Dear Parents/Carers,

**Food to celebrate and raise funds!**
Over the past week we have been delighted to sample some delicious food as a way to celebrate Chinese or the Lunar New Year and Mardi Gras.

Thank you to the team of parents who created amazing dumplings or jiaozi for students, staff and parents to purchase. Although it was raining on Friday their enthusiasm was not dampened. They raised over $500 for the P and C.

I appreciate the work that Madame Maroto, Ms Morgan and the team of parents did to celebrate Mardi Gras. They cooked and served up delicious crepes. It was great to see the support they received. Madame Maroto raised funds to purchase resources for the French program.

**Active School Travel**

Last week, we collected information about how the students get to school.

Our next meeting is on Monday 9 March at 3:10pm in the Community Room. If you would like more information on the program you can visit this website [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au).

**State Principals Conference**

Yesterday and today, I was at the State Schools Principal conference at Brisbane Convention Centre with around 1400 colleagues from across the state. Every two years, Education Queensland gathers state school principals in one location to set the explicit improvement agenda for the following two years. The theme for our improvement agenda is ‘Every Student has a Great School down the Road’. It provides me with a time to reflect upon how our school is travelling and to meet with many colleagues for networking opportunities.

**Student Attendance**

It is very important that students attend school regularly. There have been studies conducted that show declining student results when they do not attend school.

**Sick:** We understand that from time to time children do get sick and we would appreciate if you called 3230 4366 or emailed admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au to let us know.

**Late:** If you are running late please come to the office to get a slip for the teacher.

**Early:** If you need to collect your child/children early please come to the office first before going to the classroom.

Regards,

Graham Rickuss

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**CALENDAR**

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From the Head of Curriculum

How can I encourage my child to reflect on their learning?

Over the past couple of weeks classes have been involved in completing monitoring tasks for their units of work. These tasks allow both teachers and students to reflect on how learning is progressing.

Just as teachers provide feedback to students on these monitoring tasks, students should equally be engaging in self-feedback. Students can reflect on their progress by using the following three questions:

1. **Where am I going? (the goals)** — What do I need to know and be able to do?
2. **How am I going?** — What is my current level of performance?
3. **Where to next?** — What do I need to be doing next in my learning? What questions do I need to ask? What help or support do I need?

Research shows that students who are active participants in their own learning improve their performance. Parents and carers can help their child to be an active learner by encouraging learning conversations at home. Ask your child what they ‘learnt’ today rather than what they ‘did’ today. Encourage your child to reflect on as aspect of their learning to identify what they did well and what they still might need to learn.

Self-reflection is a valuable lifelong skill. Students can learn and practise the skills of self-reflection throughout their school years with support both at school and at home. Self-reflection is a powerful key to improving learning and performance.

Happy learning,
Leesa-Maree Jedras

News from the Community Room

WOW! Our Community Room has been very well used since we opened it on the first day of school this year. Every Monday morning our playgroup is buzzing with the sound of mothers and young children... in fact, we have been having some dads attend as well! Some parents bring their little ones for a play most mornings when they drop off their older children. So great to see the room utilized in this way. Parents have really made this room their own with their own little touches.

Then we have our Parent English classes run by our lovely volunteers Sandra and Allison. Since we moved the venue, we have seen more parents come along!

Then of course we have been having the room opened every day at 11:00 am for our “Oasis” club. This is a club for any child who wants to come indoors and play with toys, games, music, drawing, play dough or read a book instead of running around outside. Every day we have at least 25 children!

Let’s not forget the room is also used every Thursday for our growing Chess Club. Thank-you to everyone who is supporting this lovely initiative at our school!

If you come inside our room you will find a lovely display of Chinese decorations and artefacts supplied by our Chinese community. We have had an absolutely wonderful group of ladies led by Mrs Min Chen who have provided these decorations and initiated and organized a successful “Dumpling Day”.

P and C Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 4 March from 5:30pm

Next Wednesday 4 March is our Annual General Meeting starting at 5:30pm. This year we are losing P and C executives after many years of service, so we need some new parents to come along and assist. We will again hold the meeting in Mrs Somerville’s room in F Block.

The P and C Executive is made up of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and uniform shop convenor. P&C members are elected to these positions at the Annual General Meeting and serve in an honorary capacity. For more information, please see the following document: [http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/pc-resources/executive-roles/](http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/pc-resources/executive-roles/)
Instrumental Music Update

From the podium:
Sadly we missed a week due to my family illness; however, we are now back on track. The information below outlines what stage we are up to. I have received my new work computer and I will now be able to create email groups and use these as the first point of communication. I can be contacted by email on cmcin13@eq.edu.au

Continuing students in year 6:
Lessons are on again from Week 5 on Thursday the 26th of February in our new music rooms in the large flexi learning area on the ground floor of F Block. Band, from 2:30 till 3:15 Thursdays, will not begin until we have “blown the cobwebs out”. You will be advised by email of the commencement date for band rehearsals. It was great to see and hear the enthusiasm from these students. Now we just need to channel that into some home practice!

Potential students from years 4 and 5:
We aim to intake the students with the highest chance of achieving on their instruments that will form a balanced large ensemble for quality music making. With this in mind I’m pleased to advise that all new applicants have been successful. As you are purchasing instruments we will double check all suitability and aptitude testing on the Thursday, 26th of February before sending the students home with the offers on this day.

Mr Colin McIntyre, Senior Instrumental Music Teacher.

Senior Choir

Things are hotting up with the Brisbane Central State School Senior Choir program as there has been a fantastic response to our invitation letter and choir numbers are growing and although we have only been rehearsing a few weeks, choir members are excited to be soon singing in our first performance for 2015. We are rehearsing towards contributing to the Harmony Day celebrations at school in March. More details will follow soon and I look forward to seeing you there.

Other exciting news is that Saira Fitter from 5M here at Brisbane Central State School has been accepted to participate in Education Queensland’s Metropolitan Regional Honours Choral Program 2015. She was selected after a rigorous selection process based on criteria such as singing ability; excellence in sight reading and music theory; contribution to school and community music programs and performance experience. Saira will now attend the three day program March 24 to 26 working with renowned Choral Conductors Tim Sherlock and Jenny Moon. Congratulations to Saira!

I am very proud of the students love of singing and music and their contribution to the music program here at Brisbane Central!

Remember all are welcome to come and join the fun at Senior Choir!
Yours in Music,
Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist and Choral Conductor

Le Journal Français/The French News

Bonjour tout le monde/ Hello Everyone!

The school celebrated Mardi-Gras / Pancake Tuesday this week, and I would like to say Merci Beaucoup / Thank you very much to everyone for making this the Best Ever Mardi-Gras at BCSS.

Thank you so much to all the mothers and teachers who cooked hundreds of crêpes / pancakes for the day. We have fantastic chefs amongst us. The crêpes were délicieuses, and the children were able to enjoy them not only at lunch time but after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Les crêpes au chocolat were undoubtedly the favourite choice, but all the crêpes were consumed with delight by our students, staff and parents alike.

Merci also to the Mums and Dads who came and helped to serve them, and to the parents/caregivers for being generous and supporting our French fundraising efforts. We will be able to purchase many prizes and resources for our students.

As it was their first Mardi-Gras our Prep students were very excited and also got to make des masques / masks as part of their cultural celebrations, which they will wear to assembly next week.

The Brisbane French Film Festival will commence in mid-February, and our year 3 to 6 students will be attending an animated film « le Moomins sur la Riviera » / « the Moomins on the Riviera on Tuesday 17 March. I will be sending a letter home in the next few days.

Merci/Thank you again for your support, à la prochaine / till next time
Madame Rosa Maroto
CITY DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS

Parents of girls and boys turning 11 or 12 yrs in 2015 who wish to compete in the City District trials in the following sports: Rugby League, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Australian Rules Football, Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis, Touch Football are to contact Mr Waugh via email (dwaug3.eq.edu.au) for further details. Children should be experienced in the sport.

Out of School Hours Care run by PCYC in the hall

We are very fortunate to have PCYC run our Out of School Hours Care. We have agreed to allow parents to drive around the hall for drop off and pick up from 7am – 8am and from 5pm – 6pm. Please be aware that if you walk your children to school that cars will be using the driveways in, out and around the hall.

Uniform Shop 2015

Our apology for not being able to open the uniform shop on Friday 20th Feb due to the bad weather. We now have available:

- Dresses in sizes 4, 10 and 12
- The Gold polo shirts will only available by mid-March 2015
- 5 red swimming caps, 6 purple swimming caps at $8
- School metal badge at $5

On Friday 27 February (today) at 3:15pm we will be clearing the big sizes of jumpers and second hand clothing in front of the community room.

You are able to pay by cash or mobile banking on the spot. You are able to email your order through to me for pick up on Tuesday and Friday.

The normal opening days and hours are

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Please contact Ria Wahyuni uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or 0423 787 333 if you require more information.

Community news

Drop and Stop

The idea of “drop and stop” is to encourage parents to spend some time together and to build local friendships. After the children have gone to school for the day, if you are wondering what to do with yourself, please schedule into your diary a little time to attend our Drop and Stop morning tea. Free tea and coffee is provided.

We will continue to hold a morning tea each Monday fortnight of the school term from 9-10am. It will be held at Conference Hall, 38 Grenier St, Spring Hill. The rest of the dates for this term will be 2 March, 16 March and 30 March.

If you have any questions, please contact Sonya on email conferencehallbne@hotmail.com

We look forward to meeting you soon.

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Dumpling Day to celebrate Lunar New Year

Mardi-Gras / Pancake Tuesday