Dear Parents/Carers,

School Opinion Survey
Thank you to the Parents/Caregivers that have had their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey. Today, Friday 31 July is the last day to do the survey. The Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home and there are some spares in the office. In late September, the results of the survey are given to the school and outline as a percentage the thoughts of staff, students and parents about various aspects of the school.

Every day counts and arriving on time to school
Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

We have noticed students that are arriving after our 9am start. Your child/children misses important information that sets the day up as well as key learning during the morning session. Please ensure that they are here for the 9am start. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

2014 School Annual Report
Each year every school needs to complete an annual report for the previous year. The 2014 report has been put on our website and outlines what occurred during the year as well as some key data collected by the department about the school.

140th Celebration: Saturday 5 September between 10am and 3pm
Remember to put aside Saturday 5 September to come along to the school. There will be food and entertainment available on the day.

Public holiday
Wednesday 12 August is a public holiday for schools in Brisbane. Please make a note of this day as students and staff do not attend school this day.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

CALENDAR

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From the Head of Curriculum

What do your children learn?
Teachers must teach the Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Technology and a Language Other Than English (French) are the Queensland Curriculum. For more information you can go to:
https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10.html
Each curriculum sets consistent high standards for what our students should learn as they progress through schooling. These standards include both knowledge and skills, including many higher order thinking skills.

How are your children assessed?
Teachers use a range of different quality assessment strategies and tools to gather evidence of student achievement with reference to the Australian Curriculum and the Achievement Standards. Based on the evidence, teachers make an on-balance judgement to assess student achievement in awarding a grade. When using the Achievement Standards, there is an expectation that each Standard is considered as a whole and not broken down into individual statements. For more information about this visit:

At Brisbane Central we have high expectations and we explicitly teach our students the knowledges and skills they need to succeed with this curriculum. These knowledges and skills are displayed in every classroom and are the focus of our teaching, the students learning, are used to provide feedback and to report back to parents.

Book Week
Book Week is celebrated from Aug 22 – Aug 28. The shortlisted books are on display in the library and our students are busily trying to guess the winner. You can see the shortlisted books here at: http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm
Brisbane Central students will participate in a dress up Book Week Parade on Tuesday August 25, during our normal parade time. You can come dressed as your favourite character from a book or use the theme Books Light Up Our World to inspire you. Get some ideas and check out the shortlisted books by going to http://members.ozemail.com.au/~irenelesley/public_html/2015%20shortlist.html

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

ICAS Assessments

Congratulations to our 53 students from Years 2 to 6 who sat the ICAS Science Test in June. Certificates and results have now been distributed.

We congratulate all our students for their effort and achievement in this assessment program. Students at Brisbane Central State School received:
High Distinction 2,
Distinction 6,
Credit 18,
Merit 2,
Participation 25.

Students sat the ICAS assessment in English this week. The ICAS Maths test takes place in the week starting Monday 10th August. Practice tests and preparation tips are available on line https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation
Music News

Singfest!
Just a reminder that on **Wednesday 19 August**, the Senior Choir from our school will be taking part in the Singfest Massed Choral Event.

The aims of this event are:
- To develop music literacy and an understanding of different musical styles
- To work with a different conductor and composer
- To sing with a large group of students from different schools
- To perform in a concert to help develop confidence and resilience

Activity details:
- Senior Choir students Years 4 to 7: workshop the repertoire in a massed choir of all the schools present Wednesday 19 August.
- Concert for all students: Doors open 5.00pm, Concert to commence 5.15pm Wednesday 19 August. Free Entry
- This is a low risk activity
- Students will be singing and performing
- The workshop and concert will be at The Old Museum, 460 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. 460 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Is, Queensland 4006
- The event will be staffed by Julie West, Ms Anne Pook (conductor) and by Tracey Young (Music Project Officer, EQ MRC), with the assistance of music teachers from other schools.
- Students will walk to the venue as a group supervised by Ms West and will need to be picked up from venue by their parents or a responsible adult after the concert.
- Dress code: Music Performance uniform.
- Students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch; choir music; named hat and named water bottle on the day they attend.
- Medical forms must be filled in when registering students.

Activity Costs:
- $10.00 per student
- No refund of monies paid if student is unable to attend.

If you wish for your child to participate in this exciting performance opportunity, please complete the consent forms that were given out last week and return all pages to the office.

If your child has not received this form or you need further information about the activity, please contact Julie West: [jwest269@eq.edu.au](mailto:jwest269@eq.edu.au) by 6 August 2015.

Julie West –
Classroom Music Specialist & Senior Choral Conductor
Life is a song – Sing it!

Debating Team

Debating Win!

This Thursday evening, Brisbane Central State School debaters walked away victorious, yet again, after winning the second round of the Junior Round Robin competition at Brisbane Grammar School. It was a tough debate against the St Ita’s affirmative team, who did a great job battling out their case. The topic, “**That we should ban bottled water**” was not an easy one, but our Year 6’s pulled through and managed to overtake the opposition by one point! **Well done team!**
The school senior Sports Day was held on Thursday 25 June at Newmarket State School. Congratulations to all students who participated in this great event. All students demonstrated positive team spirit and enhanced their athletic skills. Let's celebrate our age champions and our house awards.

- 8 yrs Girls: Eliza Y
- 8 yrs Boys: Felix T
- 9 yrs Girls: Ella W and Mathilde W
- 9 yrs Boys: Fahad A
- 10 yrs Girls: Mathilda L
- 10 yrs Boys: Harmin C
- 11 yrs Girls: Brielli S
- 11 yrs Boys: Benjamin T
- 12 yrs Girls: Reinna A
- 12 yrs Boys: Aiden M

The senior points, St Pauls-1103 and Rogers-1134. Thanks everyone for a successful and rewarding senior athletics season. A BIG thank you to Mr Darren Waugh for organising and running district training.

27 of our students will compete at the city district athletics on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July. All the very best, we are very proud of you all.

Our junior Sports Day will be held at Central on Thursday 20 August. Come and enjoy the fun, laughter and good cheer. Enjoy your sport!

Dave Johnson - PE Teacher

**Homework Club**

Commencing next Tuesday afternoon (4th August) at 3pm, Nicky Paull and Maille Raullini will trial a “Homework Club” for any interested EAL/D children. This club will be held at the Community Room and will run for an hour. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Please return this form to the office if your child is participating.

Homework Club

I give permission for my child ________________________ of class __________________ to participate in the homework club on Tuesdays starting 4 August at 3pm to 4pm in the community room.

I understand that I will need to pick up my child from the community lab at the end of the club.

Parent’s name: __________________________

Parent’s mobile phone number: __________________________

I will be attending the homework club with my child/children: __________________________

Parent’s signature: __________________________

**Parent English Class**

The Parent English Class has continued this term, and we are very pleased to welcome Helene from Canada, and Shambhavi from India to our group.

We continue to love working with our regular parents on aspects of formal and conversational English. Colleen and her ‘new to English’ students are thoroughly enjoying their learning together.

Please come along and join us for fun, interactive English learning.

Colleen, Sandra & Allison
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 store in the city as well as Spring Hill (MacArthur Central, 259 Queen Street and Turbot Street, Spring Hill), also has 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.

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 1 was 4A (86%) and week 2 3/4P (87%).

Our next meeting is Monday 3 August at 3:15pm in the community room.

French School – ‘Les Petits Princes’

The School opened its doors for the French School ‘Les Petits Princes’. There are 5 classes for children up to 12 years old and a class for adults. Lessons will be held every Saturday during the school term from 9.20am to 11.30am in F Block.

Feel free to go on to the website for more information: www.lespetitsprincesbrisbane.com

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to: lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com

P and C News: Working Bees on Sunday 2 August from 9 – 12.

The P and C will be holding another working bees on Sunday 2 August from 9 – 12.

Last weekend the willing helpers focused on tidying up the external garden along Rogers Street and work on the gardens.

On Sunday we will be cleaning up the external gardens along Rogers Street, tidying up and mulching gardens.

Please let us know at the email below if you are available to help.

For the day you will need:
- Gloves
- Tools such as hedging tool, clippers, a few shovels and a wheel barrow or two.
- Anyone with a trailer to take rubbish to the dump please let us know.
- Anyone who can donate BCC dump passes.

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

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

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.
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.

Social Media sites

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Community News

Other information
For clients who separated within the last six months, we recommend attending individual counselling — to book a session phone 1300 364 277

Here are what past participants said about this course:

“I came to the course thinking my relationship was not worth the effort, and now I think we have a bright future together.”

“This course opened up the pathway for my inner journey and growth since my separation — I loved it!”

Who is this course for?
For individuals who
• are partnered, single, or separated at least six months ago
• wish to establish or enrich a current or future relationships
• wish to explore intimate relationships that work well,
• wish to explore ways to process and learn from past loss

Venue
Relationships Australia
159 St Pauls Terrace
Spring Hill, QLD 4000
1300 364 277
generalenquiries@raq.org.au
www.raq.org.au
ABN 38110 01 755

Cost
$120 per person per course

Time:
6:00pm–8:30pm

Duration:
6 weekly consecutive sessions
Thursday evenings
Each session runs for
2 hours 30 minutes

Dates:
5 August 2015
9 September 2015

This course runs twice per year. For 2016 dates please check the website later in the year.

What can I expect?
This course is run by two experienced facilitators, who create a safe, supportive learning environment, with respect for confidentiality and personal boundaries. It involves group interactions and discussions. There will be opportunities for participants to share their ideas and experiences and to learn from each other as well as practicing the new skills they learn during the course.

What will the course cover?
• Languages of Love
• Balancing Self-Esteem, Self-Acceptance, and Intimacy
• Key Skills for Open, Assertive, and Clear Communication
• Acknowledging, Respecting and Managing Differences
• Guidelines for Managing Conflict
• Research into Relationships that Work