FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Careers,

End of Term Parent Interviews:  
**Tuesday 22 March from 3.30 – 8.30pm in the hall.**
On Tuesday 22 March, teachers will be conducting interviews from 3:30pm to 8:30pm. Some teachers will offer some alternative times so that all families have a chance to meet with the teacher.

Class teachers will offer 15 minute appointments for the meetings which will be held in the hall. At the end of the 15 minutes a sound will indicate the end of that session. During this time the teachers will outline your child’s progress, areas of strength and what they need to work on. Your class teacher will send home a note with the times they have available.

Easter Hat Parade: Thursday 24 March 10.15 – 10.45 am in the Covered Area outside the prep rooms.
Students in Prep, one and two will be participating in this parade on Thursday 24 March. Parents are encouraged to come along.

Harmony Day Assembly 10.00am  
**Tuesday 22 March in the hall.**
Students in year two to six will be participating in our Harmony Day Assembly in the hall. Students are encouraged to come along in traditional dress or wear orange, the colour that symbolises Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is our diversity is our strength.

**Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**
We have updated our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. This plan needs to be reviewed every three years. The plan outlines our current practices with our three behaviour expectations. It explains the processes we use for rewarding student behaviour and our consequences. You can find a copy of the plan on our website and by clicking this link: Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

**Student Details Form**
Thank you to those parents that have returned the forms with updated information. Please return the forms with any changes of details. If there are no changes that need to be make either write no changes on the form or email the office on admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

Regards,

**Graham Rickuss**

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**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.

**CALENDAR**

| Upcoming Dates: please check the website for the latest events. |
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| **Monday 14 March** | 6S to Young Leaders Day |
| **Thursday March 17** | Year 25 – History Excursion |
| **Thursday March 17** | 3 – 6 French movie Excursion |
| **Friday March 18** | Year 2W – History Excursion |
| **Tuesday March 22** | Harmony Day Assembly Parent Teacher Interviews |
| **Thursday March 24** | Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term |

**Regular events**

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Advanced Learners Program

You, as parents, can help us deliver optimal learning programs by sharing your expertise and special interests with us. ‘...there is strong consensus, supported by a variety of evidence dating from over 40 years, that positive parental engagement can and does significantly influence student academic attainment.’ (Emerson, Fear, Fox and Sanders (2012). Parental engagement in learning and schooling: Lessons from research.)

We are conducting a survey to form a register of parent volunteers that can be drawn upon to support and enrich our learning programs at Brisbane Central State School. We wish to collate a list of parents with specific skills, expertise and interests who would like to contribute to school programs.

Volunteers can then be drawn upon to help with a range of situations including special events, classroom programs and enhancement programs. The support may be for a single event or a series of events and the level of support is at the discretion of the volunteer. This survey does not cover weekly classroom helpers. Class teachers will request for general classroom helpers separately or teachers can be approached with an offer of help.

Thank you to those parents that have completed the survey. If you would like to help us in your area of special interest or expertise please fill out this survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VW3FNTL

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach/Advanced Learner Program Manager

Behaviour

Be Responsible and Be Respectful – Report Bullying: STOP, MOVE, REPORT

This year we are implementing a new process for students to use when someone is annoying them at school. The process is three steps: STOP, MOVE, REPORT.

STOP – When a child is being annoyed then ask the other to stop. They can say ‘Stop it I don’t like it’ or something similar with stop in the sentence.

MOVE – If the behaviour continues, the child is to move away from the other. They can repeat the stop sentence and inform them they are moving away.

REPORT – If the behaviour continues, the child reports the incident to a staff member.

BPOINT as the new preferred payment method at Brisbane Central State School

Thank you to everyone for helping make the transition to BPOINT for our accounts so smooth.

To assist with the process, it is best to use the link attached to the invoice to make the payment as it populates the Biller Code for the Department.

If you print the invoice out for later payment, please type in the Biller Code 1002534.

You will need to enter the customer reference code either way for the payment. Each invoice has a unique code.

If you prefer to make cash payments, please bring along the invoice and can be done on Monday mornings from 7.00am – 9.00am.

Social Media sites

Download the app
iTunes
Google Play
Windows Phone

Become a fan
Follow us on twitter
Active School Travel

**Star Class Trophy**
The following class has won the **Star Class Trophy**, for the highest percentage of students actively travelling to school each week.

**Week 6 was 2S with 90%**
The Brisbane City Council has created some Active Travel Maps. There are copies on the table outside the school office. **Please have a look at the map.** An orange line indicates suggested Park and Stride routes to school. The Active School Travel committee selected areas where many family live and walk to school.

*Our Sports Captains in their Active School outfits collecting the data.*

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**P and C News**

**Election Day BBQ:** Saturday 19 March

Brisbane Central State School is a polling booth for the upcoming Council Election and State Referendum on Saturday 19 March.

The P&C will be holding a BBQ to raise funds for the school from 8am to 2pm. Tony Holcroft is organising the BBQ.

If you are able to help cook, serve, set up or pack up please email Tony awhpainting@hotmail.com

Any help during 8 – 2 is appreciated.

**Ice Blocks**
$1 ice blocks are for sale lunch time Wednesday and Friday, and also straight after school on Fridays. Located in front of the community room. All money raised goes to the school. So cool down and fundraise for the school at the same time!

**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 uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or 0449 112 061 if you require more information.

**2016 P&C Executive:** Contact us at pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

President: Brian Steendyk
Vice President: Kirsten Lovejoy
Vice President: Nizam Abbany
Treasurer: Colleen Tuxworth
Secretary: Kat Hennessy

The next P & C meeting on **Wednesday 11 April** starting at 6.00pm in the French room.
Parent English Class

The 2016 Parent English class is very happy to welcome several new parents to our Tuesday afternoon class. Our new class members have joined a wonderful group of parents who are continuing on from the 2015 class. We are also very pleased to have some Dads join us too.

Our Tuesday afternoon classes, starting at 1:00pm in the French classroom, cater for parents new to English, and those with more advanced English speaking skills. Our lessons, focused mainly on improving speaking skills, are informal and we try to make them fun. Some time is given to structured grammar teaching, and we also like to talk about Australian culture.

We are currently planning an all day excursion to the city centre early in Term 2. You can read more details for this full day of English learning in the city centre setting after the Easter holiday break.

We enjoy working with, and getting to know our Parent English class members very much. Please feel free to join us if you are wanting to advance your English skills. You will be made very welcome.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen.

Community News

The Queensland Academies Brilliant Futures Program is open to very highly capable students in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 who are seeking an assured pathway* into the Queensland Academies campuses for commencement in Year 10. Applications closing soon for Year 6. See website for more information.
http://qa.eq.edu.au/brilliant-futures/

The deadline for year 6 applications closes on Wednesday March 23.

Date Claimer

The Spring Hill Neighbour/Harmony Day Community Event hosted by Friends of Bedford Park will be held on the 16th of April at Bedford Park, corner of Water Street and Love Street. Last year’s Neighbour Day event was hugely successful and this year Friends of Bedford Park would like to broaden the appeal to a wider audience to include the Neighbour Day focus with Harmony Day to be more inclusive of the multi-cultural community of Spring Hill. The concept of the event is to bring a plate of food, have a picnic, say g’day and enjoy some of the simple activities provided. It is envisaged that the event will again enliven the green heart of Spring Hill and assist in building the local community spirit of Spring Hill. If anyone is interested in assisting or performing at the event, please contact school mum Mandy Haldane on 0434 078 195.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

23.5 bags of litter collected.