Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students for their great participation at the swimming carnival. Thank you to Mr Johnson for the organisation of the carnival. Some of the students will be selected to participate in the district swimming carnival early in 2016. We will announce the winning house and ages champions soon.

End of Year Concert: Thursday 3 December
On Thursday 3 December from 5.30pm we are holding our end of year concert. I know that the classes, bands and choirs are busy rehearsing their item for the concert. We will be holding the concert so that people are about to sit on the oval with blankets or chairs bought from home. The concert is usually finished by 8.30pm. There is a small fee of $5 per child (maximum $10) payable on arrival to cover the cost of the sound and lighting for the evening. The P&C will have a BBQ and drinks to purchase or bring along a picnic to watch the concert.

Thank you to those that have indicated that they will help on the evening. If you have some time to assist with the set up, cooking or packing up please email pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or call Kirsten Lovejoy on 0427 589 035

6S will be selling their products from the Kidpreneur activities on the night as well. All profits go to charity. We look forward to seeing you there.

2016 school year: official start day is Wednesday 27 January.
We have been notified by the Department of Education and Training that the 2016 school year will officially start on Wednesday 27 January.

The teachers and I are starting to consider class groupings for 2016. Please let us know if:
- You are leaving the school and will not be returning,
- You are coming back to our school after 27 January 2016.

You can send us these details by:
Emailing admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au, by letter or completing the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office.
We appreciate your help by informing us of your intentions for 2016.

If you have a request for 2016 regarding information that needs to be considered when make classes, please email me at principal@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au. We will attempt to accommodate these requests.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

---

**CALENDAR**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Upcoming Dates</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>26 November</td>
<td>Advanced Learners Reference Group meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 November</td>
<td>Free Dress Day. Donation for Christmas hampers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 December</td>
<td>P and C Meeting in the Community Room starting at 6pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 December</td>
<td>End of year concert starting at 6pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 December</td>
<td>Year 6 graduation and dinner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 December</td>
<td>Last day of 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 January</td>
<td>First day of 2016</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Regular events**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Religion 2.30pm to 3pm</td>
<td>Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am</td>
<td>Senior Choir 8:00 – 8:50 in music room.</td>
<td>Chess Club: 7:45am</td>
<td>Active School Travel Day</td>
<td>French School 'Les Petits Princes'.INGER:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
From the Head of Curriculum

Our Pedagogical Framework
The five stages shown here form the basis of every teacher’s professional practice. At its centre are the students. Each stage links to and supports the others. No one part exists in isolation.

There is no fixed starting point — most teachers begin by considering the mandated curriculum while taking into account what students already know and the best teaching strategies to support learning.

Making Judgements - How will we know how well our students have learned?
While assessment is integral to the teaching and learning process, assessment alone will not progress learning. Teachers and students use standards to make judgments about the quality of learning based on the available evidence. It is the process of judging and evaluating the quality of performance and depth of learning that is important to promoting learning.

Teachers make judgments against specified standards on evidence from multiple sources. The achievement standards are taken from the Queensland Curriculum and the Australian Curriculum. For more information about Australian Achievement Standards go to: http://v7-5.australiancurriculum.edu.au

Report Cards
Semester 2, 2015 reports will be emailed to parents by Wednesday, December 9 at 2pm. Many thanks to the parents who have provided me with their updated email addresses last term. If you have changed your email address please advise me ASAP.

Please add OneSchool.application@deTE.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report is added to your inbox. If you cannot see the report card in your inbox please check your junk or spam folders.

If you have any problems receiving your child’s report card please email me and let me know. Your child’s report will be sent to you on the last day of term.

Happy learning,
Leesa-Maree Jedras
ljedr1@eq.edu.au

Christmas Hamper Draw: Free Dress Day Friday 27 November – hamper item donation
You should have received your tickets for our annual Christmas Hamper Draw. Please make sure that you write your name and number clearly on the left side of the ticket. Both tickets and monies to be handed in to the office by 3 December. The raffle is drawn on night of the concert.
On Friday the 27/11 we will be having a dress free day (clothing needs to be sun safe). There is no coin donation, instead the children are to bring an item for the hamper. Please look at the letter that went home with your tickets for ideas of what to bring.
Thank you. Maree Lewis

Diwali at Brisbane Central State School
On Friday the 13th, the EAL/D department and a group of energetic Indian ladies led by the amazing Sunitha Patwal ran some Diwali activities at our school. To start with, it was lovely to see so many students and teachers get into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in bright colours and even some Indian costumes. All the children at our school learned what Diwali celebrates and participated in some special craft activities.

From the feedback received from the teachers and students, it was a really enjoyable day. As part of the activities the children got to all make special Rangolis in the undercover area and place a candle in them as is customary in India.
I would like to thank the following ladies, who gave up their whole day to help —many of them who stood in their high heels all day! Besides Sunitha, Shalini Sehgal, Anshu Gupta, Sanskruti Parmar, Shambhavinandish Biradar, Neelam Singla, Veena Borse and Bhanu Gaddam, made this day possible!
THANK YOU SO MUCH LADIES!! See the photos at the end of the newsletter.
Nicky Paull
As the 2015 school year draws to a close, the Parent English Class is making plans to mark the end of this school year with a Christmas Lunch.

The date for our special lunch will be **Tuesday, 8th December**. We will use the **School Hall** for our lunch starting at **11:30am** and finishing at **1:30pm**.

If you have been to one or many English classes this year, we would love you to join us for lunch. This will be a fun time to celebrate our English learning, enjoy delicious food and engage in lots of talking.

Allison, Sandra and Colleen

---

**Music News**

Here at Brisbane Central State School we are excitedly looking forward to our Christmas Concert on the evening of Thursday 3rd December. Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Drama Club, Instrumental Ensembles and the Ukulele Ensemble will be presenting a Christmas piece. Every class or year level will also be presenting an item so there has been a lot of rehearsal and festive music happening throughout the school. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there for a night of celebration!

This event comes hot on the heels of our ‘Music Count Us In’ choral celebration last fortnight so I definitely wish to thank all students for their focussed and enthusiastic contributions to the cultural and community life of our school. We have all shared some special moments throughout the year so don’t forget to come to our Christmas Concert to share in this joyous occasion!

Yours in Music,

Julie West

Classroom Music Specialist and Senior Choir Conductor

---

**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 5 with the largest improvement of students actively travelling from the week before was **5M** with 13%.

Week 6 with the largest improvement of students actively travelling from the week before was **PrepM** with 13%.

Our next meeting early in 2016.

---

**P and C News**

Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 2 December starting at 6pm in The Community Room.

**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

**Our Fundraising Goals for 2015**

**ACHIEVED!**: Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (F Block) and install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.

Contact us at [pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au)
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.

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
The BCSS Uniform Shop is asking for volunteers who are able to help Ria and Mahtab with the Uniform Shop for 2016. We will need your ongoing commitment to assist with the running of the uniform shop during normal opening hours as well as for the busy periods. The normal opening days and hours for 2016 will be:
• Every Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 am
• Every Friday 3.15 - 3.45 pm

20 January 2016: 9 - 12
We need 4-6 volunteers to help on Wednesday 20 January 2016 from 9am to 12pm. The Uniform Shop will be open on this day during the school holidays for Back-to-School and new enrolment purchases.

Uniform Update
The Uniform Shop is pleased to announce that there are some slight changes but big improvements coming soon to some of the uniform clothing. The black polo shirts and gold polo shirts will have “Brisbane Central” included in the collar detail and made from a “cotton back” fabric; the shorts will have a zipped pocket; and the shorts (culottes) will include the BCSS logo and made from a breathable and flexible fabric – please see photos (on the following page)
There are no changes to the checked school dress. The current polos, shorts and culottes will all still remain part of the official BCSS uniform but we will see a transition period as the newer uniform items are worn by students, especially for new enrolments in 2016.
The new items will be in stock at the Uniform Shop in early December. Please see the Uniform Shop staff if you have any questions.
Dear Parents,

**BPOINT** is the preferred method of payment for all student invoices at Queensland state schools. To allow parents to access this option easily we will be sending all our invoices via email in the future. On the bottom of each invoice that you will receive via email, the BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment (very similar to internet banking that many of you currently utilise). You can use a credit or bank debit card to make a payment. You do not need to register for BPOINT, you simply visit the link detailed below and enter CRN (customer reference number), invoice number, student name and exact amount of individual invoice (PLEASE DO NOT PAY MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL INVOICE AT A TIME). If you do not know your CRN please contact the school office for this information but the CRN will appear on the invoice.

BPOINT will issue you with a payment confirmation that you can email to yourself after making the payment or you can print or take a screen shot, for your records or if the payment is required for your child to attend an activity you can forward to the school immediately as proof of payment. If you would like an official OneSchool receipt you may need to visit the school and request for it to be printed. The school will no longer manually receipt through their OneSchool system for this payment method (BPOINT automatically talks to the school’s accounting system).

Payments will process overnight and will appear in the school’s bank account within 24 hours of making a payment. The school will receive a daily report detailing those who have made a payment.

You may still pay by cheque or cash if you wish on a Monday only, but the Department of Education and Training is promoting BPOINT as preferred payment method from now on. If you choose to pay via the traditional payment methods, the school will issue you with a One School receipt from the office, but either way we can see from our end who has outstanding invoices and who does not.


***PLEASE CHECK INVOICE AMOUNT CAREFULLY AND PAY DOLLAR AND CENT VALUE ACCURATELY, THANK YOU.***

---

**Please return this form to the office if you are leaving or returning late in 2016**

My child/ren’s name: _________________________________________________________________

☐ Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2016
   Name of school they will be attending: ______________________________________________

☐ Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 27 2016
   Date of return to BCSS _________________________
   Reason for late return ____________________________________________________________

---

**Social Media sites**

- Download the app
  - iTunes
  - Google Play
  - Windows Phone
- Become a fan
- Follow us on twitter
Fun, creative and unique school holiday workshops
The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts is running DeadlyArts – indigenous culture workshops for primary school aged children this Christmas holidays at its easy to access, Kangaroo Point studios. Deadly Arts brings Aboriginal culture to life and opens children’s minds to a world of holiday dreamtime. Let your child learn first-hand about the inspiring and ago-old culture of Australia’s first people. Contact ACPA on 3392 4420 for further information and bookings, or email admin@acpa.net.au

Diwali