



# BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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# newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers ,

Welcome back to another fantastic year of learning at Brisbane Central. It has been a great start with the children returning to school smiling and keen to learn. I would like to extend a very special welcome to our new staff, students and families. Thank you for choosing our great school.

I would also like to thank the community who have made me feel very welcome in my first two weeks. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you to achieve positive outcomes for our students.



*"It takes a community to educate a child."*

### Our Staff for 2017

Admin Officers: Carolina Duncan, Margaret Struzik

Grounds: Greg Walls

Cleaners: Shirley Vowles, Noriko Yamaguchi, Monica Logan.

Techs: Matt Duncan and James Price

Teacher Aides: Janet Fletcher, Jenny Gilmour, Kim Willersdorf, Maree Lewis and Maile Rauluni.

### Our Class teachers

Prep - Jan McKean (Prep M); Darren Waugh (Prep W)

Year 1 - Wendy Fitzgerald (1F); Raehana Ross and Jess Batts (1R)

Year 2 – Rosa Alexis (2A); Kylie Certoma (nee Wall) (2C)

Year 3 – Karlee Heslip (3H); Gemma Zielke (3Z)

Year 4 – Stacie Morris (4S); Emma Marshall (4E)

Year 5 - Annette Somerville (5S)

Year 5/6 – Luke Davis (6D); Kat Hiskens-Ravest (6H)

### Our Specialist Teachers

PE: Dave Johnson ( Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Music: TBA (Tuesday PM and Wednesday)

French: Rosa Maroto (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

EAL/D: Nicolette Paull and Natalie Rose

Library: Narelle Hoelzl (Mondays and Fridays)

Instrumental Music: Colin McIntyre (Friday pm)

### Our Leadership Team

Head of Teaching and Learning: Leesa-Maree Jedras

Literacy Coach/Advance Learners Program Manager: Maureen Kelly

Intervention (STLaN): Jo Gawne

### Enrolments and Day 8

We have seen considerable growth in our school over the last twelve months particularly in our early years classrooms. Our enrolments are sitting at around 300 students. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the school year a snapshot of student enrolment is taken by the department. The purpose of this snapshot is to ensure schools are resourced (teacher and teacher aide allocations) correctly. After Day 8 a need may arise to make adjustments to classes due to enrolment fluctuations in the predicted enrolment (Term 4, 2016) and the actual enrolment (Day 8, 2017). We will need to make adjustments to our 2017 class structures to meet the growing demand for early years' enrolments in our school. When adjustments to classes occur we

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Dates

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1 February            | P and C meeting starting at 6pm   |
| 7 February            | Student Leaders Induction Ceremony<br><i>Special Assembly: 9AM</i>  |
| 8 February            | Parent Information Evening<br><i>P- Year 2 Classes: 6:00 – 6:30</i><br><i>Year 3 – 6 Classes: 6:35 – 7:05</i> |
| 9 February            | Advanced Learners Reference Group Meeting   |
| 10 February           | City District Swimming Trials   |
| Commences 20 February | Swimming  |
| 7 March               | Parent Teacher Interviews   |
| <b>Regular events</b> |   |
| Tuesday               | <i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am</i><br><i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i>                                       |
| Wednesday/ Friday     | <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>   |
| Thursday              | <i>Chess Club: 7:45am</i>   |
| Friday                | <i>Uniform Shop is open: 3:00pm – 3:30pm</i>  |

endeavour to minimise any disruptions to students and their learning. Students and families affected by the restructure will be contacted.

### **Parent Information Nights: Wednesday February 8, 2017**

Our Parent Information Nights will be held on Wednesday February 8, 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child/ren's teacher, learn about classroom practices and procedures and ask questions or clarify information. I would like to strongly encourage all our parents to attend **their child's Information Evening**. You will find out about the following topics:

- Class procedures and routines
- Class timetable and overview of the curriculum that will be taught
- Teaching and learning within a multi-age class
- Homework
- NAPLAN (Years 3/5)
- Communication

**Prep to Year 2 will hold their information sessions from 6:00pm – 6:30pm.**

**Year 3 - 6 will hold their information nights from 6:35pm – 7:05pm.**

### **Our 2017 Improvement Agenda**

Our 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda focusses on:

- 📖 Extending and improving students' writing;
- 📖 Extending and deepening student learning;
- 📖 Target and grow student learning through the use of learning intentions, success criteria and feedback (WALT, WILF);
- 📖 Using digital technologies to engage and deepen learning

We will utilise a range of strategies and actions to achieve our goals and look forward to a very successful 2017.

As we come to the end of our first week I would like to leave you with a thought from Carol Dweck:

*"If we want to give children a gift, the best thing we can do is to teach children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning."*

Yours in Learning,

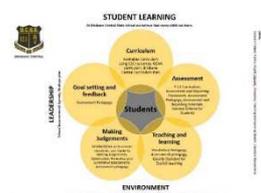
Melanie Rehm

## **From the HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **Welcome back**

A very warm welcome to Brisbane Central to students, parents and staff. We are looking forward to a year of learning together. You can keep up to date with school activities through:

- our website <https://brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au>
- Twitter [https://twitter.com/Bris\\_Cent\\_SS?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/Bris_Cent_SS?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/brisbanecentralss>
- the Qschools app <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html>



### **What is the QParents app?**

**QParents** is an online portal that provides a convenient way for **parents** to communicate with their child's school. As a parent, you can view your child's student information and also submit changes to some of their details. You can also access your child's report cards. To learn more about QParent and sign up click [here](#) or click [here](#) to login.

### **Do you have a growth mindset? How does a growth mindset help you learn?**

Brisbane Central we encourage all our learners to use a growth mindset. What growth mindset? Growth mindset is the power of believing that you can improve. People who believe their talents can be developed through hard work, good strategies and input from others have a growth mindset. Those who



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believe talents are based on gifts and cannot be changed have a fixed mindset. This is based on the research of Carol Dweck. You can find out more about growth mindset [here](#).



You can discuss growth mindset with your child by viewing the story of [The Dot](#).

Happy learning,  
Leesa-Maree Jedras  
[ljedr1@eq.edu.au](mailto:ljedr1@eq.edu.au)

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

The Active School Travel initiative will continue this year. A meeting day and time has yet to be established. Ms Morris will again be leading this for our school. We will keep you posted in upcoming newsletters.

## DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS

City District runs trials in a variety of team sports for girls and boys aged 11 and 12 years in 2017.

Sports include Australian football, baseball, basketball, cricket, soccer, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union, softball, squash and tennis. Children need to be of a high standard to trial.

For details please contact Mr Waugh, email [dwaug3@eq.edu.au](mailto:dwaug3@eq.edu.au)

## From the LITERACY COACH/ADVANCE LEARNERS GROUP CO ORDINATOR

### Invitation to be involved in the Advanced Learner Reference Group

We would like to invite parents to be part of the 'Advanced Learner Program Reference Group'. The group is made up of parents, teachers, a community member and the Principal. The role of the group members is to provide feedback on and input into school policies and practices for the school's advanced learners. The advanced learners' program covers the delivery of the curriculum to those students demonstrating an exceptional interest or advanced achievement in one or more curriculum areas. The group meets in Week 3 of each term on Thursday 8:00-8:50am. If you would like to be part of these meetings for the year please **register your interest** with Mrs Mel Rehm, Principal, [mrehm1@eq.edu.au](mailto:mrehm1@eq.edu.au) by 5pm **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. 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 there is a high number of people nominating.

Maureen Kelly  
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

## SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### Establishing our Expectations

During the first two weeks of school, the teachers will be working with their classes to establish their class routines as well as our expectations of behaviour while at school.

Our behaviour expectations at Brisbane Central are **Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful**.

Please have a talk with your children about the school expectations and some of the rules that the teachers and students have developed in their classrooms.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan for students can be viewed on our [website](#).



## CHESS

Hello everyone,

A note will be placed in your child's classroom if you wish to learn/play chess this term. Chess starts 02/02/17 at 7:45am in the library. Chess is run by qualified teachers. Grab a note if you are interested.

Thank you

Maree Lewis

## P AND C NEWS

We welcome all new and interested members to our first meeting of the year on Wednesday the 1st February starting at 5.45pm in A Block. Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children, and to be an active part of the school community. If you would like more information or are interested in joining, please email us [pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au).

### 2016 P&C Executive

Vice President: Kirsten Lovejoy

Vice President: Nizam Abbany

Treasurer: Colleen Tuxworth

Secretary: Kat Leehy

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The NEW opening days and hours are

**Every Tuesday**      **8.15 - 8.45 am**

 **Every Friday**      **3.00 – 3.30 pm**

Payment in cash or mobile banking.

Please contact Mahtab Nowrouzi [uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au) or 0449 112 061 if you require more information.

## BPOINT AS THE PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD AT BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

**BPOINT** is the preferred method of payment for all student invoices at Queensland state schools. To allow parents to access this option easily we will be sending all our invoices via email in the future. On the bottom of each invoice that you will receive via email, the BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment (very similar to internet banking that many of you currently utilise). You can use a credit or bank debit card to make a payment. You do not need to register for BPOINT, you simply visit the link detailed below and enter CRN (customer reference number), invoice number, student name and exact amount of individual invoice (PLEASE DO NOT PAY MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL INVOICE AT A TIME). If you do not know your CRN please contact the school office for this information but the CRN will appear on the invoice.

BPOINT will issue you with a payment confirmation that you can email to yourself after making the payment or you can print or take a screen shot, for your records or if the payment is required for your child to attend an activity you can forward to the school immediately as proof of payment. If you would like an official OneSchool receipt you may need to visit the school and request for it to be printed. The school will no longer manually receipt through their OneSchool system for this payment method (BPOINT automatically talks to the school's accounting system).

Payments will process overnight and will appear in the school's bank account within 24 hours of making a payment. The school will receive a daily report detailing those who have made a payment.

You may still pay by cheque or cash if you wish on Mondays only, and the Department of Education and Training is promoting BPOINT as preferred payment method from now on. If you choose to pay via the traditional payment

methods, the school will issue you with a One School receipt from the office, but either way we can see from our end who has outstanding invoices and who does not. For more information please go to this site:

<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

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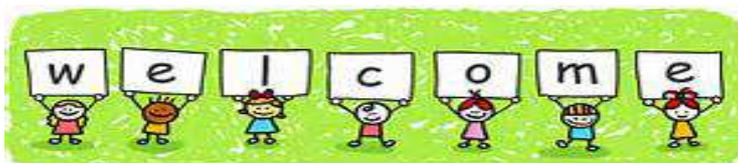


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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **Mrs Batts – 1R (Thursday and Friday)**

My name is Mrs Jess Batts and I am new to Brisbane Central State School. I will be teaching 1R with Miss Ross this year. I have recently moved back to Brisbane from Cairns with my husband and two cats, where we have been living for the last 3 and a half years. During my time in Far North Queensland, I taught grades Prep through to Three at a range of schools and thoroughly enjoyed the teaching experience. I am looking forward to an exciting year at Brisbane Central with my new class.

### **Ms Alexis – 2A**

My name is Rosa Alexis and I was born in Chile, South America.

I am passionate about education and learning. I am about to complete a Masters of Education this year.

For me the classroom is an environment where children have autonomy, can achieve success and be creative. I feel honoured to be part of the Brisbane Central State school community.

Thankyou!

### **Koala Joey Playgroup**

It is wonderful to see some of our “Koala Joey” children starting prep this year. I hear these children have settled in very well to school! All of the children speak another language at home but as a result of being exposed to stories and learning songs and rhymes are much more confident in an English speaking environment. Of course, I am delighted to hear about these children, which is proof that attending the Koala Joey playgroup does really benefit pre-schoolers!

This year we will continue to run the playgroup. It will be on the same day – Friday and will run from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Your child will learn some English through stories and rhymes as well as gain confidence! Parents will also learn some valuable tips on parenting and how to help their children learn best!

Any child, from the school community, who is under school age, is welcome. We will start on Friday of Week 3 which is the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

See you then!!

Nicky Paull EAL/D teacher

## **Parent English Classes**

We have been very lucky at this school to have had the wonderful Alison and Sandra volunteer to give free English classes to parents over the past few years. All good things must come to an end and alas Sandra and Alison have hung up their chalk and retired completely. Since these classes were so popular, I volunteered to give the classes myself as I have actually taught adults English in the past.

So this year I will have a **Beginners English** class at **2 pm on Tuesdays** in the French classroom. When I say “Beginners”... I mean parents who really cannot communicate at all in English. You may have a few words, but there is no way you could have a full conversation. Please do not be offended if I decide your English is too good for the class.

We will start the classes in **week 3** which will be the **7<sup>th</sup> of February**.

Nicky Paull EAL/D teacher