Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through the term! Students are currently completing assessment items, and teachers are marking students’ work in preparation for reporting to parents by the end of the semester. More on reporting below. A HUGE good luck to our students competing in the District Cross Country Run on Monday May 20, and a BIG thanks to Anna and Kylie Hirst (Team Manager) who will be supporting our students at the District Cross Country Run at Nudgee. A MASSIVE thanks to Anna Paton and Darren Waugh for their commitment to training students every week, for many weeks now. Students will be well prepared for the P-2 and 3-7 Cross Country Fun Runs over the next two weeks. We look forward to our families joining us for our first Cross Country competition!!

It is all happening here at Brisbane Central State School!

**NAPLAN Tests:**
The NAPLAN Tests went very smoothly, with all students putting in maximum effort during the tests. We are very proud of all of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students. My sincere thanks to our teachers, Annette Somerville, Kylie Wall, Aisling Drumm, Alison Thomas, Rae Ross, David Thornton and Meredith Waghorn for their hard work in preparing students for the tests. A BIG thanks also to our teacher aides, Maree Lewis, Dana Chmielak, Jenny Gilmour and Janet Fletcher for their additional support and supervision during the tests, and to Anna Paton, Brendan Stock, Holly Casagrande and David Thornton who supervised our Year 2 and 4 students.

Thank you to parents also for supporting your children by ensuring that they were at school in time for the tests. As a number of the tests were run one after the other, it was very important that we ran the tests on time. Having students arrive promptly at school by 8:55am helped greatly.

**P-2 School Cross Country Run:**
The P-2 Cross Country will be held on Tuesday of this coming week (Week 6). The details are as follows:
- **Date:** 21st May, 2013
- **Venue:** Brisbane Central State School Oval
- **Time:** 9:00am – 10:30am

**Year 3-7 School Cross Country Run:**
This week, parents would have received a letter detailing the arrangements for the Year 3-7 Cross Country in Week 7. The details are as follows:
- **Date:** 28th May, 2013
- **Venue:** Stafford State School and Hickey Park
- **Transport:** Supervised bus
- **Departure time:** 9:00am from Brisbane Central SS
- **Returning time:** 11:30am approximately
- **Cost:** $5 (paid to the school office)

**What to take to the Cross Country:**
- Appropriate running gear (students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt of their house colour and black

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17 May 2013
• Running shoes
• Drink bottle and morning tea snack (Tuck shop is not available)
• Medication if required

Please return the permission form and $5.00 to the office before Thursday 23rd May.

An ENORMOUS thank you to Anna Paton, Darren Waugh, and Gary Gradwell for their hard work in preparing for our first Cross Country events. We are hoping that as many people as possible come along on the day to help out and cheer on their child/ren. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Reporting to parents:
Report Cards will be issued to parents on Wednesday June 19, 2013. The Policy Statement: Reporting to Parents (http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/framework/p-12/docs/policy-reporting.pdf), sets out the changes to reporting for 2013, in addition to setting the expectations for the types of information that should be shared with you in your child’s report card.

The changes to your child’s report cards are as follows:

• Prep: For the first time Prep parents will receive a report card. Teachers will use the following five-point scale to report student achievement in the Australian Curriculum English, Mathematics, Science and History: Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware and N (Insufficient Evidence to make a judgement). Teachers will use comments to report on student achievement in the early learning areas of: Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes. Teachers will also Report on effort and behaviour using comments.

• Years 1 and 2: Teachers will continue to use the following five-point scale to report student achievement: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, Support required. Teachers will report on effort and behaviour using: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, and Support required.

• Years 3-7: Use of the five-point scale: A, B, C, D, E, N. Teachers will report on effort and behaviour using: Excellent, Very Good, Satisfactory, Needs attention, Unacceptable.

Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning. School reporting processes should be clear and transparent for parents and the community, so that parents understand:

• the learning expectations for the student
• the student’s achievement against expected standards
• how well the student is engaging with the expected learning
• how the student may be able to improve.
• We also offer face-to-face parent interviews (Term 1 and 3), however, parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher any time they have a concern or would just like an update on how their child is going. Should you have any questions or concerns about report cards or your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to ask your child’s teacher.

P&C Day:
Last Wednesday (May 6) was Queensland P&C day, a day which school communities recognise the enormous contribution that P&C members make to school communities. At Brisbane Central State School, we are extremely lucky to have a committed, enthusiastic and visionary P&C who work together to help our school community to grow and improve. In the last year, our growing P&C have been responsible for:

• Improvement of our grounds through working bees, tree lopping and general maintenance
• Fundraising through Mothers’ and Fathers’ day stalls, Entertainment books, food stalls at Musical events
• School events such as the Art Show, Christmas Concert and School Fete
• Support of our Instrumental Music students through the purchasing of instruments, music stands and trolley
• Running of the school Uniform shop
• Reunification of Brisbane Central State School Project

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to our dynamic P&C for their ongoing support of all our students. A MASSIVE thank you also to the mums who ran the Mothers’ Day stall last Friday. There were many appreciative students who were thrilled to have a present ready for their mothers on Sunday!

Working Bee:
Come along and join us on Sunday May 19 from 8:00am to 12:00pm as we clean up and tidy our school. Bring along a pair of gloves, wear a hat and slap on sunscreen! See you there!

School Improvements:
Slowly we are making some small improvements around the school. Recent visitors to our school office will have noticed that we have updated all the furniture! The office now looks far more professional and is a fitting “front door” for our school. We have
also added more soft fall in the Teen Ranger playground. My thanks to Gary Gradwell, our schools’ officer, who spent quite a few back breaking hours shovelling and spreading the soft fall last week.

Our next improvements include a much needed (and anticipated) update to the school website (due for launch at the end of May), electronic delivery of the newsletter and a rollover of all classroom computers. Watch this space.

**Parent details update:**

It has come to our attention that we have not been updated when our families change address, phone numbers, email addresses and living arrangements. Sadly, we are not aware that these details are incorrect until a child is hurt or ill, and needs a parent, or when a teacher wishes to discuss an important issue about their student with their parents. It is imperative that these details for your child are current. With this newsletter, you should have received a print out of the contact details, emergency contacts and medical conditions for your child. Please check that the details are correct, note where details are incorrect (or state that all details are correct) and return to the office by **Thursday May 23**. On the form, parents also have the opportunity to select whether or not they would like to receive their newsletter electronically. Parents may nominate an email address (they may nominate more than one address) through which they wish to receive the newsletter. Parents who wish to select this option, must fill in the form and return to the office by **Thursday May 23**. It is anticipated that through making the newsletter available electronically, we will reduce our paper consumption; the time spent copying and distributing the newsletter, and improve home-school communication.

Have a great week!

Melissa

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**YEAR 1 NEWS**

In our unit **TOYS OVER TIME**, the year 1 students have been comparing toys through history. We have compared and viewed olden day toys and games and how and why the designs have changed over time. We are investigating materials used to make toys and how they move for example “wind-up” and “remote control”.

Gabriella showed her grandmother’s doll which is over 50 years old. “Cathy” was given to her grandmother 54 years ago by her Aunty Ann.

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**BRISBANE CENTRAL CROSS COUNTRY / FUN RUN**

I am very excited to tell you that Brisbane Central State School first ever Cross Country / Fun Run events are happening really soon! The students have been training hard for these events during PE lessons and before school.

I encourage all parents / carers to come along and watch the students run and compete.

**Prep – Year 2: Tuesday 21st May 9:00am – 10:30am at Brisbane Central State School**

**Year 3 – Year 7: Tuesday 28th May 9:00am – 11:30am at Stafford State School**

All students should wear a t-shirt of their house colour (St Pauls – Purple, Rogers – Red), black school shorts, running shoes and a wide brim hat and sunscreen.

A coffee van selling Di Bella coffee will be available for all staff and parents at the P – 2 Cross Country from 8.30am.

Looking forward to two fun days! Happy running!

Anna Paton (PE teacher)

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**CITY DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to the following four students from Brisbane Central State School that are competing at the City District Cross Country event at Brisbane Grammar Playing Fields, Northgate on **Monday 20th May**.

- Emily Hirst
- Jon Davis
- Layan Badhris
- Virat Chaudhary

Thank you to Mr Paul Wilson (team manager) who has volunteered his time to support and encourage the students at the event.

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**FIT ‘N’ ACTIVE REMINDER**

These days are not for play and stay. The children will be hitting, throwing or kicking balls. I do not want to see other children or parents get hurt.

If it is raining we will be conducting Fit ‘n’ Active under the shed located near the toilet block.

**Pick up time is 4:15pm.** The children meet me at the lunch shed on the oval at 3:00pm where we have fruit and do a roll call. All children need their hat and a water bottle. **Please do not be late for pick ups.** Thank you.

Maree Lewis

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**BOOK CLUB UPDATE**

Thank you to all the families who have supported book club this year. We have received 20% commission for all books purchases. We choose books for the library for all year levels with this commission. Issue 4 book club is due back at school by Monday, 20th May. Remember we
accept credit card and cheque payments only, NO CASH. Thank you.
Mrs Gilmour

GREEN UPDATE
Working Bee this Sunday 19th May from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Bring a hat, sunscreen, gloves and a smile!
Let’s keep our school looking great. Hope to see you there. Kids welcome.
Trivia: Did you know recycling one tonne of paper/cardboard saves 30,000 litres of water?

UNIFORM NEWS
OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.
With the weather getting cooler it is time to think about jumpers. Our winter stock of Zip-up Jackets has arrived. The price is $35.00 for sizes 4 to 14. We have a small supply of old-style screen-printed Zip-ups for $32.50 and Sloppy Joes for $24.00. Please email or text to make sure we have the correct size.
We do not stock Tracksuit pants. You can pick up plain black Tracksuit pants for about $8.00 at Big W or Target.
ORDERING UNIFORMS - If you would like to order uniform you can email Amanda on bcsspandc@hotmail.com and it will be put in your child’s school bag after payment is received. If you have ordered the wrong size, it can be returned as long as it has not been worn.
METHODS OF PAYMENT:
(1) You can put cash or cheque in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or
(2) You can bank the total into the P & C account BSB: 064012, Account: 0090 4486 (NOT THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT) - Detail uniform with your name (e.g. Uniform Smith).
If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please email Amanda bcsspandc@hotmail.com.

Working Bee
(Parents/caregivers volunteer some of their time to help with a general cleanup of the school grounds/gardens etc)
Where: at school
When: this Sunday 19th May
Time: 8am -12noon
Items needed: shovels, secateurs, small gardening shovels, whipper snippers, etc
Bring a hat, sunscreen, water and gloves
Hope to see you there!

Craft Group
Term 2, 2013
9:00am every Friday in the hall (children welcome)
No sewing or cooking experience required… just turn up!
Cost is $2 – includes tea/coffee and morning tea
All welcome!
Brisbane Central State School’s Spring Hill Fair

Brisbane Central State School is having a fair on Saturday, 14th September, 2013. A fair is a huge undertaking for a small school, so we, the P&C, will be asking the school community to help us organize this wonderful event. Remember, all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of all our children.

Bric-a-brac can be brought to school every Thursday. Bring your items to the covered 4—7 lunch shed (in front of the library)
Thursday collection times 8:45am & 3pm
Text Paula on 0449 017 711

Bric-a-brac stall?
(bric-a-brac is also known as knick-knacks, curios, junk, stuff – which could include clothes, shoes, household items etc)
If you have any bric-a-brac at home you would like to donate to the school fair, please bring your items to school on a Thursday ONLY. Paula will be in the covered 4-7 lunch shed (in front of the library) at 8:45am & 3pm to collect your items. Text Paula on 0449 017 711 if you have any questions.

Small furniture items wanted!

Stall holders
If you would like to hold your own stall at the fair or know someone who would, please contact either Amanda Woolnough 0437 524 460 or Alyson Fenton 0416 220 868.