Dear Parents/Carers,

**Active School Travel: Fitness Friday**

Congratulations to 3/4P who won the **First Star Class Trophy** for the highest percentage of students actively travelling to school.

**Holiday**

From **Friday 3 April** until **Sunday 19 April** is our school holidays.

I want to thank the staff for the great work they have done in Term 1. The students have settled into their classes and are in their routine of learning. Many students have also made some great learning gains during the term. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

**Behaviour for everyone**

Some times during the school year children do have problems while they are at school. If they come home and tell you of a problem that they are having while at school it is important that you speak with the class teacher in the first instant. The class teacher will investigate the problem and work with you and your child to find a solution. Under no circumstances is it acceptable for parents to speak directly to other students. At Brisbane Central SS our behaviour expectation for everyone is to be safe, respectful and responsible.

**Upcoming Events**

As the term draws to a close we have a number of exciting events happening.

**Hat Parade**: On **Wednedsay 1 April** from 9am we are holding our annual Hat Parade. Students will be creating a hat and they can wear it on the day. Parents are welcome to come along for this event.

**Cross Country**: Wear your **house colours** to this event.

We would like as many parents and carers as possible to come along to support these events.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
Building resilience in our children

What is resilience? Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from problems or difficulties. Some children are naturally resilient. Their personalities and temperament means they already have the tendency to get straight back up after a disappointment, frustration or setback.

Although not every child may be naturally resilient, the skills of resilience can be taught, practised and developed. Experts, like Michael Grose, tell us that resilient children have four basic skill sets:

- independence
- problem-solving
- optimism
- social connections.

Michael Grose suggests that parents can help support resilience in their children by:

- having a positive attitude themselves
- model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child to bounce back from difficult situations
- look for teachable moments to teach the ‘you can do it’ attitude.

Many learning opportunities for children are disguised as problems. Parents should make the most of these opportunities so that children can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face. Michael Grose provides many ideas for parents to coach and support their children and says this support and teaching is an ongoing process. For more information and ideas from Michael Grose go to: [http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/resilience](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/resilience)

Chess Club

*Every Thursday morning* we have chess lessons from 7:45am – 8:30am in the community room. Chess at Brisbane Central is open to all students from Prep to Year six with a cost of $100 for the term. If you wish to enrol next term please contact Ms Connie Pizzato on 0409 794 745.

Happy learning,

Leesa-Maree Jedras

Harmony Week Celebrations at Brisbane Central

While other schools around Queensland celebrated “Harmony Day” – we here at Brisbane Central had week long festivities. The children got a very good glimpse into some of the cultures that make up our school.

This year we tried out our parent “human books”. Basically this was when parents came into various classes and shared information about their respective countries. A huge thank you to the following parents – Claudia Santiago Ramalhete, Rui Segundo Pereda, Zhanna Grafskiy, Min Chen, Lily Sheng, Linhui Yang, Hua Tang, Shalini Sehgal and Marianna Suzuki. The teachers were positively raving about the effort these parents put into their presentations. In fact, Mrs Morgan from Year 5, commented on the high level of paragraph writing which followed Claudia’s presentation - she thought it was some of the best writing they had produced all year. Even the Indian students at our school learned things about India when Mrs Sehgal shared all of her country’s contribution to the world. Did you know the world’s first university and the number zero came from India?

During the week we also had a day of activities in the Community Room. Mrs Chen did an excellent job organizing two wonderful activities for that day. The children made a “hakky sac” and had a go with Chinese writing using authentic brushes and paper. Min explained to the children how Chinese writing had evolved. A great big thank-you to Jasmine Wu, Linhui Yang and Min who stood on their feet ALL day and also to Hua Tang, Pocharathom Roongkadee, Grace and Colleen who also helped the students on that day.

The week culminated with a wonderful colourful assembly which was organized by Ms Arneil, Ms West (our music teacher) and the Year 6 students. Despite a technical malfunction - the assembly showcased our diverse community with many students and parents showing off their traditional clothing. We also heard some really great singing from the Junior and Senior Choirs. After the assembly the children and parents gathered in their various classrooms to sample food from all corners of the world!

The week was such a success, we think we might opt to celebrate Harmony “Day” all week next year too! How lucky are we to belong to this school!
ANZAC Day Ribbons 2015

Anzac Day 2015 ribbons @ $1.00 will be “On Sale” **Wednesday 1 April** at **11am to 11.30am**
They will be available before school at the top of the driveway from **8.30am – 9am on Monday 20th and 21st April** (and available from the office at other times).
Don’t forget to wear your ribbon for Anzac Day assembly on Friday 24 April at 12pm.

PE/Sports News

We are running into our Cross Country and Fitness season! We will be preparing the students for the school cross country on **Thursday 2 April 2015** (next week).

The children will be doing some fitness activities during PE and will walk the course during these lessons. We promote full participation and encourage all students to complete the course for their age group.

The **senior carnival (Years 3-6)** will run in the morning from **9.15am-10.45am** approx and the **junior carnival (Prep-2)** will run in the middle session from **11.30am-12.45pm approx**.

**Distances**
- Prep and Year 1: 1 lap of the oval
- Year 2: 2 laps of the oval
- Years 3-6: Course around the school

Enjoy your running!
David Johnson-PE Teacher

Senior Choir News

**A Big Thank you!**
The Harmony Day assembly and celebrations were a big success and I would like to say a big thank you to all the members of both the Junior and Senior Choirs for their contribution. Junior Choir did a beautiful job to begin and I wish to thank Ms Wall and Ms Ross for their wonderful work with our youngest singers.

Congratulations Senior Choir members for putting in that extra focus and effort to really come together as an ensemble for our first performance for 2015! Thank you and well done to all. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members there, and I would particularly like to thank Ms Arneil and her team for all the Harmony Day organisation. It was a special day indeed!

Just a reminder that Senior Choir will continue to rehearse on **Wednesday 8.00 - 8.50 am and Thursday first break** as we prepare for further Choral events later in the year.

Remember all students are invited to join the choirs and we would like to see you there to share in the joy of singing.

Yours in Music,
Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist / Choral Conductor

Junior Choir

Junior Choir has been a great success in Term 1. We have around 70 children on our list and we have seen an impressive number of students attend our Tuesday morning rehearsals. All students did an amazing job of performing at our Harmony Day assembly and it was a great way to finish off the term. Junior Choir has now finished and will resume in Week 1, Term 3.

Miss Wall and Miss Ross
Parent English Classes

The Parent English Class was fully involved in Harmony Week activities last Tuesday afternoon. Our guests for the afternoon were Mrs Annette Somerville and her delightful Year 6 students. We all had fun participating in various cultural activities our parent presenters had prepared for us. These included Chinese writing, origami, egg painting, listening to music played on a very interesting Chinese instrument, and learning about saris and how they are worn.

Our parents valued the opportunity to share aspects of their culture, and felt that their participation in Harmony Week acted as a bridge to the school community.

Sandra and Allison

Uniform Shop News

Thank you to for Mahtab Nowrouzi and Maile Ranauli for their time to volunteer in the uniform shop regularly. This coming Friday, 27th March will be our last day for this term. We will be doing a stock take during the last week of term. The uniform shop will resume back on the 21st April.

The gold polo shirts are back in stock.
School badges at $5.
Swimming caps (purple and red) limited stocks at $8
Hair ties, hair clips and hair bands @ $ 5 (available in black and yellow).

Payment in cash or mobile banking.

The normal opening days and hours are
Every Tuesday  8.15 - 8.45 am
Every Friday     3.15 - 3.45 pm

Please contact Ria Wahyuni uniforms@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au or 0423 787 333 if you require more information.

Active School Travel – Every Friday

Active School Travel’s colourful mascot ‘Roadstar’ and his friends ‘Red’ and ‘Green’ were special guests at assembly last Tuesday when they launched Active School Travel for 2015. Our dedicated Active Travel Day is Fitness Friday and congratulations to everyone who actively travelled on our first Fitness Friday last week. We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?
Walk: Leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call that “Park and Stride”.
Ride: Ride a bike or scooter with your children to school. It’s legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet secured.
Carpool: Find a friend and carpool to school. It’s an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child’s class or at music and sport to see who is going your way.

All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to schools on Friday will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards this year. So be an active traveller and remember that EVERY Friday is Fitness Friday.

P and C News

Wednesday 1 April is our next P and C Meeting in Mrs Somerville’s room in F Block starting at 5:30pm. Attached to the newsletter is the agenda for this meeting. Everyone is welcomed along.

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RAISING BILINGUAL CHILDREN

On Tuesday 28 April from 5pm to 7pm we are holding a special workshop called Raising Bilingual Children. This workshop will be run by Dr Andrea Schalley, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics from the School of Languages and Linguistics at Griffith University.

In this workshop, Dr Schalley will talk about how parents considering raising their children in their native language often fear that this decision may affect their children’s English. Dr Schalley will discuss bilingualism and its advantages as well as challenges for the child and the family, and will introduce strategies and tips to promote bilingual development.

本校将在 4 月 28 日傍晚 5 点到 7 点之间举办一场关于培养双语孩子特别讲座。主讲者是格里菲斯大学语言和语言学学院的高级语言学讲师安德莉娅·夏莉博士（Dr Andrea Schalley）。

在本次讲座上，夏莉博士将为考虑用母语教育孩子但又常担心他们的决定会妨碍孩子的英语学习的家长们排忧解难。她将探讨双语教育为孩子和家庭所带来的益处以及挑战，并介绍促进双语发展的策略和技巧。

Community News

Neighbour Day is being celebrated this Sunday, 29th March, throughout Australia. Friends of Bedford Park are promoting Neighbour Day with a “meet your neighbours” picnic in Bedford Park, corner of Water and Love Streets, Spring Hill between 10am and 11:30am. There will be kids’ activities, ball games, kite flying, music and displays from community groups. Please bring along a plate of food to share, picnic blanket or a fold-out chair. Stay a while and meet your neighbours. Build the Spring Hill community. Everyone Welcome!

Drop and Stop

The idea of “drop and stop” is to encourage parents to spend some time together and to build local friendships.

After the children have gone to school for the day, if you are wondering what to do with yourself, please schedule into your diary a little time to attend our Drop and Stop morning tea. Free tea and coffee is provided.

We will continue to hold a morning tea each Monday fortnight of the school term from 9-10am. It will be held at Conference Hall, 38 Grenier St, Spring Hill. The last dates for this term will be 30 March. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya on email conferencehallbne@hotmail.com

We look forward to meeting you soon.
Portugal by Raquel 5M
Portugal is a small country in Europe that has lots of different landscapes. The national dress of Portugal is made out of gold and their earrings are also made out of gold. The Portuguese national dishes are lots of seafood and Portuguese custard tarts. The Portuguese language is the 6th language in the world because the Portuguese sailors discovered lots of different parts of the world in the 1500’s. Some of the countries and islands they discovered were: Brazil, Madeira, Azores and Mozambique.

Portugal by Lara 5M
Portugal is a small place but luckily has everything. It is a very beautiful place and its traditional costume is made out of real gold (it must be heavy). Portugal is in Europe on the very edge. It is next to Spain on the left. The capital city of Portugal is Lisbon and they speak Portuguese (obviously). Portugal has islands around it called Azores. They usually eat fish and their traditional food is like a custard tart and they have more yummy food. I really want to go to Portugal because it looks very nice and we can go hiking because there are lots and lots of mountains.
Meeting commencement: 6:30pm


2. Apologies: tbc

3. Confirmation of the minutes:
   Motion: to accept previous mtg minutes held on- Wednesday 3rd Dec 2014, 4th Feb 2015, & 4th Mar 2015
   Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no

4. Business arising from previous meeting minutes: to be discussed in general business

5. Correspondence: Alyson Fenton

6. Principal’s Report: Graham Rickuss

7. Finance Report: Colleen Tuxworth
   a. Payment for the committed courtyard funds to school finalised
   b. Other invoices listed/ discussed
      Motion: none proposed
      Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no

8. General Business

I. School Maintenance Works
   a. Heritage bldg rising damp building works update- Graham/ Brian
   b. General Maintenance- Graham
   c. Lower school car park- Graham/ Brian
      Motion: To pursue discussions with DETE to mitigate effect of thermal mass and reduce through removal and greening/ planting strategies
      Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no

II. School Re-unification
   Pledge to be verified/ enacted upon by new government
   Motion: Letter to Education Minister Kate Jones be written and cc Grace Grace MP with pledge attached to define outcome wished by P&C. Draft by Kirsten L for exec comment before dispatch
   Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no

III. School Planning
   Motion: Letter to Education Minister Kate Jones be written and cc Grace Grace MP defining what we wish to have as future outcomes for BCSS and Masterplan. Draft by Kirsten L & Brian S for exec comment before dispatch
   Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no

IV. School safety
   Drop-off area and carparking mtg update- Graham/ Brian/ Cr Vicki H
   Motion: Follow up email to ensure swift outcomes and arrange future mtg to view BCC design proposal- Cr Vicki H, Anthony Burke, James
   Moved by: x  Seconded: x  All in favour: yes/ no
V. P&C Current project/s-
   a. courtyard works completion update – Brian
   b. Finalisation of courtyard grant aquital- Rosemary, Ivan
   c. time capsule update – Brian Thanks to Damian Lovejoy, Paul Wilson BCSSP&CLM

VI. Fundraising/ Grants-
    Fundraising/ grant initiatives for discussion-
    a. FVSS car park update- Brian/ Tony/ Graham
    b. Voluntary student contributions
    c. Available future grants update- Rosemary
    d. Other
    Future project aims for discussion-
    a. Air conditioning to lower school basement classrooms
    b. Seat and bubbler for middle courtyard
    c. Planting of trees and grass to lower carpark
    d. Hall ceiling removal and cross ventilation installation
    e. Library lift, undercroft and removal of titan lunch shed for expansion of playground
    f. Library/ A block courtyards works
    g. School entry reconfiguration with new pathway and garden areas (reduced bitumen)

VII. Uniform Shop
    a. Sales- $tba
       Music polos ordering- update school to reimburse the P&C $530
    b. Current stock holding- $tba
       Motion: To maintain stock holding to be set at no less than $10,000 and no greater than $20,000 to be revised annually dependant on student growth (2015 Approx 275 students)
       Moved by: x Seconded: x All in favour: yes/ no

VIII. Community hub/ PCYC- Before, after and vacation care-
    a. Progress of certification of lower hall area- update
    b. Extension of lease by school end 2015- update
    c. Community hub security measures re outsiders entering school grounds update- Graham
       Motion: Community Hub used for vacation care only by PCYC and approach to get certification of space.
       Moved by: x Seconded: x All in favour: yes/ no

IX. 140th Celebration
    a. celebration date set- Spring concert September 2105?
    b. invitation list
    c. organisation group elected
    d. associated costs and funding
    e. ideas for event celebration discussed- alumni and student dinner etc
    f. mural Water Street
    g. mural rear courtyard
       Motion: Date for 140 year anniversary set to be , , 2015
       Moved by: x Seconded: x All in favour: yes/ no

Meeting closed: 6:45pm
Next meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 5.30pm