17. More details to come!



Prep Enrolments for 2014 - due now!

If you have a child eligible for Prep in 2014, please ensure that you have picked up an enrolment form from our office, or have downloaded one from our website. We ask that you return these forms to our school office with a birth certificate. This helps us to plan our staffing arrangements for next year. If you have a neighbour who is turning 5 years old by June

30, 2014, please let us know so we can arrange for an enrolment pack to be sent to their home.



A reminder:

When sending in monies for excursions or incursions, please remember to include the signed permission list that allows your child to attend the event.

Have a great week!

Melissa

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: 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.

Term 3, 2013



Craft Group

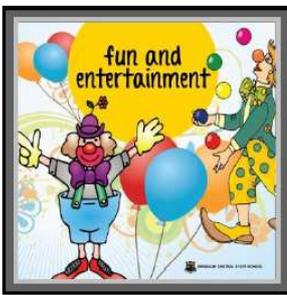
Week	Date	Fete Preparation/Activity
8	30 Aug	Fair – craft activities
9	6 Sept	Fair – craft activities
10	13 Sept	Fair – cooking (day before Fair)
11	20 Sept	Indian cooking - Smita

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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Spring Hill Fair

Twitter: @SpringHillFair1

Web: www.springhillfair.com.au



Thursday 29th August is Bric-a-Brac Day



DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN ALL THOSE OTHER ITEMS YOU HAVE HAD STORED IN CUPBOARDS AND DRAWERS FOR YEARS



Weeks To Go!



FREE DRESS DAY next Friday, 30th August
Children can come in FREE DRESS for a **GOLD COIN DONATION**
Money raised on the day will go towards costs of the Spring Hill Fair in September



Our 'Spring Hill Fair' facebook page is up and running...visit and like us on Facebook...'share' us with your friends...

We will have more than 40 stalls at the Fair. Check the website www.springhillfair.com.au for updates.

New information added daily.

Thank you!

A huge week for Sponsorship...a big THANK YOU to *Cr Vicki Howard and her team from Central Ward* for granting us \$3,000 on behalf of the Brisbane City Council towards our Staging costs, and to long established Spring Hill business *Burrell Stockbroking and Superannuation* have sponsored our International Food Stall for \$1,000. Burrell will also have a stall at the Fair. Also to *New Farm Village News* who are running an editorial and free advertising for the Fair and *Fresh Hair* who have donated a hair dryer for our silent auction. Know anyone who may like to be a Sponsor...they can call Miranda on 0402 595 577.



1. A reminder to send in your **Volunteer Registration Form** by **Monday 26th August...**
If everyone does a little we can achieve a lot!
2. BCSS Bollywood Style Flash Mob rehearsals have started in the playground under the covered lunch shed...refer to the rehearsal schedule which was sent home last week. Thank you to Sunitha and her helpers for leading this project. BCSS might be the next "Gangnam Style" on UTube. Rehearsal was a lot of fun!

