FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Before School: arrive after 8.30am
We have noticed that some students are arriving at school before 8.30am. We understand that sometimes this can occur and we would appreciate a call to let us know. Those students that get to school just before 8.30am must sit in the lunch shed near the prep room. From 8.30am we have staff members supervising the students and this is the reason we ask students to arrive after 8.30am. There are places offered at our outside school hours care facility run by PCYC before school time for those that arrive early. PCYC can be contacted on 0407 658 050 or email briscentralac@pcyc.org.au

Day for Daniel Friday 30th October: wear red
We will be participating in The Day for Daniel on Friday 30th 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 and please remember send your child to school wearing an item of red clothing on Friday 30 October.

2015 school year
The teachers and I are starting to consider class groupings for 2015. 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 2015. 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 2015.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

CALENDAR

Upcoming Dates
25 October | P&C working bee 8am – 11am in lower car park.
26 October | Swimming starts Prep – 2
26 and 27 October | Commonwealth Bank Smart Start
28 October | Soirée de Théâtre Français Evening of French Theatre 6pm – 7.30pm
29 October | 6S to Nudgee Environmental Education Centre
30 October | Swimming starts year 3 – 6
1 November | P&C working bee 8am – 11am in lower car park.

Regular events

Monday
Religion 2.30pm to 3pm
Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall’s room.
Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am
Parent English Classes: 1pm
Assembly: 2:30pm
Homework Club: 3pm
Chinese Language School 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday
Senior Choir 8:00 – 8:50 in music room.
Drama Club 11:00 – 11:30
Ukelele Band 1:15 – 1:30
Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm

Wednesday
Chess Club: 7:45am
Senior Choir 11:00 – 11:30
MK13 Soccer 3.15 – 4.30 oval

Thursday
Active School Travel Day
Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30 small groups room
Uniform Shop is open: 3:15pm – 3:45pm

Friday
Our Pedagogical Framework

Our school’s Pedagogical Framework has been developed to guide and reflect our teachers’ commitment to a consistent and effective teaching approach to ensure that every child is learning every day.

Last newsletter I discussed assessment. This newsletter I will discuss reporting on assessment.

Reporting on assessment – providing feedback to students and their families

What do report cards 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.

How do teachers decide the achievement level?

Teachers use criteria, in the form of a Guide to Making Judgements (GTMJ), to assess a student’s performance. The GTMJ, provided by Education Queensland, make explicit links between the assessment task and what is being assessed.

Each GTMJ assesses knowledges and skills that increase in complexity and demand. Education Queensland’s assessment does not use scores, points or bell shaped curves – judgements are made using the GTMJ’s increasing complexity of skills and knowledges for each individual child. Two examples of GTMJ are shown below:

Teachers use these GTMJ to create an on-balance judgement based on the evidence of student performance in their assessment folio.
How do I receive my child’s report card?

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

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

P&C Working bee – Sunday 25 October, Sunday 1 November, Sunday 8 November: 8am – 11am

Sparkle + Shine

BCSS P&C have organised some working bees to improve our school! Dust off those head bands and work clothes. Any parents, grandparents, uncles aunts or friends of BCSS with time on a Sunday (8-11am) or a profession / trade, who would be willing, ready and able to assist we would love to hear from you. We are looking to have concurrent working bees over the next 5 Sundays (8am meeting at the lower carpark) with gardening. Please bring hats, gloves, water, shovels, rakes, picks, wheelbarrows, and some healthy enthusiasm! All hands on deck and look forward to meeting all. Let’s make our school shine!

Any queries please contact- Brian@steendyk.com (P&C president)

ICAS Assessment in English and Mathematics

ICAS Assessments in English and Mathematics
Congratulations to the students from Years 2 to 6 who sat the ICAS English and Mathematics Tests in July and August. Certificates and results have now been made available and will be distributed on assembly.

Mathematics: High Distinction 3, Distinction 9, Credit 13, Merit 4, Participation 28 and in

English: Distinction 3, Credit 14, Merit 4, Participation 36.

We congratulate all our students for their effort and achievement in this assessment program.

Queensland Science Contest

Congratulations to Anshu Lin Patel for placing 2nd in the Classified Collection category of the Queensland Science Competetiton.

Anshu created a project named: ‘A Collection of Elements in the Periodic Table”. (right)

Well done to Anshu for this great achievement.
Parent English Class

The Parent English class continues to meet in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 1.00pm until 2.45pm.

We are happy to welcome new parents to our group. This term’s full day excursion is planned for Tuesday 3rd November. We will travel by train to the bayside suburb or Shorncliffe. We will meet at the school at 9.00am and return to BCSS by 2.45pm. Our lessons leading up to this excursion will focus on the language and information associated with the excursion. Please join us for the learning experiences and excursion.

Sandra, Allison and Colleen.

Music News

Excitement is building as “Music Count Us In” celebration day is almost here. The entire school community are invited to join our students to sing this year’s song “Gold” on Thursday 29th at 11.30am.

We are singing it in the beautiful school grounds just in front of our Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms, congregating there at 11.20am so we will all be ready to perform at 11.30am simultaneously with millions of others throughout Australia. Remember if you want to have a practice at home beforehand the song is on the Music Australia web site – musicaustralia.org.au.

Yours in Music,

Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist/ Senior Choral Conductor

LE JOURNAL FRANÇAIS/ THE FRENCH NEWS

Welcome back for Term 4. This is a very important Term for our French students in Years 3 to 6 who have been working very hard on their plays.

Families of students in these classes are invited to attend our Soirée de Théâtre Français/Evening of French Theatre which will be taking place in week 4, this term, on Wednesday the 28 October, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Our posters advertising this event will soon be up, please look out for them.

Students who are performing in the plays will need to provide their own appropriate coloured clothing, but masks and other props will be supplied by the French Department. All Year 3 to 6 students will be involved on the night and are to come in free-dress for their song presentations.

Our students in classes 3Z 3/4P, 4A, 5M, and 6S have been working very hard and will be presenting 5 plays and songs, all in French.

3Z will be presenting “Le petit chat cherche une famille” / “The little cat looking for a family”. 3/4P will present “Le chat et la lune” / “The cat and the moon.”. 4A will present “Comment y aller” / “How to get there”. 5M will present “Les animaux du bayou” / The animals of bayou”, 6S will present “Louis la grenouille.” / “Louis the frog.”

Parents and students will have the opportunity to purchase light refreshments before the performances, which will start at 6:15 p.m. A voluntary gold coin donation to help cover the costs of the props would be appreciated. All students have taken a letter home recently. Please take the time to read it and return the bottom half completed and signed to me or Madame Duncan as soon as possible. I need to know how many family members will be attending so that we can arrange for seating, and for catering of refreshments.

We look forward to your support. Merci et à bientôt / Thank you and see you soon

Madame Maroto
Unknown Source – Swimming Payment Received

If you have made a payment of $54.00 to the school for Term 4 swimming with the payment details of “Swim fee”. Can you please advise the school office the date of payment, name of the payee and also the student for which this payment was made for.
Thank you

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 1 was 1R with 86%
Week 2 was 1R with 92%

Our next meeting is Monday 9 November at 3.15pm in the community room.
The Brisbane City Council has created some Active Travel Maps that were given to the students recently. There are more copies on the table outside the school office.

Please have a look at the map.

An orange line indicates suggested Park and Stride routes to school. The Active School Travel committee selected areas where many family live and walk to school.

P and C News

Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 4 November starting at 6pm in The Community Room.

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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

Our Fundraising Goals for 2015

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

Social Media sites

Download the app
iTunes
Google Play
Windows Phone

Become a fan

Follow us on twitter
**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.

**Uniform Update**

The Uniform Shop is pleased to announce that there are some slight changes but big improvements happening 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 skorts (culottes) will include the BCSS logo and made from a breathable and flexible fabric – please see photos.

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 and please see the Uniform Shop staff if you have any questions.

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**Community News**

**Thursday, 29 October | 3:30 – 5:30pm** Bedford Playground Park

**Make a solar cooker**

Learn how solar cooking works, see a variety of solar cookers, make your own simple solar cooker to take home and taste some solar cooked food. The presenter has a wealth of knowledge and experience making, using and designing solar cookers. [http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on/events-listed-type/sports-recreation-programs/active-parks-events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D114444529](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on/events-listed-type/sports-recreation-programs/active-parks-events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D114444529)
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 ____________________________________________________________

Active School Travel: Scooter Skills Training
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Whole school photographs:
are available for purchase for $25.00.
Please collect the online forms from the office if you would like to purchase this photos.

SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS -$17.00