Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back
I hope that everyone had a restful break.
We welcome Ms Devika Seth who is taking 6S while Mrs Somerville is on leave until 29 July and Ms Isabella Derouet who is taking French while Madame Maroto is on leave until the 14 August.

School Opinion Survey
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and some students are encouraged to have their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys are currently open until 31 July 2015.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home today with students, one per family with the eldest child. Please look for a light blue sheet (right). It contains the web address and two unique codes to enter to access the surveys.

If you require access to a computer, please contact the office on 3230 4333 and we will arrange a time for you to come to school to complete the surveys.

School Improvement Agenda
At Brisbane Central SS we are working on key areas to improve student outcomes. These are:

Reading
* Create a shared understanding of the teaching of reading.
* Alignment of pedagogy for consistency of practice and language throughout the school.

Assessment
* Embed assessment pedagogy framework.
* Focus on using data to create student learning goals and giving feedback to students on learning goals.
* 5 week planning cycles with HOC.

Oral Language
* Focus on including oral language within each lesson.
* Use of consistent oral language strategies within the school.
* Embed vocabulary pedagogy – subject specific word walls that are continually updated.

School Review: School Improvement Unit Report
Our school review can be found on our website and was emailed with the last newsletter. To assist us in planning for the next four years, please review the report, select 3 areas you think we need to focus on and send an email to principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au by Friday 24 July. The responses will be collated and used when considering our strategic plan.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
Changes in Rogers Street

During the holidays, the Brisbane City Council completed two jobs around our school. The signs at our drop off/pick up area has changed to a ‘No Parking’ zone. This means that you are able to wait in your car for your children after school. You are not able to park your car at this area. Grates were installed at the slow point so that parents with prams are able to safely and easily cross the road at this point. Thank you Councillor Vicki Howard for advocating for these changes to occur.

Tree Removal

You will have noticed the removal of trees that occurred during the holidays. We received advice from an Aborist about the tree removal. The trees removed are considered weeds (cocos palms and chinese elms) and other trees that were not in a healthy or safe state.

We are in the process of creating a revegetation plan to complete during the remainder of the year to replace the trees that were removed.

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.

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.

French News

During French lessons, the students designed posters for the French Festival. Madame Maroto entered these posters into a competition for the festival. The French Teachers’ Branch of Queensland selected four of our students’ posters to be awarded prizes. The posters were displayed at the Brisbane French Festival at South Bank.

Congratulations to Sarju, Jonah, Saira and Reinna for their outstanding work and winning an award.

Debating Team

Brisbane Central State School has started off with a bang in the debating and public speaking world. Our team of debaters made an outstanding debut to the Junior Round Robin competition last Thursday evening, when our Year 6 team was given the mammoth task of arguing against the motion that “Domestic skills classes should be compulsory for all primary school students.” Unperturbed, our debaters battled out the topic with confidence and finesse, and went on to win the competition! Not only were our debaters modest about their achievement, but they graciously congratulated the opposition on an excellent debate and thanked them for providing some challenging topics for rebuttal. We are very proud of them all and congratulate them on an excellent start to the season!

Social Media sites

Download the app
iTunes
Google Play
Windows Phone

Become a fan

Follow us on twitter
Congratulations to all the students that participated in the 3 – 6 athletics carnival at Newmarket State School. The students showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. We have selected a team of 27 students to participate in the City District Sport carnival on July 30 and 31.

**Next Thursday 23 July at 10am** we will hold a short assembly to announce the age champions. Parents are welcomed to attend.

**Active School Travel – Every Friday**

**Active School Travel Golden Boot**

**Great news!** Brisbane Central State School won the Active School Travel Golden Boot (right) for May for the highest percentage of walkers in May.

On Fitness Fridays in May, we averaged 65% of students walking all or part of the way to school. Congratulations to everyone that helped us attain this trophy!!

**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 9 was 1F and week 10 was 6S.** Both classes achieved 95% of students actively travelling to school on Friday.

**French School – ‘Les Petits Princes’**

Our school will open its doors for the French School ‘Les Petits Princes’ this Saturday 18 July at 9.20am. We will have 5 classes for children up to 12 years old and a class for adults. Lessons will be held every Saturday during the school term from 9.20am to 11.30am in F Block. A welcome French degustation (food) will be offered this Saturday.

Feel free to go on to the website for more information: www.lespetitsprincesbrisbane.com

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to: lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com

**P and C News: Working Bees on Saturday 25 July and Sunday 2 August from 9 – 12.**

The P and C will be holding two working bees on Saturday 25 July from 9 – 12 and Sunday 2 August from 9 – 12. The working bees will focus on tidying up the external garden along Water Street. Please let us know at the email below if you are available to help.

For the day you will need:

- Gloves
- Tools such as hedging tool, clippers, a few shovels and a wheel barrow or two.
- Anyone with a trailer to take rubbish to the dump please let us know.
- Anyone who can donate BCC dump passes.

**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

Contact us at pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

**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 Fundraising Goals for 2015**

Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (along Water Street – F Block) and

Install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.
National Consistent Collection of Data: Please let us know if you do not want your child's information collected

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
We will collect and report information every year about the level of adjustment provided, the number of students who receive each level of adjustment, and the student’s broad type of disability, if any. Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?
Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect the above information based on consultation with parents/carers, the school team’s observations and professional judgements and any medical diagnosis. School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways. Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it. When the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or federal education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection. When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?
The information will be reported on the My School website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not. Please let your class teacher know by Friday 31 July if you DO NOT want this information included in the collection. Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child. You can also visit www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability

Community News
Under 8s Day