



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

29 April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

Thank you to Ms Leesa-Maree Jedras who did a great job of running the school while I was on leave. Thank you to staff, students and parents for the warm welcome back I received.

I want to especially thank

* Mr Greg Walls and Mr Tony Ashcroft (grandparent) for the handball line markings that have been painted. It is great to see the students using them.

* Mr Dave Johnson for organising and running (with the help of our staff) the very successful Cross Country Carnival.

* Mrs Annette Somerville and Ms Jedras for organising the ANZAC Day observance ceremony last week.

School Improvement Agenda

For my first newsletter of the term, I want to remind you of our *School Improvement Agenda* (right) for this year.

Student Case Management in Reading to use data to differentiate for students. Teachers are working in collaborative teams to look at student work in Reading, focussing on the Big 6 of reading mentioned in a previous newsletter. The team will suggest effective teaching practices to implement to support student learning.

Action Learning projects to gain an understanding of effective teaching strategies in writing. Teachers used data collected from a school based writing task to find aspects of writing that needed to be worked on. Throughout the year, teachers will research, collaborate, plan and implement activities to improve students' learning in writing.

Talk partners within the classroom to support learners. We are continuing the work started last year, where students get opportunities to speak with a partner in lessons. This allows students to consider the question or statement posed by the teacher and have someone to speak to about this before one or two students are selected to answer the teacher's question.

Digital Literacies as a tool to engage learners. We are working on our understanding of how digital technology can assist with student learning. We are investigating the Digital Technologies curriculum for implementation in 2017.

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:

CALENDAR	
Upcoming Dates: please check the website for the latest events.	
Monday 2 May	Labour Day public holiday
10 – 12 May	Naplan
18 – 20 May	Year 5 and 6 Camp
Regular events	
Monday	CASH PAYMENTS are accepted at the office 7.00AM – 9.00AM ONLY Otherwise please make payment via BPoint. <i>Homework Club cancelled this week. Please do not send your child.</i>
Tuesday	<i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am</i> <i>Parent English Class Excursion</i> <i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i> <i>Chinese Classes: please contact brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com for more details</i>
Wednesday	<i>Senior Choir 8.15am in the music room</i> <i>Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall's room</i> <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>
Thursday	<i>Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm</i> <i>MK13 Soccer After School Program: www.mk13soccer.com for more details</i>
Friday	<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 lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com</i>

NAPLAN testing

Just a reminder re NAPLAN –the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy, will be held across the nation on May 10, 11 and 12 for students in Years 3 and 5 in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy.

Leading into the tests there are some things you can do at home to ensure your child is ready to do their best, such as:

- plenty of sleep
- healthy meals including plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables
- plenty of water and a water bottle at school to keep well hydrated during the tests
- keep family stresses and disruptions to a minimum during this time
- be organized and at school in plenty of time on the days of testing
- encourage and reassure your child so they go into the tests with a positive outlook and keen to have-a-go and do their best

At school we have been, and will continue to, prepare our students with everyday learning experiences.

The timetable for the 3 days of testing is as follows:

Tuesday May 10	Wednesday May 11	Thursday May 12
Language Conventions	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

For more information go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/>

Coding Counts

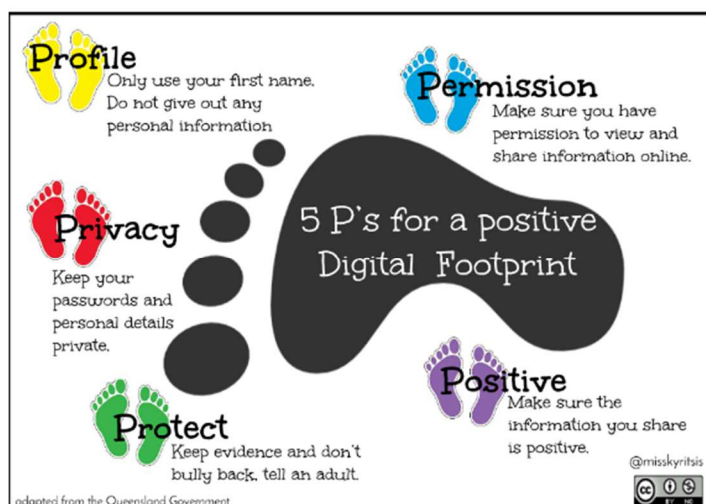
Technology is part of every workplace and home, so our students need to be able to create digital solutions. Coding is telling a computer what you want it to do through step-by-step commands. At Brisbane Central we use Bee Bots and the Scratch program to do this. It is lots of fun. To find out more go to:

<http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1214681/intro-to-scratch>

We use Scratch off line at school but it can be accessed online from any computer.

Cyber Safety

Discussing cyber safety with children is vital if they are to have safe and positive experiences online. Please be aware that Scratch has online sharing and chats, so please discuss these strategies with your child. For more cyber safety resources go to:



<http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/cybersafety/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf>

Remember to follow us on Twitter, https://twitter.com/Bris_Cent_SS, for links to educational resources and to find out what is happening within our school.

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

Book Creator on iPads – Year 4

We are inviting Year 4 students to be part of an after school Book Creator Computer Club. In these sessions the children will use sound, images and text in the Book Creator program on iPads to retell a story. This is a great opportunity for students who enjoy creative and analytical thinking challenges.

When: Thursdays, Term 2 Weeks 4-10, 5th May-16th June
3:15-4:15pm

Where: 4M F Block

The program aims to:

- develop design and problem solving skills
- develop creativity, collaboration and communication skills
- encourage students to make mistakes and develop their skills and abilities through effort and practice

The students will need to be collected by a parent or caregiver by 4:15pm directly from the classroom. If your child is booked into the Book Creator Computer Club and is not attending on a day can you please let the office know.

The numbers are limited to 12 students. If you would like your child to attend this program please fill in the form provided and return it to school as soon as possible. The students will be allocated to the program on a first in first served basis. You will be emailed to confirm your child's placement in the program.

Maureen Kelly
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

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**BOOK CREATOR COMPUTER CLUB
BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL
5TH MAY-16TH JUNE 2016**

Child's name	Year level	Class
_____	4	_____

At 4:15pm my child will be collected from the 4M classroom by:

€ the parent signed below

€ another adult _____

If your child is booked into the computer club and will not be attending on a day please send a note or let the office know.

Best phone contact for parent/carer for Thursday afternoons:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email contact: _____

Parent's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

ICAS TESTS

Thank you for the forms and payments made for the ICAS tests 2016. The first test date is for Science on 31st May. There are practice options on the EAA website: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation> These practice options include purchasing on-line practice tests and downloading a free sample test. The tests papers are labelled A-D for Years 3-6 with the Year 2 test paper labelled as Year 2 or Introductory depending on the subject area. The site does not provide a free sample test for Year 2 Science.

Please note that it is not expected that the children will practice at home before the test, however, this option is available to you.

Maureen Kelly
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

Homework Reading

Two important things to remember when listening to your child reading for homework:

- The goal of reading is to understand what is read
- The purpose of homework reading is best achieved when the child is reading a text that is well matched to their reading level, that is, when your child can easily read most of the words in the text and only falters on occasional words

This clip shows simple yet effective tips to get improved learning from the 'homework reading' your child does.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=korfvEQQb14>

1. Sit side-by-side with your child.
2. Don't 'tell' the words.
3. Move beyond 'sound it out'.
4. Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
5. Allow some mistakes to go uncorrected.
6. Allow the same book multiple times.
7. Keep reading to your child.

Speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about homework reading and the specific reading strategies that are important for your child to develop.

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach

PE News

The school cross country was held on Thursday 21 April 2016. What a bright colourful day full of courage and good cheer! The Rio carnival arrived early at Brisbane Central State School. All students displayed positive running and gave their very best. Let's celebrate our age and grade champions.

Senior age champions

8 yrs Yuri S Ryan L

9 yrs Nora J Antoine G

10 yrs Sienna H Theo S

11 yrs Mathilda L Harmin C

12 yrs Eleisha H Santiago B

Junior grade champions

Prep Kaede S Zachary K

Grade 1 Rohini G Clement C

Grade 2 Isabela T Ho H

Team points

Rogers-456 St Paul's-486

A big THANKS to students, staff, parents and community members for a very successful cross country carnival. Enjoy your sport!

Dave Johnson
PE Teacher



Bonjour Tout le Monde / Good'ay Everybody,

Our school has again been asked if our Students would like to perform at the Brisbane French Festival on Sunday 10 July (at about 10am), and our students, (Senior and Junior Choirs) are very happy to be asked yet again. Our students performed there beautifully two years ago. We were one of only two primary schools to do so.

As it is on the last week end of the June -July holidays, I know not everyone will be able to come, but if you and your child/children can be there, it is a fun way for the children to enjoy and participate in a bit of French Fun and Celebrations.

I have sent a letter home with your child, with a reply slip attached at the bottom. Please let me know for certain if you would like your child to participate or not. We need to know who can and who cannot be there on the day. If your child is not in the choir but would still like to participate, they can. We will be holding rehearsals on Fridays first lunch in the French Room after eating time, so that we can prepare our songs and moves starting next week Friday 6 May.

Parents and Caregivers will need to bring their child/children dressed in Blue , White and Red,and collect them at the end of the performance from me, near the front of the stage. If a different parent is to collect them after the performance from the one who dropped them off, please let me know and send me their details via email at: rmaro1@eq.edu.au. Or if you have any other questions you can contact me here.

Merci beaucoup / thank you very much, to all those students, (parents and staff) for your support in making this performance possible.

Madame Rosa Maroto

From the Support Teacher and EAL/D Coordinator

Vocabulary – Words for Life

Teachers at Brisbane Central State School have been working on ways to further enrich students' vocabulary in the classroom. We now know that vocabulary knowledge is important for success in reading and in broader academic achievement (Biemiller, 1999; NICHD, 2000; Scarborough, 2001 as cited in Konza, 2011).

Children who have had many stories read to them during their preschool years will have been exposed to a much broader and richer vocabulary than that contained in everyday conversations (Konza, 2011). Furthermore, bilingual learners with well-developed first language vocabulary and literacy skills are more likely to acquire their second language to higher levels (Dressler & Kamil, 2006; Genessee & Geva, 2006 as cited in Proctor et al).

Ways that you can help enrich your child's vocabulary -

- Read books with your child. When they come to a word that they don't know, provide a quick child-friendly definition (not a dictionary one as often the explanations are not very child friendly) and continue reading.
- When introducing your child to new words, try to focus on one or two words at a time.
- Select words that they are likely to use and come across in texts again.
- Use the new words in conversation with your child.
- Make word investigations enjoyable for your child. Learning about words in any language can be intriguing for children and the goal is to encourage them to become lifelong learners of vocabulary.

Konza, D. (2011). Research into Practice.

Proctor, C. P., August, D., Snow, C., & Barr, C. D. (2010). The interdependence continuum: A perspective on the nature of Spanish–English bilingual reading comprehension. *Bilingual Research Journal*, 33(1), 5-20.

Jo Gawne

Learning Support Teacher & EAL/D Coordinator

The Koala Joey Playgroup is coming to Brisbane Central SS!

Last week, my sidekick and I attended a wonderful two day workshop to learn how to deliver the “Koala Joey” program to Brisbane Central. This program is designed for under school age children and their carers. Gwen Rayner who ran the workshop, is the lady who wrote the program and all the materials that go with it. It has been her passion for the last thirteen years. I became interested in the Koala Joey method when I saw the potential for oral development to our under school age population. Gwen believes that oral interaction between mother and child is most fundamental for early childhood development. But the program is so much more than that!

This is a quote from the program:

“The Koala Joeys program is a fun, interactive, capacity building parenting education program to help parents develop an understanding of early literacy, early numeracy, emotional and social skills, gross and fine motor development and the importance of play and laughter for learning in the early years”.

Since the Koala Joey program has to be followed in a very particular manner, Maile and I have been practising the content with our prep EAL/D students and will be ready to face our audience on the 13th of May which is a Friday. We will be running it in the hall, starting at 9:00 am and ending at 10:00 am. All parents/carers and their under school age children (age does not matter) are welcome. As we are unsure about numbers, if you planning on coming along could you let Nicky or Maile know.

Nicky Paull

Chess News

Chess is made for fun. That’s what the book says.

One of our chess teachers Alexander Stahnke has written and illustrated a book to help families play chess. Alex is selling the book for \$20.00 and I think that it is worth it, as it looks great. If you would like to purchase the book you can come and see me before school or after school and I can arrange the purchase for you. I will have a copy of the book if you wish to have a look at it first.

Thank you
Maree Lewis

Active School Travel

Star Class Trophy

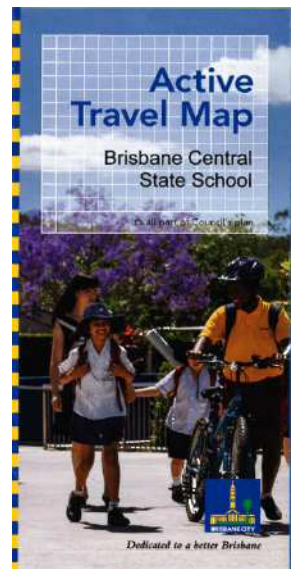
The following class has won the **Star Class Trophy**, for the highest percentage of students actively travelling to school each week.

Week 1 and 2 was 2W (90% and 89%)

The Brisbane City Council has created some Active Travel Maps. There are 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 families live and walk to school.

Our next meeting is Monday 9 May at 10.45 in Mrs Somerville’s room. Please come along if you are available.

To align with the Active School Travel awards run by the Brisbane City Council, in May the award will be going to the class the makes the largest increase in students actively travelling from the week before.



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Books for PNG and Fiji If you would like to donate books for this charity, please leave them in the boxes in the photocopy room underneath the library.

New Library Competition Children who borrow every week will go into the draw to choose a book from the Scholastic Bookclub at the end of each term. The book will have a name plate inside and be presented on parade. I encourage all children (and parents!) to remember to return their books each week so that they can borrow again and go into the competition. Remember you can borrow books during lunch or before and after school – we open at 8:30am and close at 3:15pm.

P and C News – contact us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

The next P & C meeting on Wednesday 4 May starting at 6.00pm in the French room. Everyone is welcome.

We need your help, just once.

We understand. You're busy, you work, you're a stay at home parent, and your schedule is full. We know what it is like to have children. You are time poor and it is inconvenient. You're not sure if you have anything to offer. Or, you're new to the school and you have not made connections with other parents or you're going to leave the school in a year. The success of our school is dependent upon the efforts of many. We want your child to have access to the best school possible. You want your child to utilise iPads and have upgraded library resources, improved eating areas and better sporting facilities. In order to achieve these goals we are asking parents to pledge to one fundraising activity a year. Each parent or guardian has a strength they can contribute to our school needs.

If every family can support just one fundraising activity we can fulfil the needs of our school.

There are many parents that support the school each day, or on a regular basis. This ongoing commitment is invaluable. To the parents that support our teachers with reading groups every morning, we thank you. You are not unnoticed -that smaller reading group made possible by your presence supports each child in the classroom. We are grateful to the mothers in the uniform shop that volunteer in order for our students to receive low-cost uniforms and a convenient place and time to buy the uniforms; thank you. To all of the parents or guardians that are involved in any capacity within the school, thank you from the students and teachers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Maximising Space at Brisbane Central

Many thanks to Les Ward for putting together a report on the carpark. To read this report go to: <https://db.tt/Ty3PcVuJ>

Uniform Shop News

The opening days and hours are: **Every Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON MAHTAB NOWROUZI

In this newsletter the P&C have put out a plea for parent volunteers to help at our school. Currently we have some parents who freely give of their time and energies to make our school run more smoothly.

One such volunteer is the lovely Mahtab Nowrouzki. Mahtab came to Australia from Iran a few years ago not knowing anyone. She asked around at the school to find out how she could be of assistance and ended up as the Uniform Shop co-ordinator. Mahtab has been selflessly running the shop for the last two years. The role is entirely voluntary and she gives an hour every Tuesday morning from 8:30 am to 9:00 am and every Friday from 3:00 to 3:30 pm.

Mahtab says that running the uniform shop created many opportunities for her to make friends and getting to know a lot of the parents. She says she has learnt so much about other countries and cultures. "It is a small thing I can do for the school and I feel good about that" she says.

It would be really helpful if Mahtab could have some help with this role. She would like another person to help run the shop. Even if one person can help on Tuesdays and a different one on Fridays. This one hour could be a really big help to both Mahtab and the school!

Thank-you Mahtab. You are an unsung hero of this school!

Nicky Paul



**Art Gallery Excursion on Tuesday
19th April**

Our trip to the Queensland Art Gallery last Tuesday was enjoyed by all. We were all delightfully entertained by the creative and colourful interactive activities designed by artists at the children's section of GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art). Following that wonderful surprise, we were treated to an excellent guided tour of the Queensland Art Gallery.

A special focus on the variety and talent represented in the Indigenous Art section, and early Australian art was appreciated by each of us.



We concluded the excursion with lunch by the river, enjoying each others' company and the tranquil, picturesque surrounds.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen
(Parent English Class Teachers)

Community News

FREE
Triple P Seminar

Positive parenting in a nutshell for parents of 0 – 12 year olds

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APRIL

The Power of Positive Parenting

For every parent who ever wondered: "Why does my child do that?" This seminar helps you understand the reasons kids do what they do, so you can guide their behaviour – and see more of the behaviour you like, and less of the behaviour you don't like.

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MAY

Raising Confident, Competent Children

You can help your child become confident and successful at school and beyond. Find out ways to encourage them to be respectful and considerate, communicate and get on well with others, feel good about themselves and become independent problem solvers.

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MAY

Raising Resilient Children


How can you help your child manage their emotions so they cope well with disappointment and in stressful situations? Get the strategies that will allow them to recognise positive and negative emotions – and deal with them in a healthy way.

Is this you?

Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't pick up his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Triple P seminar may be right for you. Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday concerns.

5 - 7 PM | LEVEL 2
170 LEICHHARDT ST
SPRING HILL ☎ 4004

CHILD CARE: Childcare is available onsite through Kids Academy for a nominal fee of \$5 per child. Bookings are essential.



MK13 Soccer After School Program

MK13 Soccer is again bringing its highly organised, unique, fun and exciting soccer program back to Brisbane Central State School.

Our eight week after school program will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.15-4.30pm on the school oval and will be delivered by our qualified and experienced MK13 coaches, each with FFA qualifications, Blue Cards and first aid certificates.

Every participant will receive a MK13 Ball and medal upon the programs completion.

Registrations can be made online at www.mk13soccer.com

Program Dates: (Thurs) April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th and 16th.

MK13 SOCCER Any skill level

Matty; 0411 502 271 Ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13

Info@mk13soccer.com **\$113 per participant**

Register

at www.triplep-parenting.net.au or call 0439 647 918 for more information.



Anzac Day Observance Ceremony

