



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL
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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

NAPLAN

Just a reminder that NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy), will be held across the nation on May 12, 13 and 14 for students in Years 3 and 5 in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. Leading into the tests there are some things you can do at home to ensure your child is ready to do their best, such as:

- plenty of sleep
- healthy meals including plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables
- plenty of water and a water bottle at school to keep well hydrated during the tests
- keep family stresses and disruptions to a minimum during this time
- be organized and at school in plenty of time on the days of testing
- encourage and reassure your child so they go into the tests with a positive outlook and keen to have-a-go and do their best

At school we have been and will continue to prepare our students with practices around the test conditions and expectations before the tests, so that our students are as well prepared as possible.

The timetable for the 3 days of testing is as follows:

Tuesday May 12: Language Conventions and writing

Wednesday May 13: Reading

Thursday May 14: Numeracy

Pick up and drop off

Last Friday morning during the rain, a near missed occurred at the front of the school where a student in Prep – 2 was almost run over by a car. Further to this, parents were parking and driving inappropriately around our school gate area.

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 or Brisbane City Council traffic compliance officers.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

CALENDAR

Upcoming Dates

12 May	NAPLAN: Language conventions and writing
13 May	NAPLAN: reading
14 May	NAPLAN: numeracy
22 May	Walk to School Day
3 June	ICAS: Science
3 June	P and C Meeting in the community room starting at 6pm
18 June	After school concert in the hall
24 June	Report cards emailed home
25 June	3 – 6 Athletics Carnival at Newmarket SS
Saturday 5 September	140 th Anniversary celebration
Regular events	
Monday	<i>Religion 2.30pm to 3pm</i>
Tuesdays	<i>Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall's room.</i>
	<i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am</i>
	<i>Parent English Classes: 1pm</i>
	<i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i>
Wednesdays	<i>Computer Club: 3:15 – 4: 15.</i>
	<i>Senior Choir 8:00 – 8:50 in music room.</i>
	<i>Drama Club 11:00 – 11:30</i>
	<i>Ukelele Band 1:15 – 1:30</i>
Thursdays	<i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>
	<i>Chess Club: 7:45am</i>
Fridays	<i>Senior Choir 11:00 – 11:30</i>
	<i>Active School Travel Day</i>
	<i>Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30 small groups room</i>
	<i>Uniform Shop is open: 3:15pm – 3:45pm</i>
	<i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>

From the Head of Curriculum

Reporting to Parents

Our teachers are currently teaching and assessing our students in preparation for reporting to parents. Report cards are used for this purpose.

Report cards are distributed once per semester to record the academic performance of students, as well as to report to you in the areas of behaviour and effort. The report is a record of a student's performance for term one and term two, called Semester One.

The report contains achievement statements for the Semester. Prep will have a report card that includes the Australian Curriculum subjects and elements of the Early Learning Record (ELR). Achievement in Prep is reported using a 4 point scale while Years 1 to 6 achievements are reported in a 5 point scale.

The report card for Years 1-6 will report on English, Maths, Science, History and Geography from the Australian Curriculum as well as the Learning Areas of Technology, Music, Art, Health, Physical Education and French.

This semester report cards will be emailed to parents on Wednesday June 24. **Please ensure that your email details are up-to-date by emailing your name, child, class and preferred email address to ljedr1@eq.edu.au.**

Report cards, for parents without access to email, will be sent home the first week of Semester Two.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Happy learning,
Leesa-Maree Jedras
ljedr1@eq.edu.au

Music News

I would like to give a big thank you to all Senior Choir members for their dedication to rehearsal and their focus in performance at our Anzac Assembly. Your performance made a significant contribution to this special event and I have received many positive comments from the school community on your performance. I would also like to thank Mrs Somerville for organising the event so beautifully and the Year 6 leaders for their confident contribution.

Senior Choir will continue to rehearse Wednesday mornings 8.00am to 8.50am and Thursday first break. All students from Year 4 to Year 6 are welcome to join in with the joy of singing!

Also for your information, due to popular demand, Ukulele ensemble will now rehearse Thursday mornings 8.15 am to 8.50am. This group is open to Year 4 to year 6 students who are interested in improving their Ukulele playing skills and join in some strumming fun as part of an ensemble.

Yours in Music,

Julie West

Classroom Music Specialist / Senior Choir Conductor

PE/Sports News

Congratulations to the students who participated in the City District Cross Country carnival. It was our largest team to date and our students competed well against students from around the district. Thank you to the family members that took their children to and from the event, and supported our school, and to Mr Waugh and Miss Maree for helping out at the carnival on the day.

Parent English Classes

Last Tuesday, the Parent English class enjoyed a day together in the city. After meeting in the Community Room at BCSS, we walked firstly to the Shrine of Remembrance at Anzac Square before making our way to the City Hall. At the City Hall we were treated to some wonderful music from movies of the Golden Era of Hollywood before viewing a collection of beautiful Hollywood costumes on display in the Museum of Brisbane.

The Golden Era of Hollywood concert was very enjoyable. The Jazz band singer, Ingrid James, was relaxed and confident in entertaining us with a variety of popular songs from this time.

Following the concert, we saw an exhibition of costumes from movies of the Golden Era of Hollywood. This impressive collection of vintage costumes featured expensive fabrics e.g silk and embroidered velvet. There were elegant, sophisticated, slinky, sequined gowns; suits and headwear such as wigs and helmets.

If you missed our last excursion, we invite you to join us **Tuesday 19 May**, when we will visit the City Hall again for another musical concert. The performance is titled 'Perssical' and features traditional and modern music from Persia. This concert sounds very interesting.

To join us for this free excursion, on **Tuesday 19 May**, please meet in the **Community Room at 10:30am**. Bring your own lunch and water to drink as we will probably have lunch together in a nearby park.

A special thank you to Lily for being our official City Hall excursion photographer on 28 April.



Community Room – parent activity

Dear mums and all the ladies of our school,

My name is Zhanna and I am the mum of Elesay (year 6), Daniil (year 4) and Maria Iris (year 1). While having a chat with some other mums, I gathered that they are interested in cosmetics and make-up. Since I have had professional experience in this area, back in my home country of Russia, I thought I could share my skills and knowledge with other ladies who are interested. So with this in mind, I am commencing make-up classes on Thursday 14 May. The classes will be held in the Community room at 9:30 and should go for about an hour. I am doing the classes voluntarily. There may be a small charge for materials, depending on what you already have. This will be discussed in the first lesson.

I look forward to meeting you next week!

Zhanna Grafsky

Uniform Shop News

The normal opening days and hours are

Every Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 am

Every Friday 3.15 - 3.45 pm

Payment in cash or mobile banking.

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

Active School Travel – Every Friday

Congratulations to the following classes that won the **Star Class Trophy**, for the highest percentage of students actively travelling to school each week. Week 1: 3Z, week 2: 3/4P

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it's that time of year when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes.

It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

How to start BEEKEEPING Workshop



Where: Spring Hill Hall (downstairs level) at 10 Love Street Spring Hill.

When: Saturday 23 May 2015, 2pm - 4pm

Cost: \$30.00 (includes a beekeeping handout, practical demonstrations and a jar of our raw honey)

Bookings: via email - spurtopia@gmail.com

In this BEEKEEPING workshop, you will:

- Find out the basics about starting beekeeping
- Discover what basic equipment is necessary to get started
- Become aware of any safety issues
- See practical demonstrations of some aspects of beekeeping
- Plus more tips and ideas

Beekeeping is a great hobby with sweet results.

Supply all the honey your family might need and at the same time, aid pollination of plants in your yard and that of your neighbours.

Note: During this workshop, you will not be working with live bees.



P and C News

Wednesday 3 June is our next P and C Meeting in the Community Room starting at 6pm.

2015 P&C Executive

President:	Brian Steendyk
Vice President:	Karyn Wernham
Vice President:	Alyson Fenton
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