Dear Parents/Carers,

**NAPLAN**

Students in year 3 and 5 have received their NAPLAN reports. Congratulations to all our teachers and students for the outstanding results. *The Courier Mail* reported that our **year 3 students** were in the top 20 schools in Queensland. Both year levels improved in 7 of the 10 areas from the 2014 results. NAPLAN, although important, is just one part of the assessment story that we use to inform our teaching as we refer to the Australian Curriculum for the work that we do on a day to day basis.

**Play and Stay: Wednesday and Friday afternoons until 4pm**

Please remember that Play and Stay afternoons are Wednesday and Friday until 4pm. Parents need to be present to supervise their children.

On other afternoons, please ensure that you have left the school by 3:20pm. We encourage you to walk around to Bedford Park and use the facility there. The map (right) shows that it is a 5 minutes walk to the playground and there is a range of equipment for the children to use.

**140th Celebration: Saturday 5 September between 10am and 3pm**

**Mural Painting on Water Street wall – gold coin donation**

Next Friday the P&C have organised a mural to be painted along the Water Street wall. Please send along your children in paint clothes so they can participate. A gold coin donation is requested to purchase prizes for a raffle.

**Brisbane Central Science Fair and Trivia Night**

The Brisbane Central State School Science Fair and Trivia Night is on **Thursday, 20 August at 6:00pm**. Everyone is invited to come along!

BCSS will host a fun-filled trivia night with science-based general knowledge questions for the whole family! There will be range of questions suitable for children of all ages. Get your family and friends together to form a trivia team, put your thinking caps on and get ready for a night of fun and laughter.

There will be lucky door prizes for students who participate in the trivia night with their family, and raffles with great prizes.

Students will also display this term’s science work, and QUT Extreme Science and the CSIRO will have hands-on science demonstrations. The P&C will provide a BBQ stall with food and drinks for sale from 5:30pm.

**When: Thursday 20 August**
**Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (P&C BBQ stall from 5:30pm)**
**Where: Hall**

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
From the Head of Curriculum

What is in the Australian Curriculum?
The Australian Curriculum sets out what each Australian student should be taught in relation to learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

Key elements of the curriculum are content descriptions and achievement standards organised in learning areas. 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.

Achievement standards describe what students demonstrate they can do. 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 samples 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

Book Week

Book Week is celebrated from Aug 22 – Aug 28. The shortlisted books are on display in the library and our students are busily trying to guess the winner. You can see the shortlisted books here at: http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm

Brisbane Central students will participate in a dress up Book Week parade on Tuesday August 25, during our normal parade time. You can come dressed as your favourite character from a book or use the theme Books Light Up Our World to inspire you. Get some ideas and check out the shortlisted books by going to http://members.ozemail.com.au/~irenelesley/public_html/2015%20shortlist.html

Happy learning,

Leesa-Maree Jedras
ljedr1@eq.edu.au

IMPACT Projects: Big Day Out

On Wednesday 22nd July 2015 Brisbane Central’s Year 6 Critical Thinking Group went off on an amazing trip to the University of Queensland, St Lucia. The six students participated in an enhancement workshop that helped us with critical thinking strategies when solving problems and discussing issues. We went to the University of Queensland to be in a university environment, to discuss what we have learnt in the past few weeks of the critical thinking project, to meet other students, to do a face to face workshop and most importantly to help us think critically when solving problems. We are enjoying this project and can’t wait to continue with the twelve week online learning course on critical thinking.

Raheen, Year 6

Debating Win!

Congratulations to our 2nd debating group below that won the Round 2 event against St Itas.

Topic: “We should ban bottled water”

Debate Team 2: Snehansh, Raheen, Karida, Lucy (Chairperson)
CITY DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Well done to all the children who competed at the City District Athletics Carnival. All our athletes tried their best against tough opposition. It was great to see most of the school team training hard over the last three weeks in preparation for the carnival. Well done team!

Music News: Senior Choir Event - Singfest

Event: Singfest Massed Choral Event
Date: Wednesday 19th August
Start: Arrive 8.00am at School for rehearsal then assemble at 8.45am to leave at 9am for the venue: The Old Museum, 460 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills.

Singfest Program:
- 9.00 am - Leave BCSS walking as a group to The Old Museum
- 9.30 am - 10.00 am Arrival at venue
- 10.00 am - 11.30 am Session 1
- 11.30 am - 12.00 pm First break (Students bring own food and drink)
- 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm Session 2
- 1.30 pm - 2.15 pm Second break (Students bring own food and drink)
- 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm Session 3
- 3.15 pm - 3.45 pm Third break (Food and drink provided)
- 3.45 pm - 5.00 pm Concert rehearsal
- 5.00 pm - 5.15 pm Drink, bathroom break and concert preparation
- 5.15 pm - 6.00 pm Concert (Free Admission)
- 6.10 pm - Students to be taken home from venue by their parents or a responsible adult.

Dress: Performance uniform – Music Shirt and Black Pants only, including Black shoes and school socks. Girls’ hair tied back from the face in a ponytail with ribbons in School colours.

Bring:
- Morning tea and Lunch
- Music Folder, pencils and an eraser
- Hat
- Water bottle.
- Place these items in a small backpack.

Julie West
Specialist Music Teacher/ Senior Choral Conductor- jwest269@eq.edu.au

Cambodian Well Project

“Well” done Brisbane Central State School students! Recently our students set a target to enable 20 Cambodian families to have access to clean fresh water by raising funds to build a well. After successfully reaching their target of $600 the funds were transferred and the well has been built. The Cambodian families and my contact there, Mr Phirum Proeum, were extremely grateful for our assistance. There is a lot more to be done in this developing country and it is pleasing that our students felt that this was a worthwhile cause. We thank all of the school community for the support of the student council initiatives.
Chess Club

All chess playing students are invited to participate in the Somerville House Winter Chess Teams Competition.

Details are as follows:
Venue: Somerville House, Level 5, VPAC, 17 Graham Street, South Brisbane
Date: Sunday 16 August 2015
Time: 10.00am registration. 11.00am- 3.30pm (approximately)
Dress: School uniform
Cost: $20 (payable in cash on the day or handed to Mrs Pizzato)
Food: Full tuckshop operating on the day
Entries: Must be submitted email to Mrs Pizzato today (14 August)
Please contact Ms Connie Pizzato on 0409794745 if you have any queries
connie.pizzato@gmail.com

Brisbane Central SS

I give permission for my child to participate.

Year level: Cash enclosed:

Signed: Contact details:

Mobile:

Home:

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! We’re giving you a chance to contribute some amazing new educational equipment to Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia. To participate, all you have to do is collect Earn & Learn stickers by shopping at Woolworths. The collection box and sticker sheets can be found outside the office. The Woolworths store in the city (MacArthur Central, 259 Queen Street), has a boxes for you to place your stickers in. Look out for our School Logo

Through our last program, we were able to give 14,500 Schools and Early Learning Centres access to a whole new range of educational equipment. Help us this year to continue to make a difference.

Active School Travel – Every Friday

Star Class Trophy

The following classes have won the Star Class Trophy, for the highest percentage of students actively travelling to school each week. Week 3 was 3/4P (88%) and week 4 2S (88%).

Our next meeting is Monday 3 August at 3:15pm in the community room.

Uniform Shop News

The normal opening days and hours are
Every Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 am
Every Friday 3.15 - 3.45 pm
Payment in cash or mobile banking.
Please contact Ria Wahyuni uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or 0423 787 333 if you require more information.
Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 19 August starting at 6pm.

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2015 P&C Executive
President: Brian Steendyk
Vice President: Karyn Wernham
Vice President: Alyson Fenton
Non-Executive Vice President: Kirsten Lovejoy
Treasurer: Colleen Tuxworth
Assistant Treasurer: Peter Zunker
Secretary: Tony Holcroft

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Community News
Star Gazing
Find out more about free Public Viewing Nights held by the Brisbane Astronomical Society – next one on Saturday 22nd August. Be part of a world record breaking attempt in star gazing on Friday 21st August.

Love2Read - 2015 Reading Hour – Celebrate reading in your home.
Share a book together during The Reading Hour on Tuesday 18 August, 6–7pm. The hour of reading can be celebrated anytime during that week. http://www.love2read.org.au/readinghour.cfm

Holiday program for gifted & talented students
G.A.T.E.WAY invites children from Years 1 – 6 to join the challenge and fun at ‘The Queensland Festival of Workshops’ hosted by Somerville House, Graham Street, South Brisbane Monday 21 September and Tuesday 22 September from 8.34am to 3.00 pm. http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/september-festivals

New Farm Cinemas: We have four great children’s films over a 4 week period. The screenings commence at 10 am and 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased from this link http://newfarmcinemas.com.au/times All tickets are only $6.

Our Fundraising Goals for 2015
Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (along Water Street – F Block) and install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.
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Thursday 20 August
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In the hall

- FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
- STUDENT SCIENCE DISPLAYS
- QUT EXTREME SCIENCE
-CSIRO DEMONSTRATIONS
- PRIZES AND RAFFLES

IGNITE YOUR IMAGINATION