



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL
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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher interviews

Over the next few weeks, teachers will invite you to meet with them to discuss the progress of your child. It is my expectation that every child's parent or carer has a meeting about their child's progress.

These short interviews will be a snapshot of how your child is progressing this year. If you have any particular concerns about your child that you would like to discuss during the interview, please let the teacher know when you make the appointment so they are able to work with you in finding a solution.

At the end of term 2 you will receive a report card outlining their progress during semester one.

Active School Travel: Fitness Friday

On Tuesday we had a special presentation on assembly by the Active School Travel team. Today was our launch day for this initiative. Our Sport Captains are playing a pivotal role in this initiative and organised some fun activities for the students when they arrived at school today. Photos of the assembly and launch day are on the last page.

Each Friday we will be collecting information about how children travel to school. This information will be used to award the Star class at assembly each week and we are competing against other schools for the Golden Boot award. So think of ways you can travel to school for Fitness Friday.

Upcoming Events

As the term draws to a close we have a number of exciting events happening. More information is included in the newsletter about:

Harmony Week Activities and Assembly: wear national dress or orange next Thursday

Cross Country: wear your house colours to this event.

We would like as many parents and carers as possible to come along to support these events.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

CALENDAR

Upcoming Dates

16 – 20 March	Harmony Week Special Harmony Week Assembly Thursday 19 March at 10am
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 – 6 French Movie Excursion
Friday 20 March	Year 6 – Young Leaders Day
Tuesday 24 March	Givit presentation on Assembly
Thursday 26 March	Student Council Disco 2:15 to 2:55pm: Prep to year 3 6pm to 8pm: year 4 - 6
Wednesday 1 April	Easter or Crazy Hat assembly from 9am
Thursday 2 April	School Cross Country
Friday 3 April	Good Friday – School holidays begin
Monday 20 April	Term 2 begins

Regular events

Monday	Starting 23rd Religion 2.30pm to 3pm
Tuesdays	Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall's room.
	Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am
	Parent English Classes: 1pm
	Assembly: 2:30pm
Wednesdays	Computer Club: 3:15 – 4: 15.
	Senior Choir 8:00 – 8:50 in music room.
	Drama Club 11:00 – 11:30
	Ukelele Band 1:15 – 1:30
Thursdays	Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm
	Chess Club: 7:45am
	Senior Choir 11:00 – 11:30
Fridays	Active School Travel Day
	Swimming for year 1 - 7
	Uniform Shop is open: 3:15pm – 3:45pm
	Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm

What is differentiation?

Students are individuals who learn in different ways and at different rates. Teachers use a process called differentiation to provide targeted planning, teaching and learning for students.

Teachers differentiate:

- the content, or the knowledge and skills to be developed
- the processes, or the way students learn the content
- the product, or the documented evidence of student learning
- the environment, or the physical and emotional setting of the learning.

Differentiation includes:

- planning for different outcomes from the same task
- modifying learning tasks
- giving some students more support and direction
- giving students feedback on how they can improve
- using different forms of grouping in the classroom
- using different resources
- open-ended questioning
- providing opportunities for students to use creative and critical thinking skills.

There are many different ways our teachers differentiate – these are just a few. At Brisbane Central State School we track every child's learning to provide targeted planning, teaching and learning, or differentiation.

Chess Club

Every Thursday morning we have chess lessons from 7:45am – 8:30am in the community room. Chess at Brisbane Central is open to all students from Prep to Year 6 with a cost of \$90 for the term.

Chess Tournaments

Congratulations to Rei in Year 2 for his first placing in the Nudgee Chess Tournament – beginner division. A great effort! This Sunday Brisbane Central is participating in a competition at Somerville House. We urgently need two more novice competitors to make a team. Another chess competition will also take place on March 29 (ask your child for their note or see flyer below). For further information please contact Ms Connie Pizzato on 0409 794 745.

Happy learning,
Leesa-Maree Jedras

Doubleroo Chess Academy

in association with

Churchie Chess Club

presenting

Sunday Under 20 Junior Rapid

29th March 2015

Registration: 8.30 - 9.30am

Entry fee: \$20

Rounds: 9.45am, 10.30am, 11.15am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Prizes: Open 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Junior division prizes dependent on entries.

Three levels of competition will be offered depending on rating

Open 800+ 500 – 800 and unrated.

Rules: 7 rounds, Swiss pairings, touch move, all decisions by the D.O.P are final

Venue: Brendan Pavilion, Churchie, Building J on the map and is behind the school near the swimming pool.

Arbiters: Tyson Walker

Contact: Max Condon

max.condon@churchie.com.au

A tuck-shop will be running all day for the purchase of food all day.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

At Brisbane Central, we will be celebrating **Harmony Day** on **Thursday 19th March**. This day is an important celebration for our multicultural school. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone!

Next week students will be participating in Harmony Week classroom activities. Thank you to our teachers and parent volunteers, who are working together in making this a special week for Brisbane Central.

We will be holding a whole school community assembly in the hall at **10am on Thursday 19th March**.

Students and parents are invited to wear national dress, cultural costumes or the colour orange (the colour of Harmony) on this day. Following the assembly at 10:45am, each class will share lunch in classrooms with their teachers and families. All students are invited to bring along cultural food to share.

PE/Sports News

We are running into our Cross Country and Fitness season! We will be preparing the students for the school cross country on **Thursday 2 April 2015** (Week 10, last week of term).

The children will be doing some fitness activities during PE and will walk the course during these lessons. We promote full participation and encourage all students to complete the course for their age group.

The **senior carnival (Years 3-6)** will run in the morning from **9.15am-10.45am** approx and the **junior carnival (Prep-2)** will run in the middle session from **11.30am-12.45pm approx**.

Distances

Prep and Year 1: 1 lap of the oval
Year 2: 2 laps of the oval
Years 3-6: Course around the school

Enjoy your running!
Dave Johnson-PE Teacher

City District Swimming Carnival

Recently we sent two students to the City District Swimming Carnival at the Fortitude Valley pool. **Congratulations to Emily Hirst and Mathilde Lovejoy** who participated on the day. They did a great job to represent our school at this event.

Parent English Classes

On Tuesday 17 March, the parent English Class will be celebrating Harmony Week. Some parents are keen to demonstrate some of their cultural skills. We are delighted that Mrs Somerville's Year 6 class will join us for the following activities : Origami, sari design and how to wear it, Chinese writing, Chinese instrumental music, egg painting and decorating.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of learning and fun.
Sandra and Allison

Senior Choir News

Excitement continues to grow as Senior choir prepares for its first performance at the Harmony Week Whole School Assembly on Thursday 19th March at 10.00 am in the School Hall. Junior Choir will also be performing so this is sure to be a special event!

To prepare for this performance the Senior Choir rehearsal schedule will vary next week as follows.

Rehearsals in the Hall

Wednesday Morning 8.00 am - 8.50 am.
Wednesday First Break.
Thursday meeting in the hall at 9.15 am in preparation for performance at 10.00am.
Thursday first break no rehearsal.

Dress

Students are welcome to wear their national dress, cultural costume or the colour orange. I would like to congratulate the Senior Choir members on their dedication and enthusiasm in rehearsals and all parents for their support running up to this event. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Music,
Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist / Senior Choir Conductor

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years in twenty countries. Performance information is gathered through a supervised in-school test and can be used to show development and progress of individual students over a period of time. Results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level throughout Australia and results are available to both parents and teachers.

Your child has the opportunity to participate in the English, Science or/and Mathematics assessments here at Brisbane Central State School. If you did not receive a form please pick up a copy at the school office. Entries close on the 6th May.

P and C Executive

Last week we held our Annual General meeting for the P and C. We elected our new executive team. Congratulations to:

President:	Brian Steendyk
Vice President:	Alyson Fenton
Vice President:	Karyn Wernham
Non-Executive Vice President:	Kirsten Lovejoy
Treasurer:	Colleen Tuxworth
Assistant Treasurer:	Peter Zunker
Secretary:	Tony Holcroft

Use of Rogers and Victoria Streets at the beginning and end of the school day

On the **23rd of February around 9 am in Rogers Street an accident occurred** where a car drove into another and then left the scene. If you were a witness to this accident please call police link on 134444 to report what you saw.

This incident highlights the importance of parents observing the road rules in streets around our school for the safety of the students.

Please ensure that you are **not double parking** so that people are able to leave once they have collected their children.

It is important not to park in 'no standing', 'no parking' zones or on a yellow line. These have been established so that cars are able turn around and not stop the flow of traffic.

Remember to follow the road rules and be respectful of others' road use to avoid receiving a fine from the police.

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.

neighbour day
Sunday 29 March 2015

Meet your neighbours at
Bedford Park, Corner of Water and Love Streets, Spring Hill
10am - 11:30am

Please bring along
a plate of food to share, picnic blanket or a fold-out chair.

Stay a while and meet your neighbours. Build our Spring Hill community.
Everyone Welcome!

Looking forward to meeting you!

The community you want starts at your front door™

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