FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through another term.

**Student Goals and teacher feedback**
Recently I have been spending some time in the classrooms. Our classrooms are hives of activity and when I spend time with the students, I am impressed with how they are able to articulate their individual learning goals and what they have to do to achieve this goal. The students are able to tell me how they get feedback from their teachers, about how they know they are doing well in class and areas they need to improve. Depending on the age of the student it ranges from oral feedback and sticker to written positive feedback and areas to improve.

**NAPLAN**
Last week, our Year 3 and 5 students sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments. I would like to commend our families, teachers and of course our students on the sensible, measured approach they adopted to an event that is often surrounded by media attention. Our classrooms were relaxed and positive, our students focused and happy. NAPLAN serves a number of purposes from the broadest level – providing Federal and State Governments with some information about the outcomes of the Education Budget to the individual school – providing useful data about our teaching and learning programs, which when combined with other school based data is very useful, to the individual student and their family – providing us with four independent snapshots over a seven year period of a child’s education. This information can be used with other information gathered across schooling, to ensure that children are progressing at appropriate rates. What NAPLAN is not is a holistic snapshot of a child’s learning nor a precursor to their future academic capability. It does not measure creativity nor the multiple strengths that persistent learners need to run the ‘marathon of schooling’. It is expected that the reports will arrive at school for distribution in Term 3.

**Top Car Park: Closed between 8.30am and 3.30pm**
After a number of near misses between students and cars in the car park (closest to admin), we have decided that the car park will be closed between 8.30am and 3.30pm each day. Parents are encouraged to use the drop off zone on Rogers Street off Water Street. Parking is available in the lower car park.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

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**CALENDAR**

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22 May 2015
**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

**Advance Learner Program Reference Group**

We would like to invite parents to be part of the ‘Advanced Learner Program Reference Group’. This is a new group being set up at the school this year. The group will be made up of parents, teachers, a community member and the Principal. The role of the group members will be to provide feedback on and input into school policies and practices for the school’s advanced learners. The advanced learners’ program will cover the delivery of the curriculum to those students demonstrating an exceptional interest or advanced achievement in one or more curriculum areas. The group will meet **on Thursday mornings at 8:00-8:45am in Weeks 3 and 8 of each term.** If you would like to be part of these meetings for the year please register your interest with Mr Graham Rickuss, Principal, grick1@eq.edu.au by 5pm Friday 5th June. As we wish to keep the group to a workable number of people a process for selecting group members from the nominations will occur if the number of people nominating is high.

Maureen Kelly, Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

**Choir News**

Just a note to say that Instrumental and Choral Music students are looking forward to our Mid Year Concert to be held on **Thursday 18 June at 3.30 pm in the School Hall.** The students have been dedicated in attending rehearsals and their practice at home so it should be a fine afternoon of entertainment.

Performance opportunities like this enhance student learning while celebrating their achievements so far this year as part of our school community.

All parents, guardians and family members are invited to attend so save the date and I hope to see you there!

Don't forget Senior Choir continues to rehearse Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 8.50 am and on Thursday at second break. We continue to add more members and all students from Year 4 to Year 6 are welcome to join the fun!

Yours in Music,

Julie West

Classroom Music Specialist and Senior Choir Conductor.
Hi! My name is Heidi Wilson. I’m an IT Professional and the Mum of Riley (Year 1). Through the CSIRO ICT in Schools program, I’ve partnered with Brisbane Central State School to contribute to the ICT curriculum. So what is ICT? It stands for Information and Communications Technology and encompasses devices, applications and services associated with information and communication.

Last term I ran an after school computer club for around 30 students from Years 3 – 6. This term we want to hear from the school community about what you would like to see from this partnership. The survey consists of 5 questions and takes less then 5 minutes to complete. Simply click on the link below, or cut and paste the entire URL into your browser to access the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BYWLX9L

Thank you for your time and feedback.
Kind regards
Heidi Wilson

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 3 and 4: 4P

Active School Travel – Our Goals

In working with Brisbane City Council in the Active School program we are developing a School Travel Plan to better manage the traffic and transport issues around our school.

The Travel Plan objectives focus on:

1. Encouraging active transport as the preferred way to travel to and from school
2. Improve students’ road safety skills
3. Reducing traffic congestion around the school to create a safer environment
4. Success and sustainability of the Active School Travel program in our school

This year, we are aiming to increase the percentage of active travellers at our school from 51% to 70%. Will you be part of the change?

Play your part in making our school a safer, healthier and greener place to be by leaving the car at home and walking, cycling, carpooling or catching public transport instead.

P and C News

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

Voluntary Contribution to Brisbane Central State School P&C

As parents we want to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. One way to provide this is to air condition classrooms to ensure our students have a comfortable place in which to work.

New families with children in the lower grades, will be enjoying the air conditioning the P&C has installed in recent years.

Therefore, one of our goals is to air condition the classrooms in the lower school (along Water Street – F Block) and secondly we would also like to install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.

To achieve these goals, the P&C needs the financial support of all Brisbane Central State School families.

The suggested contribution amount is $100 per child, maximum $150 per family.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this very worthwhile fundraising activity.
Voluntary Contribution to Brisbane Central State School P&C
Please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Thursday, 2nd April, 2015. Many thanks, BCSS P&C.

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I/We wish to make a donation to the Brisbane Central State School P&C’s voluntary contribution fund for the following:

1. air condition the lower school classrooms (along Water Street – F Block)
2. install another courtyard bubbler/water fountain

Suggested contribution per family:
$100 for 1 child at the school
$150 maximum per family at the school

Method of Payment

- Cash (place correct money and this form in an envelope and return to the school office)
- Cheque (made payable to Brisbane Central State School P&C Association) and place in an envelope with this form and return to the school office
- Direct Deposit: BSB No: 064 012  Account No: 0090 4486  Account Name: Brisbane Central State School P&C Association
  Identifier: Contribution, then add your surname, eg Contribution Smith

2015 P&C Executive
President: Brian Steendyk
Vice President: Karyn Wernham
Vice President: Alyson Fenton
Non-Executive Vice President: Kirsten Lovejoy
Treasurer: Colleen Tuxworth
Assistant Treasurer: Peter Zunker
Secretary: Tony Holcroft

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@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or 0423 787 333 if you require more information.

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Friends of Bedford Park. Spring Hill are excited for the opportunity to invite you to come meet the co-author of ‘Not For Glory’ Dr Susan Neuhaus on Sunday, 31st May, 2015 at 1:15pm to 1:45pm at the Spring Hill Memorial Hall, Bedford Park, Cnr Love St & Water St, Spring Hill.

Come along, enjoy a cup of tea and listen to some of the stories in this great book, written for the Anzac Centenary of courageous Australian women who’ve served as medical professionals in the Army from World War I until the present day.
‘Not for Glory’ features the story of local philanthropist (Mary) Josephine Bedford, Bedford Park, Spring Hill’s namesake and her life partner and local doctor, Dr Lilian Cooper.

This is a FREE event. Please RSVP (for catering): friendsofbedfordpark@gmail.com by Friday, 29th May, 2015
Please arrive by 1:00pm for the 1:15pm (sharp) start.

QASMT: STAR PARTY – MAY 22: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
ALL WELCOME FREE
You are invited to attend The Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology's STAR PARTY (aka astronomy viewing night).
Guests will be able to view the autumn night sky through the Academy’s observatory and learn about the wonders of space from our Academy teachers and students.
The Brisbane Astronomy Society will also be attending and bringing along a selection of their telescopes to view the night sky – maybe it might be your first time to see the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter, and the moon through a telescope?
The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle and drink stall.
Please bring a torch covered with red cellophane if possible and binoculars.
Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology, 78 Bywong Street, Toowong
This event is open to the public.

Melbourne Staff Songsters
from
Brisbane City Temple

Saturday 6 June
2pm Kids’ Vocal Workshop
and
Adult Vocal Workshop
(registration required for both workshops)
3:15pm Afternoon Tea
(Workshop Participants)
5pm Light Dinner
(MSS & BCT Songsters & Workshop Participants)
7pm Concert
Entry: $5.00 (under 12’s free)

Workshop Registration:
chris.brindley@aus.salvationarmy.org
(registration by Wednesday 1 June
$5.00 registration fee paid at the Workshop)
Parking: King George Square ($3.00)
Miancom Parking (opposite BCT)

Sunday 7 June
11am Morning Meeting
2:30pm Concert