



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

15 April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

I hope that everyone had a restful break. This is an 11 week term and I know that the teachers have planned a lot of interesting work to do with the students.

Handball Courts

Many thanks to the P&C for painting handball courts in the old carpark over the holidays. Our students are enjoying this new play area at lunch.

Car parking

Please show safety for our students. Drive safely following the road rules. Act respectfully and responsibly - drive slowly and follow the arrow direction in and out of the car parking area. Please do not double park as this creates blind spots for other parents. An alternative is the **drop off zone** at the **cul-de-sac in Roger Street off Water Street**. This is a safer area to drop off and collect your children morning and afternoon.



There have recently been reports of damage to cars in the carpark. Please respect other people's property and report any damage. If unsafe and disrespectful behaviour continues we may need to consider locking the car park between 8:30am and 3:30pm.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

Thursday April 21 - Cross Country Wear your house colours to this event. **Please wear sunscreen and hats at all times and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.**

9:15am – 10:45am Yrs 3 – 6 will run around the school.

11:30am – 1pm Preps to Yr 2 will run around the oval.

Friday April 22 - ANZAC Day Parade ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

To remember this day we will hold a special parade in the hall at 9:15am. Ribbons will be on sale in the office for \$1.00 each.

Regards,

Leesa-Maree Jedras
Acting Principal

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: please check the website for the latest events.	
Thursday 21 April	School Cross Country
Friday 22 April	ANZAC Day Parade at 9:15am
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day public holiday
27 – 29 April	Year 5 and 6 camp
Monday 2 May	Labour Day public holiday
Regular events	
Monday – cancelled	Homework Club cancelled this week. Please do not send your child.
Tuesday	Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am
	Parent English Class Excursion
	Assembly: 2:30pm Chinese Classes: please contact brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com for more details
Wednesday	Senior Choir 8.15am in the music room
	Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall's room
	Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm
	MK13 Soccer After School Program: www.mk13soccer.com for more details
Friday	Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm
	Uniform Shop is open: 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Saturday	French Classes: please contact Les Petit Princes Les lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com

Advanced Learners Program and Advanced Learners Reference Group

The Advanced Learner Reference Group is a team of parents, school leadership and teacher participants that meet twice a term to focus how we, as a school community, can continue to address the learning needs of the advanced learners in our school in line with our school belief that 'every child can learn'.

The purpose of the group : To gain feedback on and input into school policies and practices, developed in line with Education Department Policy, for the delivery of the curriculum to those students demonstrating an exceptional interest or advanced achievement in one or more curriculum areas.

Advanced learners includes students who:

- Have an exceptional interest in an area
- Have demonstrated consistent high achievement in a curriculum area
- Are identified for improvement into the upper achievement levels
- Are identified as gifted and talented
- Are identified in one or more curriculum areas

We, as a school, offer a range of programs and opportunities for students to address their learning needs. These include:

- Differentiated teaching: Explicitly teaching and adjusting the learning opportunities in the classroom to meet the varied student learning needs on a daily basis
- Focused teaching: Identified groups of students being supported by the class teacher and support personnel
- Intensive teaching: Highly focused programs for a very small number of identified students
- Accelerated learning in subject or year level: applied after extensive assessment and through formal processes
- Clubs, groups and teams: chess, choir, instrumental music, sports teams, computer, debating
- Programs for a fee: French and Chinese language schools, soccer
- Added curriculum: workshops, online learning and programs e.g. IMPACT, BRAINways, G.A.T.E.WAYS, Queensland Academies Partnership Schools, Bebras, Australian Maths Trust, Kelvin Grove High Achievers

ICAS Assessments 2016

This year we are offering ICAS assessments in English, Mathematics and Science for students in Years 2 to 6 and Writing for students in Years 3 to 6. The ICAS information letter and registration form are included in this newsletter. To enrol your child in ICAS **please complete the registration form and return it with your entry fees paid to the school no later than Wednesday 27 April. The registration form is at the end of this newsletter.**

Maureen Kelly,
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

PE News

Cross Country

On Thursday 21 April we are holding our school cross country. Students in Year 3 – 6 will run from 9.15 to 10.45 on a course around the school. Students in Prep to Year 2 will run from 11.30am to 1pm. Their course will be around the school oval. We look forward to seeing you all.

Dave Johnson
PE Teacher

Active School Travel

Active Travel is when the students walk, scooter or cycle, use public transport and car pool with other families to school.

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 families live and walk to school.



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.

Narelle Hoelzl, Teacher Librarian

Social Media sites



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Windows Phone



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P and C News – contact us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

P&C Parent Questionnaire:

Thank you to those parents and families who participated in the recent P&C Parent Questionnaire. There were some terrific suggestions and feedback! All the information has been collated and was discussed at the P&C Meeting Wednesday evening – the responses and ideas will closely inform P&C fundraising priorities for 2016.

Maximising Space at Brisbane Central

Many thanks to Les Ward for putting together a report on the carpark. To read this report go to: <https://db.tt/Ty3PcVuJ>

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.

The next P & C meeting on Wednesday 4 May starting at 6.00pm in the French room. Everyone is welcome.

Parent English Class

Art Gallery Excursion on Tuesday 19th April

On **Tuesday, 19th April**, the Parent English class will be having a whole day of English learning when we walk to the city CBD, then on to the **Queensland Art Gallery (www.qagoma.qld.gov.au)**. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Art Gallery, have lunch together, then return to BCSS by 2:45pm. We will meet at our classroom at **9:00am on Tuesday, 19th April**. The details for our excursion are set out below:

Excursion Date: Tuesday, 19th April
Meeting Time: 9:00am
Meeting Place: French classroom - our usual classroom
What to bring: Hat + wear comfortable walking shoes
Lunch + drinking water
Umbrella (in case of rainy weather)
Happy smiles & loud speaking voices
Return time: We will return to BCSS at 2:45pm

We would love you to join us for our excursion to the Queensland Art Gallery on Tuesday 19th April.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen
(Parent English Class Teachers)

15 April 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

This year, at Brisbane Central State School, we are offering ICAS assessments in English, Mathematics and Science for students in Years 2 to 6 and Writing for students in Years 3 to 6.

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee per Student	Closing Date for Entries
Science	2-6	31 May 2016	\$8.00	WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL
Writing	3-6	13–17 June 2016	\$17.00	
English	2-6	2 August 2016	\$8.00	
Mathematics	2-6	16 August 2016	\$8.00	

ICAS provides parents with broad insights into your child's performance. It is one tool we can use to track their learning as they progress from year to year. It can also help us to focus our teaching more purposefully for the students. However, there is no expectation that students will participate in the ICAS assessments and it is an optional opportunity.

Each student receives:

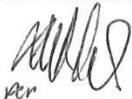
- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees paid, to the school no later than Wednesday 27 April.

PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Yours sincerely



Graham Rickuss
Principal

Maureen Kelly
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Permission Form

I give permission for my child / children

_____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

_____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

_____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please record the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	List all children in family to undertake each test.	Entry Fee per Child	Fee Paid
Science	2-6	31 May 2016	Name/s:	\$8.00	
Writing	3-6	13-17 June 2016	Name/s:	\$17.00	
English	2-6	2 August 2016	Name/s:	\$8.00	
Mathematics	2-6	16 August 2016	Name/s:	\$8.00	
				TOTAL	

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals.

I have made payment of _____ (amount) by

- Cash payment – only accepted at the school office on Monday morning 18th April 7:00-9:00am
- Direct deposit (please combine payments for all children)
 BSB: 064012 Account: 10035751
 Account name: Brisbane Central State School General A/C
 Reference: name and activity e.g. R&B Smith ICAS

 Name of Parent/Guardian

 Date

 Signature of Parent/ Guardian

**Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday 27 April.
 PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



FREE
Triple P Seminar
Positive parenting in a nutshell for parents of 0 – 12 year olds

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APRIL
The Power of Positive Parenting
For every parent who ever wondered: "Why does my child do that?" This seminar helps you understand the reasons kids do what they do, so you can guide their behaviour – and see more of the behaviour you like, and less of the behaviour you don't like.

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MAY
Raising Confident, Competent Children
You can help your child become confident and successful at school and beyond. Find out way to encourage them be respectful and considerate, communicate and get on well with others, feel good about themselves and become independent problem solvers.

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MAY
Raising Resilient Children
How can you help your child manage their emotions so they cope well with disappointment and in stressful situations? Get the strategies that will allow them to recognise positive and negative emotions – and deal with them in a healthy way.

Is this you?
Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't pick up his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Triple P seminar may be right for you. Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday concerns.

5 - 7 PM | LEVEL 2
170 LEICHHARDT ST
SPRING HILL Q 4004 | **CHILD CARE:** Childcare is available onsite through Kids Academy for a nominal fee of \$5 per child. Bookings are essential.



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neighbour day
Saturday, 16th April, 2016
10am - 11:30am
@ Bedford Park, Cnr Water & Love Sts,
Spring Hill

The community you want starts at your front door™
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Enjoy the sun & entertainment
Everyone Welcome!

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Open Day
Wednesday 27 April, 1pm - 3pm

A selective entry state high school for highly capable senior students
Learn more and register your attendance at www.qa.eq.edu.au or call 3377 9366

MK13 SOCCER



MK13 Soccer After School Program Brisbane Central State School

Term Two Program Commences (Thurs) April 28th

Register online now!
www.mk13soccer.com



MK13 Soccer After School Program

MK13 Soccer is again bringing its highly organised, unique, fun and exciting soccer program back to Brisbane Central State School.

Our eight week after school program will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.15-4.30pm on the school oval and will be delivered by our qualified and experienced MK13 coaches, each with FFA qualifications, Blue Cards and first aid certificates.

Every participant will receive a MK13 Ball and medal upon the programs completion.

Registrations can be made online at www.mk13soccer.com

Program Dates: (Thurs) April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th and 16th.

MK13 SOCCER

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Any skill level
Ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13
\$113 per participant