FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are racing by at Brisbane Central State School! This week saw the completion of NAPLAN preparation in our Year 3/5/7 classes and through our Extension and Intervention programs. We are also preparing for our first school Cross Country event in a few weeks’ time! More details in our next newsletter. Read on for an update on what is going on around the school.

Stay and Play:

Sadly, we have had a number of complaints from parents and staff after our “Play and Stay” afternoons last week. These complaints have included:

• Students running around school buildings, and up and down stairs
• Students removing sports equipment from the storeroom, then leaving the equipment on the oval
• Students playing behind the Prep building
• Students playing in the staff toilet, including locking the door and crawling out from underneath
• Students climbing in trees overhanging the car park.

At assembly on Tuesday, all students were reminded of the types of behaviours expected of them when participating in “Play and Stay”. Parents who allow their children to participate in “Play and Stay” must sign the “Play and Stay” Agreement, agreeing to the following conditions:

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10 May 2013
need to leave the playground or oval at any time to access the toilet or drink taps.

- I understand that my child and I will not access other school buildings or facilities whilst at Stay and Play.

Currently, parents are not providing adequate supervision of their child at “Stay and Play”, and this is compromising their and others’ safety. A “Play and Stay” Agreement form is attached to this newsletter. If you participate in “Play and Stay” and have not completed this form, please do so, and return to the office as soon as possible. Next week there will be a check of agreements to ensure that the parents of students participating in “Play and Stay” have signed the form and are providing adequate supervision for their children. Please help us to ensure that all students are safe and can enjoy the facilities after school.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy) Tests - May 14 - 16:

Next week, our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be sitting the NAPLAN Tests. The test schedule will be as follows:

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How can parents support their child during the NAPLAN tests?

- Ensure that your child gets a good night’s sleep before each NAPLAN Test
- Ensure that your child has a big breakfast the morning of the tests
- Ensure that your child is at school by 8:55am as the tests will need to start promptly to ensure students can access breaks on time

- Reassure your child that the tests are a “point in time” assessment that give an indication of how they are progressing in Literacy and Numeracy, and that teachers continue to gather evidence throughout the year regarding student achievement.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website - http://www.nap.edu.au/.

A HUGE thanks goes to our teachers Ms Alison Thomas, Miss Rae Ross, Miss Aisling Drumm, Miss Kylie Wall, Mrs Annette Somerville, Mr David Thornton and Mrs Meredith Waghorn, who have worked hard to ensure that students are well prepared for the tests next week.

P&C Working Bee:

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the P&C meeting on Wednesday morning. A Working Bee has been organised for Sunday May 19 from 8 am to 12 pm. Bring along your shovels, secateurs, small gardening shovels, whipper snippers, etc, and don’t forget a hat, sunscreen, water and gloves!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Achievements:

- City District Cross Country: Congratulations to Virat Chaudhary, Layan Badhris, Jon Davis and Emily Hirst who were selected to represent the school in the District Cross Country Competition on Monday May 20. A HUGE thank you to Miss Anna Paton and Mr Darren Waugh for training students twice a week in preparation for the District and School Cross Country events.

- Northside Honors Music Camp: Congratulations to Ashley and Alice Kuo and Elisabeth Bell who were selected to be a part of the Northside Honors Music Camp, June 11-14, 2013.

U2B Project:

In Term 1, several of our Year 5 students were selected to participate in the U2B (Upper 2 Bands) Project. Project U2B is an online learning program and over 2000 Year 5 students from the Metropolitan Region of Queensland were involved. Under the supervision of Mr David Thornton, students met once per week with their online teacher from Brisbane School of Distance Education for a web conference that focused on numeracy and solving mathematical problems. Participation in the program meant that students gave up part of their lunchtimes to log on and complete set tasks. As the program was designed to boost students’ achievement in the Mathematics section of
NAPLAN, the program was completed this week. A BIG thanks to Mr David Thornton for his commitment to the program over the past several weeks.

Have a great week!
Melissa

LE JOURNAL FRANÇAIS / THE FRENCH NEWS

Salut (Hello),

Congratulations to the Prep/1 class who performed “Dix petites fleurs” (“10 Little Flowers”) and “Frère Jacques” (“Brother Jack”) on Assembly this week. Well done!

Thank you to those parents and students who have returned their Linguascope Terms and Conditions Forms. There are still some outstanding so please get these back to me so that all children can access the language website in class, and at home. It is great for revision.

Right now all our French classes are very busy finishing assessment tasks, and soon will be starting on Term 2 work. The following is a guide of the things they will be learning about:

Prep: Family, and pets, describing them, parts of the body, numbers 1 - 15, colours, opposites.

Year Prep/1: family and pets, adjectives, opposites, colours, numbers 1 - 15/15 - 31 and parts of the body.

Year 1: Extended family, and pets, describing them, parts of the body, numbers 1 - 31, colours, opposites, and adjectives.

Year 2: What I like to do, sports and games, weather, expressing likes and dislikes, numbers 1 - 60 and some foods.

Year 2/3: What I like to do, sports and games, weather, expressing likes and dislikes, numbers 1 - 60, some food and drinks, meals and clothes.

Year 3/4: Getting to know my classmates, my house/room, adjectives, opposites, questions, my day, telling time, numbers 1 - 100,000 and the play.

Year 4/5: Getting to know my friends and family, questions, my house/room, opposite, my day /telling the time, health, numbers 1 – 100,000 and the play.

Year 5/6: My day, chores, going shopping, telling the time, questions, opposites, giving directions, health, numbers 1 - 1,000,000 and the play.

Year 6/7: Let’s have a party, invitations, questions, my day, telling the time; let’s go shopping, opposites, directions, numbers 1 - 1,000,000 and the play.

À la prochaine (till next time),
Madame Maroto

FIT ‘N’ ACTIVE REMINDER

These days are not for play and stay. The children will be hitting, throwing or kicking balls. I do not want to see other children or parents get hurt.

If it is raining we will be conducting Fit ‘n’ Active under the shed located near the toilet block.

Pick up time is 4:15pm. The children meet me at the lunch shed on the oval at 3:00pm where we have fruit and do a roll call. All children need their hat and a water bottle. Please do not be late for pick ups. Thank you.

Maree Lewis

GREEN UPDATE

Garden Club is on Friday mornings at 8:30am for all interested children.

Thanks to Paula and Dave Pattinson (Ethan and Aaron) for their donation of a $20 Bunnings voucher. It will go towards new equipment and seedlings for the Garden Club.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bedford Park Spring Hill Community Survey

Calling all Spring Hill residents, businesses and organisations – we need your ideas!

A group of local community organisations has a Queensland Police crime prevention grant to work on a plan for the precinct around Bedford Park to maintain it as a safe and lively part of the neighbourhood. The group is led by Community and the Lang Park PCYC and includes local arts, community and education organisations, Brisbane City Council and the local police.

Bedford Park is bordered by Love, Water and Quarry Streets in Spring Hill. Established in 1927, it’s one of only a few parks in Spring Hill so is an important asset to the area. A precinct plan could involve additional activities to take place in the park and physical improvements over time (subject to Council approval and budgets).

Please go to the following page: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JTZ72RS to contribute your ideas on what could be in that plan. It only takes a few minutes to complete – the group would love to know what you think and if you want to hear more or be involved.

Have your say BEFORE Sunday 12 May 2013.

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

With the weather getting cooler it is time to think about jumpers. Our winter stock of Zip-up Jackets has arrived. The price is $35.00 for sizes 4 to 14. We have a small supply of old-style screen-printed Zip-ups for $32.50 and Sloppy Joes for $24.00. Please email or text to
make sure we have the correct size.
We do not stock Tracksuit pants. You can pick up plain black Tracksuit pants for about $8.00 at Big W or Target.

ORDERING UNIFORMS - If you would like to order uniform you can email Amanda on bcsspandc@hotmail.com and it will be put in your child’s school bag after payment is received. If you have ordered the wrong size, it can be returned as long as it has not been worn.

METHODS OF PAYMENT:
(1) You can put cash or cheque in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or
(2) You can bank the total into the P & C account BSB: 064012, Account: 0090 4486 (NOT THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT) - Detail uniform with your name (e.g. Uniform Smith).

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please email Amanda bcsspandc@hotmail.com.

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**Term 2, 2013**

**Craft Group**

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9am every Friday in the hall (children welcome)
No sewing or cooking experience required…just turn up!
Cost is $2 – includes tea/coffee and morning tea

All welcome!

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**Working Bee**
(Parents/caregivers volunteer some of their time to help with a general cleanup of the school grounds/gardens etc)

Where: at school
When: Sunday 19th May
Time: 8am -12noon

Items needed: shovels, secateurs, small gardening shovels, whipping snippers, etc
Bring a hat, sunscreen, water and gloves
Hope to see you there!

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**School Building Fund Donation**

As tax time draws near and you are searching for deductions, please consider a donation to the Brisbane Central State School Building Fund.

Through the generous donations received by parents, caregivers and teachers to the building fund and other fundraising efforts, we are able to improve our school’s facilities and students’ learning environment.

Donations* to the School Building Fund are tax deductible and we can issue you with a receipt to claim this donation in your Income Tax Return for the 2012/2013 year.
*(donations over $2 are tax deductible)

Cheques can be made payable to: Brisbane Central State School P&C Building Fund or a direct deposit can be made to the P&C’s Building Fund account: BSB No: 064 002 Account No: 1026 0612 Reference: your name eg Adam Smith.
If you have any questions about the School Building Fund please contact the P&C Association Treasurer Peter Zunker, by telephone 0401 566 236, or email petermeg@tpg.com.au.

Please support the P&C to help us support the school community.
Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday 8 May 2013

Meeting commenced at 8.04am
Held at Brisbane Central State School, Spring Hill

Present
Melissa Burke, Paul Wilson, Alyson Fenton, Karyn Wernham, Michele Maxwell, Stephen Maxwell, Miranda Crisci
Rosemary Foster, Cecilia Huang, Brian Steendyk, Smita

Apologies
Peter Zunker, Robert Cavallucci MP State Member for Brisbane Central

Minutes of the previous meeting
A motion was carried that the tabled minutes of the previous P&C meeting held on Wednesday 20th March, 2013 were a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Alyson Fenton   Seconded: Paul Wilson

Correspondence: Discussed

Treasurer’s Report   to be discussed at next P&C meeting

Moved:     Seconded:

General Business
1.  Re-unification update – Karen
2.  Uniforms
3.  P&C sub-committees – Fete, Uniform, Grants
4.  Hall rental – Robert Cavallucci’s office has distributed flyers. No enquiries so far.
5.  Hall (cooling) - continue with louvre and fan discussion
6.  Environment grant as per Robert Cavallucci’s discussion at previous meeting
7.  A-frame signage - Miranda to obtain 2 quotes for next meeting
8.  Music stands
9.  Collection of funds - principal, Alyson, Miranda and Wendy Armstrong to meet to draft a collection of funds procedures checklist
10. Fundraising/Fete updates
    • Fete Flyer
    • Mothers’ Day update
    • Entertainment Book
    • EZ Cover
    • Coles/Woolies Vouchers – Kylie Moss has volunteered to manage the earn and learn vouchers etc

11. Building Fund donations - need to start advertising in newsletter
12. P&C budget – discuss at next meeting
13. Working bee – a working bee has been scheduled for Sunday 19th May 8am – 12 noon
14. Working bee equipment – A motion was moved to spend up to $600 to cover the cost of hiring machinery, ie a stump grinder. All in favour
15. Register Spring Hill Fair/Fete - A motion was moved to register the following business names: Spring Hill Fete & Spring Hill Fair  All in favour
16. Fete - general discussion

Principal’s Report:

Next meeting/s: Wednesday 5th June (week 8)
Meeting closed: 9:25am
Brisbane Central State School is having a fete on Saturday 14th September, 2013. A fete is a huge undertaking for a small school, so we, the P&C, will be asking the school community to help us organize this wonderful event. Remember, all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of all our children.

**Bric-a-brac**

Start collecting your unwanted household items for the bric-a-brac stall?

(bric-a-brac is also known as knick-knacks, curios, junk, stuff - which could include clothes, shoes, household items etc)

If you do have any bric-a-brac at home you would like to donate to the school fete, please start putting it aside and we will let you know when to bring it up to the school.

**Stall holders**

If you would like to hold your own stall at the fete, please contact either
Amanda Woolnough: 0437 524 460 or
Alyson Fenton: 0416 220 868
STAY AND PLAY GUIDELINES – JANUARY 2013

Stay and Play is an initiative designed to provide green space and playground equipment for students that live in residences with limited play spaces. This initiative takes place between 3:00pm and 4:00pm on the designated days each week as determined by the Principal each school term.

Continued participation in Stay and Play is based on you and your child’s written agreement with the Stay and Play guidelines. Additionally, your child’s play and your supervision of them must be according to these guidelines to maintain the safety of your child and the smooth operation of the school.

1. My child will use the oval and playground equipment outside of school hours only at the designated Stay and Play times. For 2013, these times are for Wednesday and Friday ONLY until further notice. These days are subject to change due to other school activities. These changes will be advised through the school newsletter.
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11. My child will be directly supervised by me if they need to leave the playground or oval at any time to access the toilet or drink taps.
12. I understand that my child and I will not access other school buildings or facilities whilst at Stay and Play. I am willing to pay for any damage to or loss of school property arising from the use of the venue or equipment.
13. I understand the school is not responsible for damage, loss, or injury to any person or property as a result of participation in Stay and Play. I am willing to indemnify the school, its employees and agents against all claims for damages, loss, costs, or injury arising from the use of the venue or equipment. I warrant that I have satisfied myself that the venue and the equipment are fit for my child to participate in Stay and Play, the venue and the equipment are in good condition and I have been given adequate information about the venue and the equipment to ensure its use without risk to any person.

My child and I agree to abide by the expectations outlined above as a condition of my child’s participation in Stay and Play.

Parent Name:    Parent Signature:    Date:

Child’s Name:    Child’s Signature:

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