



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

12 August 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

QParents is coming

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with the school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents soon. One adult per family will be invited to register. This will be the parent that currently gets the term accounts. This person can then delegate other people to view the information on line by providing them with a secure login.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us. More information about QParents can be found at

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

Classroom Visits

I am very fortunate to regularly visit classes to observe the learning taking place. While I am in the classroom I use this time to ask our 'Five key questions for learners' developed by Lyn Sharratt. These questions are:

What are you learning?

How are you doing?

How do you know?

How can you improve?

Where do you go for help?

The students are very happy to speak with me and give me answers to these questions. Most students are able to speak about their learning, their goals and what they need to do to improve. Well done.

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	
26 August	Book Week dress up
31 August	School Photos
1 September	Prep to year 2 sports day
7 September	P and C meeting starting at 6pm
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</i> <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>
Thursday	<i>Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm</i> <i>Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30am</i> <i>Bee-Bot Club 3 – 4pm</i> <i>AfterSchool Teading Club 3 – 4pm</i> <i>Creative Spaces 3 – 4:15pm</i> <i>MK13 Soccer After School Program: www.mk13soccer.com for more details</i>
Friday	School Banking Day <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 lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com</i>

Digital Technologies

Our world is changing more rapidly than at any other time in history with the influence of technology spreading to touch every aspect of our lives. Our students are ready to engage in this exciting future and we are preparing them for this through coding, creating multimodal texts and online learning communities. We are also trialling simple robotics using Raspberry Pi.

You can find out more about this by going to <http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/Pages/Downloads.aspx>

Want to work on coding with your child? Go to <https://studio.code.org/s/course2> This is a beginners' course, designed for students in Year 2 – 5, where children can create programs to solve problems and develop interactive games and stories.

Third Party Websites

As part of your child's learning we use many web based educational resources to improve learning outcomes. Most of these resources are Education Queensland resources, but we also use web based resources based in other locations. This means they are not bound by Queensland's privacy laws. Such resources include Reading Eggs, Studyladder and Edmodo.

We need your permission for your child to access these websites. In the next few weeks we will send home a permission form. You will need to consent and complete the form if you wish for your child to access these websites.

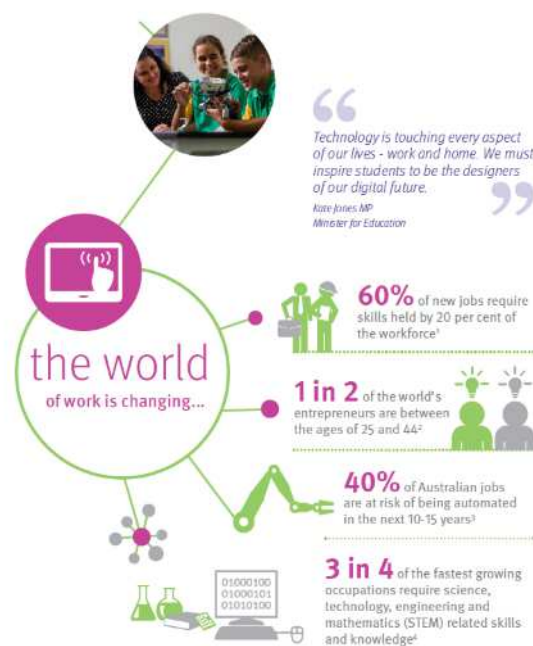
Cyber Safety

Discussing cyber safety with children is vital if they are to have safe and positive experiences online. Please be aware that students using Scratch at home have access to online sharing and chats, so please discuss these strategies with your child. For more cyber safety resources go to:

<http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/cybersafety/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf>

Remember to follow us on Twitter, https://twitter.com/Bris_Cent_SS, for links to educational resources and to find out what is happening within our school.

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



Student Council help

Second Hand Book Sale – Wednesday 24th August

The Student Council are organising a second hand book sale during Book Week. The sale will be on Wednesday 24th August at first break. Books will be priced between \$1 and \$5.

We would like your help. If you have any unwanted books that are still in good condition could you please donate them to our stall. Drop off your book at the Year 6 classroom during your breaks please. Your help is much appreciated.

Student Council.

Prep to Year 2 sports Day: Thursday 1 September

Extra, extra read all about it! From Rio to Central, the sports action continues after the Olympics. The Prep-Year 2 Sports Day will be held on Thursday 1 September. Our primary objective is to provide all students with the opportunity to participate to their level of ability. Place-getters will only be determined in sprint races, all other events are for students to have a go at a variety of novelty activities eg throws and tabloids.

We invite all parents, care givers, family and friends to this special event. What a great way to SPRING into September full of fun and good cheer. There will be a coffee van and BBQ run by PCYC for refreshments to be purchased.

Students require a water bottle, sunscreen, hat, any asthma puffers and clothing appropriate to sporting activities. Students are encouraged to wear clothing reflecting their Sports House. (Rogers-Red. St Paul's-Purple).

Appropriate footwear is encouraged in all events and should be of the lightweight, non-slip jogger style.

Times

8.55am-Students assemble at class

9am-Groups assemble in House areas.

9.15am-Novelty/Tabloid Rotation-Students will complete 6 rotations including throws and skill activities.

10.45am-Break, lunchtime.

11.30am-Prep sprints, Year 1 sprints, Year 2 sprints.

12.30am-presentation and finish.

Colour, movement and good spirit. Let's enjoy the sports season around the world and here at school.

Dave Johnson- PE Teacher

District Sports

Well done to those children who competed at the City Districts Athletics Carnival.

Nora, Jordan, Helena G, Yazeed A, Jonathon, Janet, Fahad A, Elsa Y, Vicky, Theo, Teddy, Brandon, Mathilda L, Harmin, Lara, Jonah, Santiago B, Sarah V. All competitors tried their best.

Here are some results from the carnival.

Nora - finalist 9yrs 100m

Brandon - semi - finalist 11yrs 100m

Sarah V semi - finalist 11yrs 100m

Helena G - 4th 9yrs shot putt

Jonah - 8th 11yrs shot putt

Yazeed A - 14th 9yrs shot putt

Harmin - 12 th 11yrs long jump

Lara - 13 th 11yrs shot putt

Fahad A - 13th 10 yrs long jump

Theo - 15th 10yrs shot putt

Teddy - 1st 10yrs 100m (AWD), 1st 10yrs long jump (AWD).

Teddy will now compete at the Met North carnival, good luck Teddy.

National Science Week

We are excited to be supporting the Queensland Government's GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ official attempt for the largest practical science lesson during National Science Week on the 12th August 2016.

#thisisscience #qldscience #advanceqld

The Year 5 students participated in this exciting record attempt held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. They worked in small groups on two practical science investigations about magnets.

Junior Debating Round Robin Competition

Brisbane Central State School teams have been working hard over the past few weeks, preparing and deliberating over the best approach to their topics. Our Year 5 and 6 debaters rose to this challenge beautifully. They articulately constructed and expressed arguments and were able to think quickly about using rebuttal points for their opposition.



Debating is a challenging and rewarding activity that builds confidence and develops skills in public speaking, organisation and teamwork. Students on the debating team learn to speak confidently and knowledgeably in front of an audience – skills that are hugely beneficial in other areas of life.

Recently, Year 5 students did an amazing job as the affirmative team on the topic -“That we should not keep pets “. With only one point the difference, a great effort was made by all Year 5 debaters.

The Year 6 team started the evening by playing handball with some students they later discovered were their opponents in the impending debate! Friendly rivalry aside, students were soon contesting it out on a verbal level -“That all junior sporting teams should include both girls and boys.” Jubilant, our students managed a win by three points.

Thank you to both teams for representing Brisbane Central State School. We are very proud of you all!

Parent English Class

PARENT ENGLISH CLASS - Excursion to the Queensland Museum on Tuesday, 23rd August

This is a reminder of our whole day excursion to the **Queensland Museum on Tuesday, 23rd August**. This excursion day gives us an opportunity to use and extend our oral language.

Details of the excursion are listed below:

- WHEN:** Tuesday, 23rd August
- TIME:** Meet at the school office at 9:00am
Return to school by 2:30pm
- TRAVEL:** Walk to Central Station
Train to South Brisbane Station
- BRING:** Water bottle, hat, comfortable walking shoes, lunch, Go Card
- COST:** Free entry to the Museum

Please feel free to join us on Tuesday 23rd August for this excursion.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen
(Parent English Class teachers)

Social Media sites



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Our school photos will be taken on the **Wednesday 31st August 2016.**

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform.
PLEASE NOTE: Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope to be handed in.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- **VSE EHQ LM2**. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

Active School Travel

Star Class Trophy

The following classes have won the **Star Class Trophy**.
To align with the Active School Travel awards run by the Brisbane City Council, the award will be going to the class that has the highest percentage of students using scooters to get to school each Friday.

**The class with the highest percentage of public transport users was
Week 2: Prep M**



School Banking Program: Banking on Fridays

We are excited to announce that Brisbane Central State School has signed up to be part of the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking Program.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping on Fridays to count the money.



The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 7 September 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.

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Community News

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.

Queensland Academies is thrilled to be celebrating National Science Week with:

Free Workshop Event: SCALING GREAT HEIGHTS USING ENERGY (Years 4 – 6)

<https://qa.eq.edu.au/young-scholars/workshop-registration/>

Location: Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology Campus. 78 Bywong St, Toowong

Date: Monday August 15, 2016

Time: 3.45pm – 5.30pm

Cost: FREE. Places are limited.

Who is keen to join me for Bootcamp?



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GATEWAYS FESTIVALS

G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting
gifted and talented children
from Years 1 – 6 to

‘The Brisbane Festival of Workshops’
hosted by Somerville House, Graham Street,
South Brisbane

Monday 19 September and Tuesday 20
September June 2016
from 9.30 am to 3.15 pm (registration 8.45 - 9.15)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festivals offer a large range of workshops running concurrently over two days with the emphasis on challenge and fun. Parents may enrol directly at www.gateways.edu.au.

National Science Week - Design a ‘car of the future’ competition

In the future cars will be more like robots – by 2030 kids probably won’t even need an adult to drive them around! This Science Week we are challenging you to develop a ‘smart’ car for the future.

Design your car for the future. Draw it on the sheet provided by your teacher.

What are its features? What does it look like? What new technology does it show off? What great things can it do?

Once completed send it to Mr Stock’s classroom for judging.

A prize will be awarded to the best design from each class. Entries close midday, Friday 19 August.



Year 2 Excursion to the EKKA

