Dear Parents/Carers,

School Photos

Next Wednesday 2 September is our school photo day. It is important to remember to send along the photo envelopes with the correct money in. These are given directly to the photographer on the day.

140th Celebration: Saturday 5 September between 10am and 3pm

Our 140th celebration is almost here. An outline of the day is below

10am start.

10.30 – 11.15: opening of new building by Grace Grace MP on behalf of Minister Kate Jones. Hon Tesera Gambaro and Councillor Vicki Howard will be present for the opening. (This will occur at the main stage near the oval.)

11.00 – 2.30: concert in the cover area near the oval. This will be ongoing during the day with a number of items by our students. The band, junior and senior choirs, dance and drama items will occur throughout the day. The Salvation Army Band is also playing during the concert.

Former students will be ‘busking’ around the school during the day. Any donations they receive will go towards our music program.

3.00pm close

Food and rides will be available throughout the day. Remember to get your ride pass.

There is a raffle with prizes including a crockpot; a cook book (both kindly donated by Teresa Gambaro) and a $200 Coles/Myer voucher. Look out for the raffle tickets which will be sent home over the next few days.

Memorabilia of the school’s history will be on display in F block on the lower level. Thank you to Mrs Gilmour for organising this display.

There will be a 140th anniversary book for sale. The P and C cookbook will also be available to purchase if you haven’t already got one.

We are asking for donations for the Sweet Treats Café. If you love to bake, we would appreciate donations of cupcakes, biscuits or sweet treats for our sweet treat café as part of the BCSS 140th Birthday celebrations. You can bring your donations to the community room on Friday the 4th September or Saturday 5th September.

Thank you to the tireless effort of the organising committee to get this up and running. It has taken a lot of behind the scene organising for this one day and we know that it will be a success. Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to assist with this event.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

| CALENDAR |
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| **Upcoming Dates** | **Upcoming Dates** |
| Wednesday 2 September | School Photos |
| Wednesday 2 September | P and C Meeting starting at 6pm in the community room. |
| Wednesday 2 September | Debating team verse Somerville House |
| Thursday 3 September | Advanced Learners Reference Group 8am – 8.50am |
| Saturday 5 September | 140th Anniversary celebration |
| Monday 14 September | Active School Travel meeting 3.15pm |
| Friday 18 September | Maths Fiesta |
| Friday 18 September | Last day of term 3 |
| Tuesday 6 October | First day of term 4 |

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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.

**Students**: our students are at the centre of our framework, just as they are the centre of our teaching.

**Curriculum**: What do our students need to learn?

**Assessment**: What do our students already know? How will they demonstrate their learning?

**Teaching and Learning**: How do we teach this? How will we provide feedback?

**Making judgements**: How will we know how well our students have learned?

**Goal setting and feedback**: Where to next? How will we provide feedback?

I will discuss each part of our framework in more depth in the next few newsletters.

**Science Fair**
Many thanks to the budding young scientists who displayed their research at our science fair and trivia night. It was wonderful to see so many family members supporting their children’s learning and engaging with science. Thanks also to our wonderful staff for their contributions, particularly Mr Stock and Ms Little.

**Book Week - Books light up our world**
Brisbane Central lit up on Tuesday with many of our students and staff dressing as their favourite book characters. Thank you to everyone who celebrated this special week with us. You can do some fun Book Week activities at: http://members.ozemail.com.au/~irenelesley/public_html/2015%20shortlist.html

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

**PE News**
The school junior Sports Day was held on Thursday 20 August. The day was full of smiles, music, laughter and good cheer.
Congratulations to all students who participated in this great event.
The students displayed a variety of skills, throws, jumps, novelty activities and sprints.
All runners earned points for their houses, Rogers-284, St Pauls-325 Thanks everyone for a fun filled day!!!
Dave Johnson
National Literacy and Numeracy week at Brisbane Central SS

As part of an ongoing focus on literacy and numeracy the students at Brisbane Central State School are participating throughout Term 3 in a variety of activities that foster enhanced numeracy and literacy learning.

**Bebras Maths Challenge  7th-18th September**  
Bebras is a computational thinking challenge. Students participate on-line at school in a 45 or 60 minute team or individual challenge comprising of 15 questions at three levels of difficulty. Some classes and groups from Years 2-6 are participating.

**Year 2 Reading Rabbits**  
This term Year 2 launched their Reading Rabbits program. Reading Rabbits is a targeted guided reading session held in the Year 2 classrooms twice a week, 2:30-3:00pm, Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteers and school staff read with students in small groups. Year 2 love being Reading Rabbit Superstars.

**Year 6 at the Ashgrove Literature Festival**  
On Tuesday 25th August Year 6 attended the Ashgrove Literature Festival at Ashgrove State School. The students went on a fantasy treasure hunt bringing together team work, ICT use and a lot of fun. They were entertained by cartoonist and author Dave Hackett and taken through the journey of creating a fantasy quest novel by author Paul Collins. We thank Ashgrove State School for their generosity in inviting us free of charge and Federal Member for Brisbane, the Hon Teresa Gambaro MP for partly funding the bus.

**Year 1 Book Week Book Swap**  
During Book Week 1RF students donated “gently used” books to form a Year 1 book swap collection. On the last day the students selected books of their choice to take home. A great opportunity was created to exchange already enjoyed books for other exciting reading material. Happy reading Year 1!

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**  
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for students up to Year 9 that goes from May to August. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Year 1 have been doing lots of reading and have handed in their reading diaries.

**Appreciating poetry - Year 5 Ode**  
This term the Year 5 students have been listening to, reading and viewing a range of poems, songs, anthems and odes from different times. Year 5 wrote their own ode about Brisbane Central State School.

**Year 4A ‘Paragraph of the week’**  
As a homework challenge, Year 4A students have been writing sensational paragraphs based on a set topic with clear criteria that they are marked on. ‘Exceeds Expectation’ is awarded to well written paragraphs.

**Year 3/4** will be focusing on Numeracy. Our particular focus in numeracy is measurement. We are exploring standard and non-standard units to measure temperature, area, mass, capacity and perimeter.

**Year 3** will be looking at narratives including imaginative texts from different cultures. Our current text is Kumiko and the dragon by Briony Stewart. We are exploring the text structure, language choices and visual language features used to suit context, purpose and audience.

**PCYC – School Age Care at Brisbane Central State School**

Holidays are approaching fast! PCYC will be running vacation care again this September/October holidays. Our program is out, therefore please get in fast as places will be filling up quickly, especially excursion days. You can find our program at PCYC (located in the hall).

We look forward to lots of you attending!
Talia Collins  
Coordinator at Brisbane Central PCYC  
briscentralsac@pcyc.org.au
Music News: Senior Choir Event - Singfest

Singfest 2015 Massed Choral Event a Great Success!

Brisbane Central State School Senior Choir students represented their school admirably at the Singfest Massed Choral Event last week culminating in a fantastic concert last Wednesday night. I would like to congratulate them on their exemplary behaviour and focussed participation.

The school had many students participating for the first time and it was wonderful to witness the student’s enthusiasm and joy in performance.

The Massed Choir was conducted by renowned Choral Conductor Ms Anne Pook, and she ran an extensive workshop with the choir students throughout the day before the Concert. The students learned skills in musicianship, breathing, vocal range and presentation, while having great fun along the way.

I would like to thank Mrs Duncan and Mrs Cameron for all their assistance in getting our students ready and organised along with Mrs Morgan for coming along and supporting Choir at the concert. Especially I would like to thank all the music parents’ as events like this wouldn’t happen without your care and support.

Brisbane Central State School 140th Birthday Celebration.

Don’t forget that On Saturday 5th September, Brisbane Central State School will be holding a 140th Birthday Celebration. To help the school celebrate we will have several of our Senior Music Ensembles performing on the day - Senior Band, Senior Choir, Drama Club and the Ukulele Ensemble, along with the Junior Choir and Class presentations. Community arts groups and past students will also entertain so it should be a great day for all.

Hope to see everyone there as we celebrate this special occasion!

Yours in Music,

Julie West
Specialist Music Teacher/ Senior Choral Conductor- jwest269@eq.edu.au

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 was 1R with 96%

Our next meeting is Monday 16 September at 3:15pm in the community room.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! We’re giving you a chance to contribute some amazing new educational equipment to Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia. To participate, all you have to do is collect Earn & Learn stickers by shopping at Woolworths. The collection box and sticker sheets can be found outside the office. The Woolworths stores in the city (MacArthur Central, 259 Queen Street), Spring Hill and Kelvin Grove have boxes for you to place your stickers in. Look out for our School Logo.

Through our last program, we were able to give 14,500 Schools and Early Learning Centres access to a whole new range of educational equipment. Help us this year to continue to make a difference.

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.

P and C News: P and C Meeting on Wednesday 2 September at 6pm

Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 2 September starting at 6pm.

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

Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (along Water Street – F Block) and install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.

Contact us at pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

Social Media sites

Download the app
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Windows Phone

Become a fan
Follow us on twitter

Community News

Spring Hill Shed

Shoulder to Shoulder, the shed movement is growing!
Here’s your chance to get involved at ground level.
We’d like you to get involved and have your say.

Join Friends of Bedford Park and New Farm Rotary Club for a conversation about re-establishing the Spring Hill Shed in Bedford Park.

All welcome

Bedford Park
Sunday 30 August 11am-1pm
Free Sausage Sizzle

Contact Robert 0413 205 699
e: robert.or.collins@gmail.com
www.community.org.au
Science Fair

Book Week Dress Up parade

Junior Sport Days