Dear Parents/Carers,

**Day for Daniel Friday 28 October: wear red**

We will be participating in The Day for Daniel on Friday 28 October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

We are encouraging the school community to wear an item of red clothing.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:
- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’
- To provide FREE safety and educational material
- To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe
- To have over 1 million people Australia wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

For more information visit [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au) and please remember send your child to school wearing an item of red clothing on Friday 28 October.

**Attendance at school: Contact School Office for Absences.**

It is important that students are at school to start at 9am. The Department has updated the Education Act, specifically the policy for Managing Student Absences. To keep in line with these requirements we have a new process to monitor student absences. This includes:

1. Teachers to mark the roll at 9am. Students that arrive after the bell will need to come to the office to get a late slip.
2. The admin team will begin to ring the parents of students with unexplained absences from 9:30am.

*If your child is going to be away please contact the school office by email, phone or using the QParent app.*

**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, or completing the form at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the office.

We appreciate your help by informing us of your intentions for 2017.

Regards,

Graham Rickuss
Report Cards

Semester 2, 2016 reports will be emailed to parents on Wednesday, December 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 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, December 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.

Each year level uses a five point reporting scale, with different year levels using different reporting scales dependant on their developmental abilities. Please refer to the table below.

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

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

From the Literacy Coach

Congratulations to the Bee Readers Reward Winners

Congratulations to the winners in the Term 3 Bee Readers Rewards Program: Prep M - Aliyah, Prep W - Bridget, 1F - Chantel, 1R - Ayanna, 2S - Chloe, 2W - Niveditha, 3H – Helena N, 3Z - Ella, 4M - Ellanah, 4/5M - Eva, 4/5Y - Jenna and 6S - Raquel. We congratulate all the students who have been reading at home and learning to love reading as well as learning to read.

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach
From the Advanced Learners Program Manager

**ICAS 2016 ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS**

Students in Years 2-6 participated in the ICAS 2016 English and Mathematics Assessments in August. Their keenness to participate and diligent effort is a credit to them all.

In the English assessment 2 High Distinction, 2 Distinction, 19 Credit, 4 Merit and 28 Participation certificates were achieved by the students.

In the Mathematics assessment 12 Distinction, 17 Credit, 5 Merit and 30 Participation certificates were achieved by the students. Congratulations to each child for their personal learning achievement.

Maureen Kelly
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

**Junior Choir**

We are excited to announce that the BCSS Junior choir will be performing on Parade on Tuesday, 1 November. Junior choir will also meet the morning of Tuesday 25th October 8am – 8.30am, to prepare for our performance. We encourage parents and our school community to visit parade at 2.30pm, to support our little vocalists!

Junior Choir rehearsals will continue to be held every Wednesday from Week 5 onwards. Rehearsals commence at 8am sharp.

**Parent English Class**

We have our first excursion for Term 4 on Tuesday, 25 October, to the Brisbane City Hall for a free musical concert. The music for this concert will be presented by an Irish/Celtic group called 'Barleyshakes', and promises to be a lively and enjoyable performance.

Following the concert we will take a short tour of the Brisbane Museum on Level 3 of the City Hall before eating lunch. We plan to return to school around 2:30pm.

Please join us for a time of entertainment, learning and friendship together.
Allison, Sandra & Colleen
(Parent English Class teachers)

**Details for our excursion are:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 25 October
- **Departure time:** 10:15am
- **Meeting place:** Outside the school office
- **What to bring:** Hat, drinking water, good walking shoes, lunch, umbrella (if needed)
- **Return to school:** Approx. 2:30pm

**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.

**Social Media sites**

- Download the app
  - iTunes
  - Google Play
  - Windows Phone
- Become a fan
- Follow us on twitter
The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 2 November 5:45pm – 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome.
The next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday the 2nd of November in the Grade 1 Classrooms (C Block) starting 5.45pm to 7.15pm.

Please email us 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 if you require more information.
**The uniform shop will be opened on Tuesday 17 January 9am – 11am.**

Buy an Entertainment™ Membership and support our School!
This is a fundraising initiative of the BCSS P&C with 20% of the proceeds from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell, contributing towards our School. The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise, so please tell your family and friends and share the link - www.entbook.com.au/22160s8

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Memberships are packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use right away, valid up until 1 June 2017!

Community News

KGSC ENROLMENTS: Enrolments 2018 (Current Year 5 students)
Please be aware that applications for enrolments for 2018 will open on Monday 11th July, 2017. Expressions of Interest (EOI’s) can be found on the College web site. It is recommended that this is done sooner rather than later.

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 25th November.
Year 2 Excursion to Botanical Gardens.

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 ____________________________________________________________