



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now hurtling towards the end of the term, yet we aren't slowing down! The next three weeks bring the following exciting events:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews – September 9-20
- Spring Hill Fair – Saturday September 14
- Maths Fiesta – Tuesday September 17

We look forward to all our parents joining us for these important school events.



Michael Carr-Gregg Parent Session- Monday 21 October:

The City Cluster of Schools is proud to host Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Monday 21 October, at the Windsor State School Assembly Hall, for a special presentation to parents on "The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in 2013". Dr Carr-Gregg will speak to us on a number of topics including:

- *Communication and strengthening connections between you and your child;*
- *Online safety;*
- *Equipping our children emotionally.*

The details are:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg @ Windsor State School,

Constitution Rd, Windsor Qld 4030

21st October 2013

7:00pm - 9:00pm (Tea & Coffee available on arrival)

Cost: \$10.00 per ticket (available from Brisbane Central State School's office)

Website: <http://www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au/>

Brisbane Central State School has been allocated 35 tickets for this special event. Tickets are available from the office. Both our teachers and teacher-aides will also be attending two sessions with Michael Carr-Gregg on the Student Free Day. This is a very worthwhile opportunity for Brisbane Central State School.

Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's best known child and adolescent psychologists and one of the country's leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. He is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying and an official ambassador for the National Depression Initiative - *Beyondblue* as well as Mindmatters, one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government. Dr Carr-Gregg has a private practice in Melbourne, and is in much demand as a speaker, educator and



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
Fridays	Gardening Club: 8:30am UQ Sports Program: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
04/09/2013	P&C Meeting: 8:00am in the school hall
09/09/2013 – 20/09/2013	Parent-Teacher Interviews
11/09/2013	School Photos Concert: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
14/09/2013	BCSS Spring Hill Fair: 10:00am – 3:00pm
17/09/2013	Maths Fiesta
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**

commentator. You may have seen Dr Carr-Gregg during one of his regular sessions on Channel 7's *Sunrise* program.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr Carr-Gregg to our cluster and in turn we would like to welcome you to join us as a member of a very special audience. Event details are below. For further details please contact the school office.

A limited number of tickets are now available from the school's office. Seats are limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early to this premier event so as to avoid disappointment.

Visit <http://www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au/> to check out his resources, blog and other publications.



Congratulations to our Maths Tournament Competitors:

Congratulations to the 15 Year 5-7 students who competed against other metropolitan state school students at the 2013 Mathematics Tournament at Graceville State School on Monday. Our teams were involved in some intense training over the past six weeks, under the guidance of Annette Somerville, Anna Paton and Supriya Sant. Our students' involvement in the Maths Tournament is yet another way that provides curriculum extension for our high achieving students. A HUGE thanks to Anna, Supriya, and Holly Casagrande who accompanied our students on Monday.



Brisbane Central State School Spring Hill Fair - 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Our Spring Hill Fair is only 2 weeks away! Make sure you read the update at the end of this letter. Our classes have been putting the call out for stall convenors and volunteers. Please help your child's class and our school, by signing up for a stall for an hour, and through donating items for the stalls. Sign-up sheets are outside every classroom, or alternatively, let your child's teacher know that you can help. We need all hands on deck to ensure that the stalls are a success!!!



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



Thank you:

A MASSIVE thanks to Trevor Dixon and his team for replanting the garden bed at the bottom of the oval over the weekend! Your hard work to ensure our school continues to look great is appreciated.



Rule Reminders:

Every week at assembly, I take the opportunity to remind our students about our three school rules, "Be safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful". We appreciate our parents reinforcing these rules at home. This week, we discussed being "respectful", by reminding our students to stay out of the garden beds during school time and during "Play and Stay". We appreciate parents reminding their child to not play in garden beds when playing in the school grounds after school. We also reminded students about the importance of being "responsible" while on the internet, and reporting any unacceptable content to a teacher immediately. We appreciate the support of our parents in reinforcing responsible online behaviour while at school and at home.



Parent-Teacher Interviews – September 9 – 20:

From September 9 to 20, teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to meet with them to discuss their child's

learning over the past two terms. This week, all parents should have received 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. If you have missed the letter from your child's teacher, please check our Parent Letters and Forms link under "Quick links" on our webpage.

Have a great week!

Melissa

YEAR 6/7 NEWS

Last week Years 5/6 and 7 headed to Edmund Park Outdoor Education Centre for a three day camp. The camp site is situated on the Scenic Rim near Laidley, a very picturesque part of the world. Students participated in many activities including high ropes, low ropes, damper making, archery, Flying Possum, orienteering and many challenging and fun leadership games. I was very proud of our students. They participated fully and really made the most of the opportunities given to them. The camp staff was very impressed with their overall behaviour and enthusiasm.

In class the Year 6/7 students have been learning business skills in the Kidpreneur program. They have learnt how to set up a business and devise a business plan. They have named their business, designed a logo and discussed their target market and business goals. At the moment they are in the production process of making quality products to sell. The profits will go to their favourite charity. We would love you to come and visit their stalls at the fair. Look out for the Kidpreneur signs.

In English students are learning about Ned Kelly, the bushranger. Was he a hero, a victim or a villain? Students will have to make a decision and write a persuasive text using all the evidence from their readings.

Another area of learning is our unit on Heavenly Bodies. We are learning about the relationship between the sun, moon and Earth and are investigating eclipses, phases and tides.

So a very busy term but here a few comments the students had to say about their camp experience...

Angus: Overall, I had a heap of fun. All the activities were really engaging and there was nothing there that I didn't like.

Virat: The camp cook should be on Master Chef the food was so yummy. I liked the chocolate mousse the best. We cooked our own damper as well.

Max: Orienteering was a very fun activity and you had to use a map to find numbers scattered around the camp.

Sarah: It was hard not to have lots of fun on the Camp XFactor night. We performed a mash up of three songs in one.

Jade: The high ropes course was really challenging and especially the tyres course as they were spinning and you needed to think of strategies to climb it.



SCHOOL PHOTOS – ADVANCE LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on **Wednesday 11th September 2013.**



You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from your school & return it to the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

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

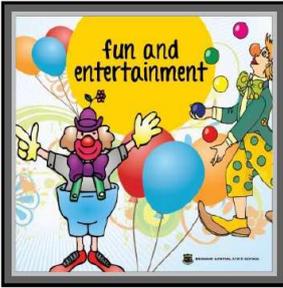
Week	Date	Fete Preparation/Activity
9	6 Sept	Fair – craft activities
10	13 Sept	Fair – cooking (day before Fair)
11	20 Sept	Indian cooking - Smita

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!



Visit us on Facebook:

Spring Hill Fair

Twitter: @SpringHillFair1

Web: www.springhillfair.com.au

Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes Wanted!

Bring them in on Friday 6th September, 2013

With only 2 weeks to go to the big day, we are still seeking items and prizes for our Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes...movie tickets, gift vouchers, electronics, toys, household items, appliances, cosmetics, hair products, beauty treatments, jewellery...it is only limited by the imagination. Ask your hairdresser, local butchers, beautician etc for their support.

Items must be new and in their packaging



Weeks
To
Go!



On Sale NOW!

P&C are offering a **Pre-purchase Special** for

Unlimited Amusement Rides & entry to the Animal Farm Yard

Purchase the wristbands by **Monday 9th Sept** and receive a discount of \$5 on the Fair-day wristband prices. Pre-purchase special price is:

\$30 for a SINGLE PASS (all ages; includes children 13 years and older)

\$50 for a FAMILY PACKAGE – 2 or more children up to 12 years of age

If you didn't get an order form, contact the office to get a copy.

Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to Mandy Haldane one of our mums. She has been treading the bitumen over the last few weeks letter box dropping our Spring Hill Fair flyers. Mandy has literally walked "miles and miles" for us... Also another big THANK YOU to all of our other helpers and volunteers for working hard to make our Spring Hill Fair a huge success...the organising committee couldn't do it without you.



It is still not too late to raise Sponsorship for our stalls, staging, entertainment, silent auction and raffles. Sponsorship and support can be financial, donation of products and services or a combination of these. Sponsors will have their name and logo placed on our Website, School newsletter and stall on the day.

Just call Miranda on 0402 595 577 and she will organise the rest.



Our 'Spring Hill Fair' facebook page is up and running...visit and like us on

