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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

10 June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Program participation

During the past week, Ms Kelly and I have attended program celebrations for activities that our students have participated in. I want to thank the parents and teachers for supporting these activities for their children.

Northside Band Blitz: Instrumental Music Students from Year 4 participated in a band workshop at the Old Museum culminating in a concert. The concert was excellent and it was great to see our students having the opportunity to participate as part of a band ensemble.

QAPS Outreach Program Forensic Science: Selected students from Year 4 and 5 participated in a number of activities learning about how science is used to solve crimes and use this information to build their case against the perpetrator. The students demonstrated their learning in a variety of ways to family and staff.

City Cluster High Achievers: Selected students participated in a number of workshops at Kelvin Grove SC in Science, English, ICT, Visual Art or Maths. These very talented students presented their work to family and staff on Wednesday evening.

Track and Field Carnival

Today the students in Year 3 to 6 participated in the Track and Field Carnival at Newmarket State School. The winning house and age champions will be announced in the next newsletter.

Rising Damp work

An ongoing issue that affects A block is rising damp. Very soon work will begin, now that we have relocated the year 1 classes into their new rooms.

The contractors will have a site office in the dirt beside the lower car park. This area will be fenced for everyone's safety. Please be aware that this will limit the car parking in this area during construction. We encourage you to use the drop off zone.

The contractors will be erecting fencing to keep the staff and students safe. They will limit the construction noise and deliveries during school times. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of the year. We appreciate your understanding during construction.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

2016 School Improvement Agenda

To improve student outcomes we will use the growth mindset strategies for:

1. Student Case Management in Reading to use data to differentiate for students.
2. Action Learning projects to gain an understanding of effective teaching strategies in writing.
3. Talk partners within the classroom to support learners.
4. Digital Literacies as a tool to engage learners.

UPCOMING DATES:

| CALENDAR | |
|----------------|---|
| Upcoming Dates | |
| 15 June | Dumplings for sale after school. |
| 21 June | 2S and 2W to QPAC |
| 22 June | Reports emailed home. |
| 23 June | Under and Over 8s Day |
| 24 June | 3H and 3Z to QPAC |
| 24 June | Last day of term |
| Regular events | |
| Monday | CASH PAYMENTS are accepted at the office 7.00AM – 9.00AM ONLY Otherwise please make payment via BPoint. |
| | <i>Homework Club run by Mrs Paull and Mrs Raulini 3pm to 4pm</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am</i> |
| | <i>Parent English Class 1pm to 2.30pm</i> |
| | <i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i> <i>Chinese Classes: please contact brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com for more details</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>Senior Choir 8.15am in the music room</i> |
| | <i>Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall's room not week 10, rehearsal again week 11.</i> |
| | <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i> |
| Thursday | <i>Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm</i> |
| | <i>Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30</i> |
| | <i>MK13 Soccer After School Program: www.mk13soccer.com for more details</i> |
| Friday | <i>Playgroup 9am - 10am in the hall.</i> |
| | <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i> |
| | <i>Uniform Shop is open: 3:00pm – 3:30pm</i> |
| Saturday | <i>French Classes: please contact Les Petit Princes Les lespetitprinces.association@gmail.com</i> |

Report Cards

Semester 1, 2016 reports will be emailed to parents on Wednesday, June 22 at 2pm. To receive your child's report card please:

- make sure we have your correct email address
- add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report is added to your inbox

If you have any problems receiving your child's report card please email me and let me know. The report will be sent to you in the first week of next term.

What does the report card tell you?

The report card provides achievement levels, effort levels and comments outlining what knowledge and skills have been covered throughout the semester. Comments about behaviour and overall effort and work are also provided.

Each year level uses a five point reporting scale, with different year levels using different reporting scales dependant on their developmental abilities. Please refer to the table below.

| | Prep | Years 1 – 2 | Years 3 – 10 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Achievement | Australian Curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applying ▪ Making Connections ▪ Working With ▪ Exploring ▪ Becoming Aware Queensland curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very High ▪ High ▪ Sound ▪ Developing ▪ Support Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A ▪ B ▪ C ▪ D ▪ E |
| Effort and Behaviour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very High ▪ High ▪ Sound ▪ Developing ▪ Support required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent ▪ Very good ▪ Satisfactory ▪ Needs attention ▪ Unacceptable |

Students achieving *working with*, *sound* or *C* are working at year level expectations.

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

ICAS Assessments

On Tuesday 31st May 55 students from Year 2-6 sat the ICAS Science Test. We expect to have the results sent home with the students within 8 weeks from the test date. The students will also receive their test papers with their results.

The next ICAS test is writing on Tuesday 14th June for Years 3-6. The writing task is expected to be a narrative this year. The EAA website provides practice options. <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation> The test papers are labelled A-D for Years 3-6 with the Year 2 test paper labelled as Year 2 or Introductory depending on the subject area. These practice options include purchasing on-line practice tests and downloading sample tests, however, purchase options are not available for the writing. Please note that it is not expected that the children will practice at home before the test, however, this option is available to you.

Maureen Kelly
 Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

Bee Readers Reward: Rewards program for homework reading

We know that reading regularly is a great way to improve your child's reading ability. We would like to encourage and reward the children for reading at home. This term the children have a chance to be selected to choose a book for the school library. All they have to do is complete their homework reading for the week and they get a chance in a class draw. A winner is selected from each class at the end of term. Your child could be the lucky winner for their class. This rewards program is in addition to the library borrowing rewards program that rewards students for borrowing from the school library.

For simple yet effective tips to get improved learning from the 'homework reading' your child does see this clip.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=korfvEOQb14>

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach

Le Journal Français (The French News)

Bonjour Tout le Monde / Hello Everybody,

The response from our students wanting to take part in the Brisbane French Festival at South Bank has been fantastic. I have had over 40 students bring their forms signed by their parents, and we are having rehearsals at **first lunch on Fridays at 11am** in the year **2W classroom** (merci Mme Wall). **During the last 2 weeks** of school we will also rehearse on **Friday mornings at 8:40 am in Ms Wall's classroom. It is very important to attend these as we won't be able to rehearse together during the holidays.**

We will meet on **Sunday 10 July at South Bank Parklands**, near the stage at **9:45 am** so that we can get ourselves organised with our poster etc. Our students should get into the spirit of the day and come dressed in the French colours of **Blue White and Red**. Remember to collect your child/ children from me at the end of the performance near the stage. If a different parent is to collect them after the performance from the one who dropped them off, please let me know and send me their details via email at: rmaro1@eq.edu.au. Or if you have any other questions you can contact me here.

Merci beaucoup / thank you very much, to all those students, (parents and staff) for your support in making this performance possible.
Madame Rosa Maroto

Under and Over 8s Day – Thursday 23 June 9.15 to 10.30. Green Theme free dress day (gold coin donation for the student council).

Join us for an Under and Over 8's Day celebration at Brisbane Central State School on Thursday 23 June at 9.15am – 10.30am.

This year the theme is - Early Learning, Everyone Benefits; Queensland Celebrating 60 years of Under Eights week.

The event will consist of a range of exciting exploration stations. Students will have the opportunity to learn, explore, create and get active!

Students are encouraged to wear **green** for the day and bring along a gold coin donation to support the work of the student council. They are raising money for seating outside F block.



We will have a special morning tea for our parents provided by the Australian Education Union.

We encourage our school community to participate on the day and have lots of educational fun!

Junior Choir news

There will be no Junior Choir rehearsal in week 10 (15th June)

There will be a rehearsal in week 11 (22nd June) in preparation for our French Festival performance.

English Parent Classes

New Home Room for Parent English Class at BCSS

The Parent English Class room has now changed to a new location. Our room for lessons will now be in 'F' Block, on the lower (downstairs) level in Room F16. This room is also used for French lessons.

The easiest way to find us is to enter 'F' Block from the lower carpark. Turn left as you enter, then follow the corridor to the second lift. This lift delivers you to the lower level right outside the French room - our room for Parent English Class.

We are always pleased to welcome new parents to our English class. We meet every Tuesday afternoon in Room F16 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Please come and join us.
Sandra, Colleen & Allison

Dragon Boat Festival and Poet's Day

DUMPLINGS FOR SALE WEDNESDAY 15 of June from 3pm outside the office

Dragon Boat festival and Poet's Day

Every year in China around about this time of the year (the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar calendar), the people celebrate "Dragon Boat Festival" or "Poet's Day". Two of the ways they celebrate is by having dragon boat races on the river and eating special dumplings.

What they are celebrating is the life and death of the famous Chinese scholar Qua Yuan. He lived many centuries ago and was loved by the people because he wrote poems showing he understood the problems of the common man. However, the court officials and king didn't like him, accusing him of all sorts of crimes and exiled him. In despair, Qua Yuan drowned himself by throwing himself in the river. Since the people thought Qua Yuan was an honourable man they got into their boats and tried to find and rescue him.

We cannot have dragon boat races at the school. The lovely Chinese ladies in our school community will be selling special dumplings on Wednesday 15 of June from 3pm to raise money for our school.

Active School Travel

Star Class Trophy

The following classed has won the **Star Class Trophy**. To align with the Active School Travel awards run by the Brisbane City Council, in May the award will be going to the class the makes the largest increase in students actively travelling from the week before.

Largest Improvement from the week before.

Week 8: 3H



Library News

Books for PNG and Fiji If you would like to donate books for this charity, please leave them in the boxes in the photocopy room underneath the library.

New Library Competition Children who borrow every week will go into the draw to choose a book from the Scholastic Bookclub at the end of each term. The book will have a name plate inside and be presented on parade. I encourage all children (and parents!) to remember to return their books each week so that they can borrow again and go into the competition. Remember you can borrow books during lunch or before and after school – we open at 8:30am and close at 3:15pm.

The next P & C meeting on Wednesday 3 August starting at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Uniform Shop News

The 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 at uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au if you require more information.

The Uniform Shop has some stock of red and purple short sleeve polo shirts which students can wear for the school sports event days. Rogers Red and St Pauls Purple! There are limited sizes and stock available so please see Mahtab at the Uniform Shop to check. Prices range from \$8 to \$15.

2016/17 Entertainment™ Book Memberships are Now Available to Order!

Brisbane Central State School P&C is selling Entertainment™ Memberships and with your support, the funds we raise will be used to help our School. If you haven't already purchased your Membership this year, this is your chance to support us and be rewarded with over hundreds of dollars in savings and many valuable offers!

This year, you have the option to purchase your Entertainment™ Membership as a book and have the book posted directly to you, or as a digital version to download to your smartphone. Please note, no books will be handed out at school. There is a sample of the Entertainment™ Book for [Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds](#) in the school office if you would like to look at this. You can also purchase Entertainment™ Membership for other areas around Australia.



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KGSC ENROLMENTS: Enrolments 2018 (Current Year 5 students)

Please be aware that applications for enrolments for 2018 will open on **Monday 11th July, 2017.**

Expressions of Interest (EOI's) can be found on the College web site. It is recommended that this is done sooner rather than later.

NOMINATE A GREAT TEACHER TODAY.

Do you know a teacher you'd like to thank? A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to thank a primary or secondary school teacher who is making a difference. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they'll receive \$5,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Help us recognise these inspiring people by nominating them today.

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**A DAY
MADE
BETTER**

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make weekend



This program is great for beginners to electronics and robotics aged between 8-17.

Learn skills like wiring, working with motors, LED lights, sensors and more while working on a project that you design yourself and get to take home.

Where: Chermside library
When : 2nd of July 9:30-11:30
Cost: \$30 (Including Arduino kit)

Registration opens on
Saturday, June 11 9:00 AM



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your interest

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North Regional Business Centre
960 Gympie Road, Chermside

Year 4 Excursion to St Helena Island

