



# BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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# newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

25 November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **End of Year Concert: Thursday 1 December starting at 6pm**

Next Thursday night is our annual Christmas Concert and the classes are looking forward to presenting their songs and items for you and the rest of the school community.

We will be holding the Concert on the grass outside F Block this year. Here are a few details about the evening:

- All students will sit in their class groups in designated places for the duration of the concert. This allows us to have children move on and off stage quickly and easily. Siblings of performers need to be seated with their parents.
- All students are asked to wear "Christmassy" clothes, unless they have been instructed to dress in costume by their class teacher.
- **Band students** should meet Mr McIntyre in the 4/5Y classroom **no later than 5.30pm with their instruments, stands and music** to set up instruments and tune up.
- **All Junior and Senior Choir students** (except those in Band) should meet Ms Battersby in the 4/5M classroom **no later than 5.45pm.**
- Please make sure that your child is seated with their class by **5.45pm.** (band students excepted) A trip to the toilet before they take their places would be appreciated!
- Students are not to bring any DS's, iphones, ipods or other electronic devices to the concert. If any such items are brought to the concert, students can expect that their class teachers will look after them until the concert is finished.

We are hoping that the concert will finish at about 7.30pm.

### **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 age champions soon.

### **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:

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Upcoming Dates</b>	
<b>1 December</b>	End of Year Concert
<b>7 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>8 December</b>	End of year excursion for year 6
<b>9 December</b>	Last day of the school year.
<b>Regular events</b>	
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</i> <a href="mailto:lespetitprinces.association@gmail.com">lespetitprinces.association@gmail.com</a>

### Coder Kidz

We are very excited to announce that we will be partnering with Coder Kidz in 2017 to build upon our coding and robotics programs. Coder Kidz is a not for profit organisation, founded in Brisbane, with the goal of advancing education and understanding in a number of fields including software and web development, electronics, robotics and 3D design.

To find out more about Coder Kidz, including holiday workshops, go to <http://coderkidz.com.au/>

### 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.

	Prep	Years 1 – 2	Years 3 – 10
Achievement	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>
Effort and Behaviour	<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.

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

## Special thanks - Advanced Learner Reference Group 2016

We would like to extend our thanks to the parents and teachers who have been part of the Advanced Learner Program Reference Group for 2016. The group meets twice a term to provide feedback on and input into school policies and practices for the school's advanced learners. The meeting provides an accountability mechanism for this program and the feedback received is greatly appreciated and taken on board for our future planning. We thank the parents, Rosemary, Min, Stuart and Emma, and the teachers, Gemma and Brendan, for their contribution this year.

Maureen Kelly  
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

## 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

## 'Koala Joey' Playgroup

Since May this year, Maille and I have been conducting a "Koala Joey" Playgroup every Friday morning up at the hall. This playgroup starts at 9 am and usually finishes around 10 am.

The main intention of the playgroup has been to develop the language, literacy and numeracy skills of pre-schoolers in a fun and interactive way with other children and adults. Along the way we also provide useful information to parents about what they should be doing with their children to maximize their learning at school.

Maille and I have been delighted with the response to our playgroup. First of all, just about all the parents have excellent attendance and never miss a day! Secondly, we have seen the children's confidence and language skills improve in front of our eyes. Then of course the parents have a great opportunity to make a friend!

Next year, we hope to keep our Koala Joey playgroup running – so please come along if you have a pre-school child at home!

## Brisbane Chinese School classes

Dear Parents,

Brisbane Chinese School is to open for 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 backgrounds and Class B is for the students from non-Chinese family backgrounds.

One level 3 class is scheduled for those students that have been working with our teachers.

There will be eight lessons during Term 1 at a cost of \$125. The class time is 3:30pm to 5:30pm on every Wednesday. Your children's enrolment is automatically 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.

## Parent English Class

*\*\*On behalf of the staff and parents of Brisbane Central, I want to thank Allison, Sandra and Colleen for volunteering their time to support our parents to learn English and make friends. I have appreciated the work they have done for our school and we wish them success for the future. Graham Rickuss \*\*\**

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.

## 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.*



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.

#### 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!



#### 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 – 12pm.\*\***

#### **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

The advertisement features a photograph of a smiling woman holding a sign that says 'oui' in French, with a French flag design. A young boy in a blue school uniform is looking at the sign. The background shows other students and a red flag.



ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 SPRING HILL  
 A SPRING HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH



# Getting to Know Each Other in Spring Hill

## Tea and Coffee on Tuesdays

Free

- Meet and chat with other parents
- Mums, Dads and Carers welcome
- Come after school drop-off for a cuppa and a chat
- During school terms only
- Open between 8am and 10am



## Friday Afternoon Sausage Sizzle

Free

- Fourth Friday of the Month
- Meet and chat with other people from Spring Hill
- Come after school
- Drop in on the way home
- Open between 3pm and 5.30pm



A PROJECT OF THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS GROUP



## Lang Park Basketball Club

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 9 – 12noon
- Lang Park PCYC Club, 40 Castlemaine St Milton (adjoining Suncorp Stadium)
- New players wanted – boys and girls born in 2010 and before

# VULCANA KIDS SUMMER CIRCUS

- CAMP -

Psst!  
 Check out the  
 introductory  
 OFFER!

Treat your kids to the perfect early Christmas gift with 5 supersized days of circus fun exploring activities that are just too big to fit into our regular term time workshops!

WHERE: Junction Park State School, Annerley  
 WHEN: 9:30am - 12:30pm, 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 AGE: 5 - 12 yrs COST: \$199



ENROL NOW: [vulcana.org.au](http://vulcana.org.au)  
[workshops@vulcana.org.au](mailto:workshops@vulcana.org.au), (07) 3358 1888



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

