



# BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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# newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

18 November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Swimming Carnival: Thursday 24 November at Kedron State School

On Thursday 24 November, our swimming carnival for students from Years 1 to 6 will be held at Kedron State School. Students will be travelling by buses to and from Kedron. Year 1 and 2 will depart at 9.10, students in Years 3 – 6 at 11.00. Students have paid for this as part of the term swimming cost.

Parents will need to find their own way to and from Kedron State School. Their pool is situated on Ninth Avenue, Kedron. There is on street parking around the school.

There is covered seating at the pool and we encourage students to wear sunsafe shirts and use sunscreen for the day.

The student council will be selling ice blocks during the day for \$1.



### Secondary School Partnerships

We extend our thanks to the many secondary school students who have supported our students in their learning this year through weekly visits to the classrooms and after school clubs. We are fortunate to have the support of All Hallows' School, Brisbane Girls Grammar School and St Laurence's College. With their support we have been able to offer a greater range of opportunities to our students including the after school homework club, a reading club and a Book Creator club as well as in class opportunities. We are greatly appreciative to the students, parents and college staff for their commitment to assisting our school throughout 2016.

### 2017 school year

The teachers and I are starting to consider class groupings for 2017. Please let us know if:

- You are leaving the school and will not be returning.
- You are coming back to our school after 23 January 2017.

You can send us these details by:

Emailing [admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au), or completing the form at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the office.

### 2017 requests

Thank you to those parents that have thought about the educational needs of their students and have either spoken to me or sent an email with their requests. We do consider your requests and attempt to accommodate them.

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

<b>21 – 24 Nov</b>	Year Prep – 2 poetry recital
<b>24 November</b>	Year 1 – 6 Swimming carnival
<b>1 December</b>	End of Year Concert
<b>7 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>9 December</b>	Last day of the school year.

#### Regular events

Monday	Swimming for 3H, 3Z, 4M, 4/5M, 4/5Y, 6S CASH PAYMENTS are accepted at the office <b>7.00AM – 9.00AM ONLY</b> Otherwise please make payment via BPoint.
	<i>Homework Club run by Mrs Paull and Mrs Raulini 3pm to 4pm</i>
Tuesday	Swimming for Prep M, Prep W, 1F, 1R, 2S, 2W
	<i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:30am to 9:00am</i>
	<i>Parent English Class 1pm to 2.30pm</i>
	<i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i> <i>Chinese Classes: please contact <a href="mailto:brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com">brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com</a> for more details</i>
Wednesday	<i>Senior Choir 8.15am</i>
	<i>Junior Choir 8am</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>AfterSchool Reading Club 3 – 4pm</i>
	<i>Creative Spaces 3 – 4:15pm</i>
Friday	<b>School Banking Day</b>
	<b>Active School Travel Day</b>
	<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 <a href="mailto:lespetitprinces.association@gmail.com">lespetitprinces.association@gmail.com</a></i>

**Report Cards**

Semester 2, 2016 reports will be emailed to parents on Wednesday, Dec 7 by 2pm. To receive your child’s report card please:

- make sure we have your correct email address
- add [OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au) to your list of safe senders to ensure the report is added to your inbox

If you have any problems receiving your child's report card please email me and let me know before Friday, Dec 9 at 3pm.

**What does the report card tell you?**

The report card provides achievement levels, effort levels and comments outlining what knowledge and skills have been covered throughout the semester. Comments about behaviour and overall effort and work are also provided. Refer to the table below for more information.

	<b>Prep</b>	<b>Years 1 – 2</b>	<b>Years 3 – 10</b>
<b>Achievement</b>	Australian Curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applying</li> <li>▪ Making Connections</li> <li>▪ Working With</li> <li>▪ Exploring</li> <li>▪ Becoming Aware</li> </ul> Queensland curriculum: comment only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very High</li> <li>▪ High</li> <li>▪ Sound</li> <li>▪ Developing</li> <li>▪ Support Required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A</li> <li>▪ B</li> <li>▪ C</li> <li>▪ D</li> <li>▪ E</li> </ul>
<b>Effort and Behaviour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very High</li> <li>▪ High</li> <li>▪ Sound</li> <li>▪ Developing</li> <li>▪ Support required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excellent</li> <li>▪ Very good</li> <li>▪ Satisfactory</li> <li>▪ Needs attention</li> <li>▪ Unacceptable</li> </ul>

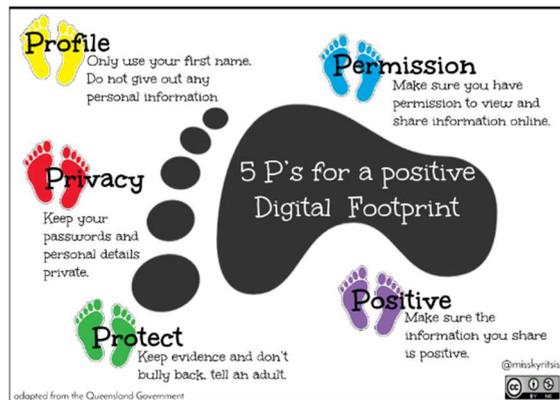
Students achieving **working with**, **sound** or **C** are working at year level expectations.

**Cyber Safety**

Discussing cyber safety with children is vital if they are to have safe and positive experiences online. How do you report bad online behaviour? Visit the [esafety](http://esafety.gov.au) website for resources you can discuss with your child.

At school we talk about the 5 P’s for a positive Digital footprint (right) and we expect students to follow this safety code.

Happy learning,  
 Leesa-Maree Jedras  
[ljedr1@eq.edu.au](mailto:ljedr1@eq.edu.au)



**Christmas Raffles,**

Hello everyone,

As this year is coming to an end, our school will hold a Christmas Raffle that is drawn on the night of the concert, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November your child (the oldest in the family) will receive a letter and some raffle tickets. Please read the letter as it will tell you what’s involved and what you will need to do.

Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November will be a free dress day in which your child can wear casual clothes (sun safety) instead of their uniforms. This is a no coin donation but a hamper item instead. (Please read the letter)

Thank you  
 Maree Lewis

## From the Literacy Coach

### Celebrating the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the Brisbane Central Year 1 students who took part in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. The participants were awarded their Certificates of Achievement at a special assembly enjoyed by parents and students.

This year 114,000 children from Early Years to Year 9 completed the challenge and read or experienced a total of 2.24 million books, and we know that the Brisbane Central students made an impressive contribution to this with many students reading in excess of 100 books in the timeframe, well above their 20 book target.

The reading challenge encourages children to continue to read widely both for learning and pleasure as well as helping to improve literacy. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Fitzgerald and Mrs Katherine Hiskens-Ravest and to all the parents for making this year's challenge such a wonderful success for the students.

Maureen Kelly  
Literacy Coach

## Speaking Competitions

Brisbane Central State School will be running two speaking competitions in the coming weeks. There will be a public speaking competition open to students in Years 3 – 6. The speech topic is *'Don't forget to play'* and is a 2 minute prepared speech. A poetry recital competition is open to students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. The students choose an appropriate poem to recite.

- Voluntary – Students choose to take part.
- Prepared at home
- Students are judged against speaking criteria and are awarded a gold, silver, bronze or participation award.
- Year 3-6 will be judged 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. Prep – Year 2 will be judged 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November.
- Entry forms have been given out to interested students. More forms can be obtained from the school office.

## PE/Sports news

The Splashtastic event of the sports year! It's the time of the year when we replace the joggers for the goggles and dive into our swimming carnival.

This year our school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 24 November at Kedron State School.

The junior carnival ( Years 1-2 ) will be held in the morning session from 9.30am-11.15am. Events will include speed boat races, teddy bear races and catch up races ( kick board races ), freestyle and noodle races (if time permits ). All races will be swum across the pool. The aim of the junior carnival is participation and fun. Come and watch the bubbles and splashes.

The senior carnival ( Years 3-6 ) will be held in the middle session from 11.45am-2.15pm. Experienced swimmers will nominate and compete in 50m events, all other swimmers will compete in 25m events. The first session will include freestyle and backstroke events. The second session will include breaststroke and butterfly events. Age champion and district selection will be decided according to the 50m finals results.

Let's enjoy the swimming season!

Dave Johnson-PE Teacher

## Social Media sites



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## Parent English Class

Our final Parent English class for 2016 will be celebrated with a **Christmas Lunch** on **Tuesday, 29th November**, in the **School Hall starting at 11:30 am** and **finishing at 1:30 pm**. We invite any parents who have attended English class this year to join us for lunch on that day.

**Parents who join us for lunch that day are asked to bring some food to share.**

### Details for our Christmas Lunch:

**When: Tuesday, 29th November**

**Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**Where: School Hall**

**What to bring: Food to share**

The teachers of the Parent English Class (Allison, Sandra & Colleen) will not be continuing this class in 2017. We would like to thank all parents who have made the class so enjoyable for us over the past 3.5 years. It has been a joy to see friendships made across cultures and watch steady growth and confidence in using English.

Finally, we would like to thank B.C.S.S. for supporting us throughout this time. Special thanks go to Graham, Carolina, Margaret, Nicki and Maile for their ongoing interest and encouragement of the program.

We leave with fond memories of our time at B.C.S.S.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen.

## Brisbane Chinese School classes

Dear Parents,

Brisbane Chinese School is to open for new Chinese classes at Brisbane Central State School from Term 1 of 2017. Two beginner classes at Level 0 are scheduled. Class A is for the students from Chinese family background and Class B is for the students from non-Chinese family background. There will be eight lessons during Term 1 at a cost of \$125. The class time is 3:30pm to 5:30pm on every Monday. Your children's enrolment is automatic renewed for the new Term unless you send a notification to the class teacher in advance.

If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Jennifer Li. Her mobile number is 0408496327. Please provide parent name, student name, phone number and email address.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in the beginner Chinese class.

## Le journal Français / The French News

Bonjour tout le monde / Hello everyone,

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we will be starting a French singing group on Friday mornings at 8:15 am till 8:45 am, "Les Chanteurs Français" We have had lots of students interested in singing at South Bank for the French Festival in the past, and a number of students said they would like to sing some of what they sang there, at our end of year School Christmas Concert. Everyone is welcome to come and sing whether they've sung with us in the past or not. I look forward to seeing you there!

Madame Maroto

## 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



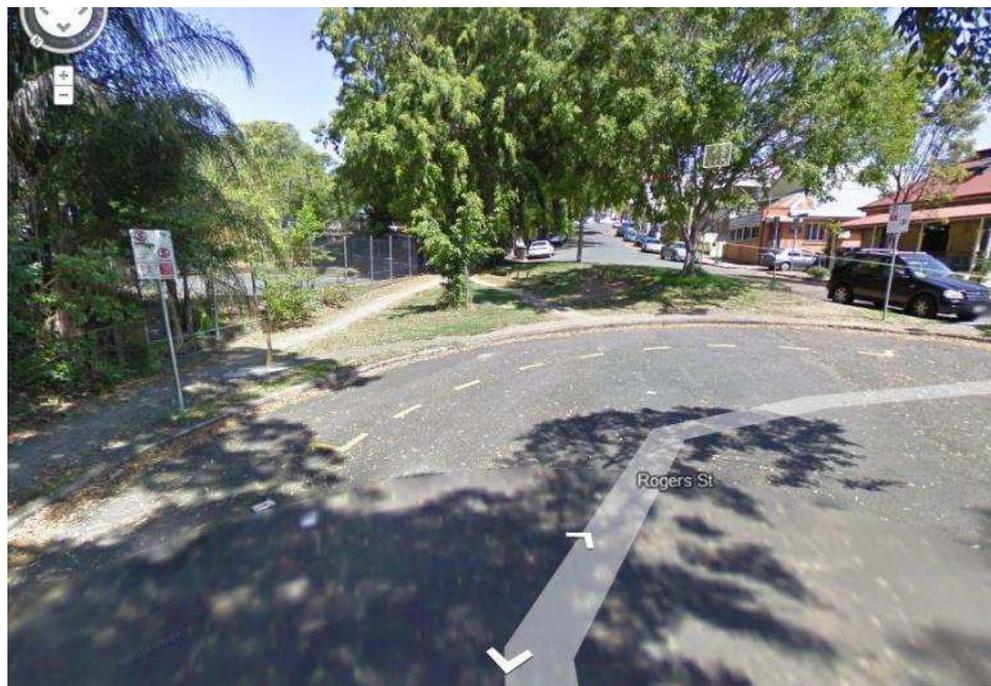
deposit. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping on Fridays to count the money.

## **ROAD SAFETY for BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL**

Using the drop off/pick up zone (pictured below)

Entry via Rogers Street from Water Street.

Do not create congestion by parking and leaving your vehicle in this area.



Please note that the yellow lines on the road near the curb mean "No Standing." This means you cannot even STOP your vehicle and wait for your child.

*Failure to follow the road signage could result in fines from the Council's enforcement officers or Queensland Police.*

***P and C News – contact us [pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au)***

Thank you to everyone for a very productive and successful year. The P and C with your help raised funds to air-condition the hall. Now all learning spaces in the school are air-conditioned thanks to your help.

### P&C PLANNING WORKSHOP

The BCSS P&C Association held a strategic planning workshop last Saturday morning that was facilitated by staff from P&Cs QLD. Thank you to those who came along and to those who may have contributed with ideas and feedback about our P&C. At this workshop we discussed ways in which the P&C can continue to support the school, and have established some short-term, medium-term and long-term plans for our fundraising and activities. This was the final P&C meeting for the year so stay tuned to Newsletters for more information about the outcomes from this workshop.

### END OF YEAR CONCERT

Thank you to those volunteers who have already indicated that they will help with the fundraising activities around the End of Year Concert.

If you have some time to assist with the set-up, manning a food or novelty stand, cooking or packing up please email



[pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au) and we will add you to our list of volunteers. Thank you!

**P and C News – contact us [pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au)**

### Uniform Shop News

The opening days and hours are:

**Every Tuesday 8.30am – 9.00 am**

**Every Friday 3.00 – 3.30 pm**

Payment in cash or mobile banking. Please contact Mahtab Nowrouzi at [uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au) if you require more information.

**\*\*The uniform shop will be opened on Tuesday 17 January 10am – 12am.\*\***

### **Community News**



Department of Education and Training

## Tingalpa State School French-Australian Bilingual Program

### ENROLMENTS OPEN

Enrolments are now open at Tingalpa State School for the 2017 French–Australian Bilingual Program for Years 5 and 6.

Tingalpa State School is the first Queensland school to offer a harmonised French–Australian curriculum. The program started with one Prep class in 2015 and was expanded to include Prep to Year 3 in 2016.

The program is preparing students to become global citizens who can connect with different cultures and communicate in other languages.

To enrol your child contact:  
Tingalpa State School  
Phone: (07) 3890 6777  
Email: [admin@tingalpass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@tingalpass.eq.edu.au)



Authorised by the Queensland Government, Mary St, Brisbane

Welcome to St Paul's. Our Church is opposite your school on St Paul's Terrace.

Members of St Paul's Presbyterian Church would like to open up our Church more to the local community. We are hosting a weekly free coffee morning in the Church hall and grounds from 8-10am on Tuesdays in school term time for parents after they have dropped their children to school. This will commence on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

We are also hosting a monthly free sausage sizzle from 3.30pm- 5.30pm in the Church grounds on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month for locals commencing Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

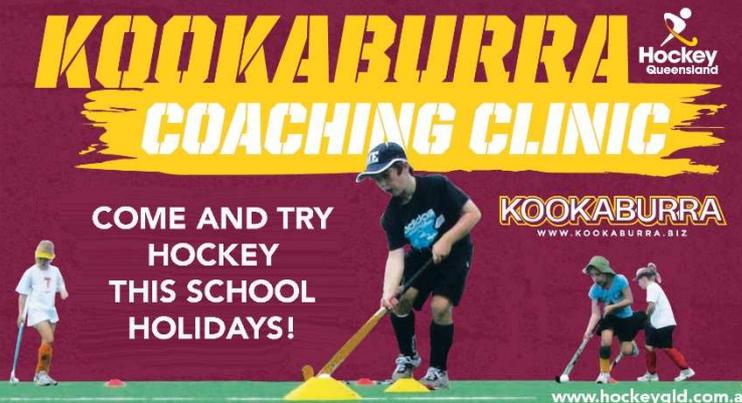
There will also be a Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December with a 'bring and share' basket tea commencing at 5pm.

We hope that you can come and join us.

Fran McCoy

on behalf of

Future Directions Group at St Paul's.



# KOOKABURRA COACHING CLINIC

Hockey Queensland

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**INTRODUCTORY SKILLS CLINIC**  
8 - 15 year olds

*Book soon as spaces are filling fast!  
Your registration includes:*

- A Kookaburra Clinic Bag**  
(a bag, t-shirt & water bottle)
- Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea**
- Expert coaching and a lot of fun!**

**Tuesday 13th December 2016**  
8:30am to 4:00pm  
\$120 per participant

State Hockey Centre, 400-420 Lytton Rd, Colmslie  
A fun day of hockey skills  
for players of all levels

**To book visit:**  
[https://2016kookaburraholidayclinics.  
eventdesq.com/](https://2016kookaburraholidayclinics.eventdesq.com/)

Or contact Hockey Queensland on  
07 3399 6577

**Premier's Reading Challenge & Competition for a chance to win \$1000 for our school**

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 1 readers who recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2016. From May to August the Year 1 students rose to the challenge and kept on reading. They will be rewarded next term with signed certificates from the Premier. The challenge has been an opportunity for the students to improve their reading and continue to develop their love of reading.

All students and parents can enter a [TUH Health Fund](#) competition for their chance to win \$1,000 for the school as well as \$50 prizes for individual students! The competition is run in line with the Premier's Reading Challenge but the student does not need to have completed the challenge to take part in the competition. The competition closes on 25<sup>th</sup> November.



**2017**  
**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS**  
**OPEN 1ST JANUARY**

The Family Club  
Visit the website for further sign - on details  
**BROTHERSRUGBY.COM**  
Players from 3yrs old to Premier Grade  
Your Pathway to the Wallabies  
Play Rugby NOW!  
Welcome Weekend: February 4th & 5th  
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**Please return this form to the office if you are leaving at the end of 2016 or returning late in 2017**

My child/ren's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2017

Name of school they will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 23 2017

Date of return to BCSS \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for late return \_\_\_\_\_

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# Universal Children's Day

