Dear Parents/Carers,

**QParents is coming**

Brisbane Central State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents soon. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know by Friday 5 August. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department’s website
- Australian Government Department of Education website

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

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**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**

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**Regular events**

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| Monday   | CASH PAYMENTS are accepted at the office 7.00AM – 9.00AM ONLY Otherwise please make payment via BPoint.  
Homework Club run by Mrs Paull and Mrs Raulini 3pm to 4pm |
| Tuesday  | Uniform Shop is open: 8:15am – 8:45am  
Parent English Class 1pm to 2:30pm  
Assembly: 2:30pm  
Chinese Classes: please contact brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com for more details |
| Wednesday| Senior Choir 8.15am in the music room  
From week 3 Junior Choir 8am in Miss Wall’s room  
Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm |
| Thursday | Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm  
Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30  
MK13 Soccer After School Program: www.mk13soccer.com for more details |
| Friday   | School Banking Day  
Playgroup 9am - 10am in the hall.  
Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm  
Uniform Shop is open: 3:00pm – 3:30pm |
| Saturday | French Classes: please contact Les Petit Princes Les  
lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com |
#CodingCounts
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

ICAS ASSESSMENTS
On assembly we will congratulate the students who participated in the ICAS science assessments and distribute their reports. 1 High Distinction, 7 Distinction, 17 Credit, 2 Merit and 28 participation certificates were achieved by the students.

Maureen Kelly
Advanced Learner Program Coordinator

Parent English Class

Excursion to Brisbane Museum planned for Tuesday, 23rd August

We have been very pleased to welcome newcomers to the Parent English class each day this term. The class is planning a whole day excursion to the Brisbane Museum on Tuesday, 23rd August. Our excursion days give us the opportunity to use and extend our oral language skills the whole day.

There will be more details about our excursion in the next school newsletter.

Please keep this day free to join us - Tuesday, 23rd August.

Allison, Sandra & Colleen
(Parent English class teachers)

Social Media sites
Download the app
iTunes
Google Play
Windows Phone

Become a fan

Follow us on twitter
Our school photos will be taken on the **Wednesday 31st August 2016.**

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. **PLEASE NOTE:** Orders placed online **DO NOT** require an envelope to be handed in.

**Envelope Orders:** photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code- **V5E EHQ LM2.** This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

### Active School Travel

**Star Class Trophy**
The following classes have won the **Star Class Trophy.**

To align with the Active School Travel awards run by the Brisbane City Council, the award will be going to the class that has the highest percentage of students using public transport to get to school each Friday.

**The class with the highest percentage of public transport users was**  
**Week 2: 6S**

### 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.
BIENVENUE / WELCOME to Term 3 French.
We started the Term early, with 30 of our students performing at the Brisbane French Festival at South Bank on Sunday 10 July. Merci / Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who gave their time and came to sing and or supported our students singing 3 songs at the Festival. They did us proud! Our students were one of only two primary schools to perform at the Festival and it was great to see such a good number of our Preps and Years 1 to 5 students participate. Bien fait ! / Well done!
Our School Bastille Celebrations in Week 2 were also well supported. Merci / Thank you to all the students and parents who brought their forms in on time. We were able to order 252 pain au chocolat and because of the hot weather we had cold chocolat milk / lait au chocolat. The students had fun doing Le Tour de France à la Brisbane Central and playing pétanque. They have also been learning about the origin of Bastille Day and the French Revolution, and the main ideas that arose from that period of French history, Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité / Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, which are such important values to teach our children. Merci to Mme Rauluni, Mme Paul, and Mme Gilmore for your help on the day.

Merci / Thank you for your continued support
À la prochaine / Till next time
Madame Maroto
The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 3 August starting at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**Buy an Entertainment™ Membership and support our School!**
This is a fundraising initiative of the BCSS P&C with 20% of the proceeds from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell, contributing towards our School. The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise, so please tell your family and friends and share the link - www.entbook.com.au/22160s8
The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Memberships are packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use right away, valid up until 1 June 2017!
KGSC ENROLMENTS: Enrolments 2018 (Current Year 5 students)

Please be aware that applications for enrolments for 2018 will open on Monday 11th July, 2017. Expressions of Interest (EOI’s) can be found on the College web site. It is recommended that this is done sooner rather than later.

Queensland Academies is thrilled to be celebrating National Science Week with:
Free Workshop Event: SCALING GREAT HEIGHTS USING ENERGY (Years 4 – 6)
https://qa.eq.edu.au/young-scholars/workshop-registration/

Location: Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology Campus. 78 Bywong St, Toowong
Date: Monday August 15, 2016
Time: 3.45pm – 5.30pm
Cost: FREE. Places are limited.