



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"It takes a community to educate a child."

Dear Brisbane Central Families and Friends,

In my first week at Brisbane Central I asked students to write me a letter telling me something they felt was important for me to know about themselves. Over the last few weeks as I have read these letters I have gathered a lovely insight into our students, their likes and dislikes, the many languages they speak and, why they love being a student at Brisbane Central. I particularly enjoyed the challenge of reading the 5/6 letters written in French. It has been a very long time since I have studied French and seven years since I visited Paris. I definitely had to use a growth mindset!



The letters are one way as Principal that I connect with students. This connection is my number one priority as leader of our learning community. I also ensure I am visible and interacting with students by being in the playground during breaks, visiting classrooms regularly and undertaking learning walks. Learning walks provide me a window into the learning that is taking place in our classrooms whilst also giving me an opportunity to talk with individual students about how they are going and their next steps in their learning journey. I always walk away from these conversations amazed at how well students know themselves as learners and how well they articulate what they need to do to reach their next learning goal.

Structure of our Day

At the beginning of the year we made some adjustments to our timetable to ensure that we were meeting minimum learning times for students. This resulted in the shortening of the first eating break. Thank you to the members of the community who provided us with feedback on the impact of these changes. We have listened to your concerns and extended the first eating break from 10 minutes to 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes to transition to play.

Swimming

We have had a smooth start to our swimming program this year. Thank you to the early years parents who have offered to support the program with spotting duties. Swimming will continue through to the end of the term.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Dates

Mondays	Swimming Continues for years 1 – 6 classes
Tuesdays	
28 February	NO ASSEMBLY
13 March	Young Leaders Day Year 6 Students
14 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
15 March	P&C AGM
17 March	Harmony Day
29 March	Cross Country
31 March	Easter Hat Parade

Regular events

Tuesday	<i>Uniform Shop is open:</i> 8:15am – 8:45am
	<i>Assembly:</i> 2:30pm
Wednesday/ Friday	<i>Play and Stay:</i> 3pm – 4pm
Thursday	<i>Chess Club:</i> 7:45am
Friday	<i>Uniform Shop is open:</i> 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Parent Teacher Interview Evening

We have the greatest impact on student learning when we work in partnership. On Tuesday 14 March we invite parents of Year 1 to 6 students to attend our first Parent Teacher Interview Evening of the year. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss student progress, areas of strength and opportunities for learning. Class teachers will offer 15 minute time slots for the interview. The interviews will be held in the hall. A letter will come home shortly outlining further details along with the online booking process.

Prep interviews will be held separate to this night in Weeks 8 and 9. Prep teachers will send information home shortly about these interviews.

We look forward to seeing you on this evening.

At the midpoint of the term:

"Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

Yours in Learning,

Melanie Rehm

Our 2017 Improvement Agenda

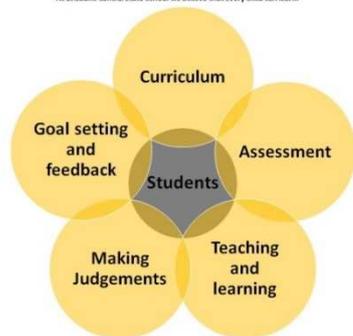
Our 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda focusses on:

- ✎ 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
- ✎ Using digital technologies to engage and deepen learning

From the HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

STUDENT LEARNING

At Brisbane Central State School we believe that every child can learn.



At Brisbane Central we believe that we are all learners and that making mistakes is part of the learning process.

Our Pedagogical Framework

Our school's Pedagogical Framework has been developed to guide and reflect our teachers' commitment to a consistent and effective teaching approach to ensure that every child is learning every day.

In this newsletter I will focus on curriculum.

Curriculum – what do our students need to learn?

Queensland schools teach the Australian curriculum and some Queensland curriculum subjects. At Brisbane Central we teach the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. ACARA sets out what each Australian student should be taught in relation to learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

Key elements of the ACARA curriculum are content descriptions and achievement standards for each learning area. The content descriptions specify what teachers are expected to teach. Achievement standards describe what students are typically able to understand and to do as they progress through their schooling. Reporting is directly related to these achievement standards and is not an overall score, percentile or rank – it is demonstrated ability of the achievement standards.

The Australian Curriculum provides examples of student work that illustrate the achievement standards. This information is available for educators, parents and community members alike. For more information you can go to:

<http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum.html>

Do you have a growth mindset?

Want to find out more about growth mindset? [Click here](#). Remember, don't give up. When something is hard that's when you need more effort!

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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

This week on assembly we had a three way tie for the most actively travelled class. Congratulations 3Z, 4/5M and 5/6D.

Week 4's winning class was 1R with 17 students actively travelling to school.

Keep up the effort Brisbane Central!



PE/SPORTS NEWS

It was time to replace the joggers for the goggles at the City District swim carnival last Friday 10 February.

Our team represented by Sam, Felix, Helena, Rudra and Claudia demonstrated strong skills and positive team spirit. Well done!

Claudia was selected into the City District swim team. She competed at the Regional carnival this week at the Lawnton Pool. At this carnival, Claudia made the Metropolitan North team for both her butterfly events and will compete in the State Swimming Titles in the near future. Congratulations Claudia, this is an enormous achievement!

A big thanks to Ms W, Mr Waugh and our parents for your time and support.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Welcome to Cross Country and Fitness season. We will be preparing the students for the school Cross Country on Wednesday 29 March 2017 (Week 10, 1st 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 Grades 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-12.30pm (approx).

Distances

Prep- Grade 1-1 lap of oval

Grade 2-2 laps of oval

Grades 3-6-Course around school

Fitness training will be held on a Tuesday morning with Mr Waugh and on a Thursday morning with Mr Johnson.

Students need to be in Grades 3-6 and training will run from 8am-8.30am. This is for talented runners striving for school and District selection.

Enjoy your running!

Yours in sport.

Dave Johnson-PE Teacher

From the LITERACY COACH/ADVANCE LEARNERS GROUP CO ORDINATOR

ICAS Assessments 2017

This year we are offering ICAS assessments in English, Mathematics and Science for students in Years 2 to 6 and Writing for students in Years 3 to 6. The ICAS information letter and registration form are included with this newsletter. To register your child for ICAS tests, please complete the form provided and return it to the school by Monday 27th March. You will then be invoiced for payment.

Maureen Kelly

Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Be Responsible and Be Respectful - Follow directions the first time.

Teachers will be working with the students on our expectations of Being Responsible and Being Respectful and focusing on following directions the first time.

At Brisbane Central State School it is important the students follow directions of all staff members the first time, regardless of the location of the instruction.

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



LE JOURNAL FRANCAIS/THE FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour et bienvenue / Hello and welcome.

For those new to our school, my name is Rosa Maroto and I am the French teacher at Brisbane Central. I am very lucky to be able to teach all our students from Prep to Year 6. This year our students in Prep, 1, and 2 will be having 1x30 minute lesson, and Year 4,5,6 will have 2x45 minute lessons.

We always try to include various cultural activities as part of our French studies and this year is no exception. From Friday 16 Feb. we will resume our French Singers Club starting at 8:15am in the French Room. We will begin with Years 1-6 (as the Preps learn a bit more we will include them in Term 2 if they are interested in joining us.).

The **Brisbane French Film Festival** will take place in March. Students in Years 4,5,6 will attend this year. The film is called *Les Contes de la Nuit / Night Tales*. It is rated G and is a lovely animated film in French with English subtitles. It is a great opportunity for our students to be immersed in French language and culture during this excursion. The cost of the bus and entry to the movie at the Palace Centro in James St is included in your term account. Students are to bring their lunch/drink/snacks to the movies to help keep costs down. A letter with all the relevant details will be sent home very soon. Please make sure you sign and return the permission form by Wednesday 15 March.

To give you a brief outline of our French Programme for Semester 1, classes will be working on the following topics:

Prep: Let's Celebrate: greetings and introductions, what is my name, describing myself, months, celebrations such as birthdays, poisson d'avril, les Pâques, numbers 1-10, colours, songs and games.

Year 1: Myself and let's celebrate: revise greetings, introductions and farewells, days, months, numbers 1-20, name days, birthdays, other celebrations eg le premier mai, Saint Valentin... songs and games.

Year 2: Myself and the world around me: revise greetings, introductions and farewells, days, months, numbers 1-31, my family, my friends, and describing them.

Year 3: Myself and introduction to the class play "La poule maboule" : revise greetings, farewells, introductions, describing myself and others, family, colours, numbers 1-60, asking and answering questions

Year 4: Myself and introduction to the class play: (les trois petits cochons), revise greetings, farewells, introductions, describing myself, where I live, my house, my family, colours, numbers 1-100, asking and answering questions.

Year 4/5: Myself and introduction to the class play: (Comment y aller?), revise greetings, farewells, introductions, describing myself, where I live, my house, family, expressing feelings/opinions, colours, numbers 1-100, asking and answering questions.

Year 5/6: Myself and introduction to the class play: (Chat Angora or Louis la grenouille), revise greetings, farewells, introductions, describing myself and others, and where I live, expressing feelings/qualities/ and opinions, asking and answering questions.

If your child is new to the school and has not done French before please encourage them to come to see me for some extra help. I will be very happy to do so.

Please feel free to contact me at rmaro1@eq.edu.au to discuss any concerns, or if you would like to volunteer in our French classroom, Theatre Night and Bastille Day Celebrations.

Merci beaucoup en avance / Thank you for your support in advance

Madame Rosa Maroto

P & C NEWS

WHAT WE DO!

- ✓ Provide a means of meeting for all persons associated with Brisbane Central State School and to promote and foster a co-operative spirit amongst parents
- ✓ Provide a means of liaison between parents of children attending the school, the wider community and the Principal and teachers of the school
- ✓ Raise funds for the provision of education support, maintenance & development of the school environment, sporting activities, and cultural activities of the school
- ✓ Give public expression when the need arises in matters affecting education
- ✓ Provide opportunities for informing parents of current developments in education
- ✓ Foster interest and community support in the school

If you would like more information or are interested in joining, please email us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au We welcome all new and interested members to our next meeting on **Wednesday the 15th of March at 6pm.**

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 or 0449 112 061 if you require more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Learning in the Spotlight



Congratulations to our Assembly Awards recipients for the last fortnight

P/1H	Alexey	3Z	Colin, Divyanshu, Daniel, Priyanshi
1R	Luka	4M	Dora, Rei, Julianne, Matilda, Remas, Alawaleed
1F	Sai, Karman	4/5M	Xiani, Nora, Wendy
2A	Clement	5/6S	Yohaana, Angela
2C	Chris, Yashvi, Katarina	5/6D	Rudra, Claudia, Erick, Janet
3H	Isabella, Polina	French	Riona, Jude, Abhijit, Marie, Vedant, Steven, Isabel

Class Assembly presentations coming up:
Week 7: 5/6S & 2A



IF SWIMMING



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.

See you then!!

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 7th of February.

Nicky Paull

PLEASE RETURN

Pink and white fluffy bunny keyring



The keyring was last seen attached to a school bag in Prep Lunch shed on Tuesday 14th February.

If found please return to Mrs Duncan in the office.

EAL/D teacher

**DON'T FORGET SCHOOL BANKING
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