Dear Parents/Carers,

**End of year Concert**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the concert last night. Our talented students made the concert a great success. Thank you especially to Mrs West for organising the event and the teachers for their practice of their items. There were a number of parent volunteers that helped set up, worked on the evening and packed away at the end. I appreciate the help that they gave to us.

**Thank you**

I want to thank the hard working staff of Brisbane Central State School for another successful year. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed staff.

I want to acknowledge the support and help that the parents have given us throughout the year, it is appreciated and we are holding a volunteers morning tea on Wednesday, 9 December from 9am in the community room.

Some of our staff members are leaving us at the end of the year and we wish them success for the next part of their career.

Kayleen Morgan (5M) moving to McDowell SS
Caitlin Ashcroft (4A) moving to Morenbah SS
Alina Pugliese (3/4P) moving to Milton SS
Ms Julie West (Music Teacher) moving to Eaton Hills & Graceville SS

I want to thank the Teacher Aides whose contracts have finished at the end of this term Carenza Little and Lyn Pinkus for the assistance that they have given us throughout the year.

**2016 school year: official start day is Wednesday 27 January.**
The 2016 school year will start on Wednesday 27 January.

Please let us know if:
- You are leaving the school and will not be returning,
- You are coming back to our school after 27 January 2016.

You can send us these details by:
Emailing admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au, by letter or completing the form at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the office. We appreciate your help by keeping us up-to-date of your intentions for 2016.

**School Watch**

Over the holidays please keep watch of our school. Remember if you see something suspicious, please call the local police or School Watch on 13 17 88.

See you again in 2016.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

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**CALENDAR**

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Report Cards

Semester 2, 2015 reports will be emailed to parents prior to Wednesday, December 9 at 2pm.

Please add OneSchool.application@det.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report is added to your inbox. If you cannot see the report card in your inbox please check your junk or spam folders.

If you have any problems receiving your child's report card please email me and let me know as soon as possible.

Enjoy the festive season and best wishes for 2016,
Leesa-Maree Jedras
ljedr1@eq.edu.au

Year 6 Kidpreneur

Thank you thank you thank you thank you

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who supported and purchased the Year 6 Kidpreneur businesses items and for all your encouragement. Thank you to Miss Wall and Ms Rauluni who organised our back up "icecream" business at lunch which has helped immensely. Heart Foundation, Givit Kids, Salvation Army, Mater Little Miracles and Cancer Council will all benefit from our Market Day. Today we handed a profit of $738.40 which will be sent to the above charities.

Mrs Somerville

PE/Sport News

The Splashtastic event of the sports year took place on Thursday 19 November. It was time to replace the joggers for the goggles and dive into our swimming carnivals. All the students had a great time cooling off in the pool. A big thank you to Kedron State School, our students, staff and parents. Let's celebrate our age champions and house winners.

8 yr boy - Felix T
9 yr boy - Sam A
9 yr girl - Janet S
10 yr boy - Isiah M
10 yr girl - Mathilda L
11 yr boy - Sam B
11 yr girl - Ellie B
12 yr girl - Emily H

St Paul's – 836 Rogers – 901

Thanks everyone for a positive year in sport. I hope you enjoy the festive season with family and friends.

Dave Johnson-PE Teacher
**Music News**

**Wow, Wow, Wow!**

What a fantastic Christmas Concert Thursday night! Congratulations to all involved in making the evening so special. Thank you to all teachers that worked so hard to make their class items shine, it was much appreciated.

I am particularly proud of the students’ dedication, participation and confident performance in all extra-curricular ensembles. Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Ukulele Ensemble and Drama Club members all did us proud. Congratulations!

I want to particularly thank Lara and Divyang for their grand job hosting the night and all the Year 6 students for helping with the set up.

A special thank you to Mr Rickuss, Ms Wall, Mrs McLeod and Mrs Kelly for all their creative contributions in organisation and the running of the proceedings. Your support helped make the concert such a success.

As I am leaving Brisbane Central State School this year I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in this community for contributing to one of the most rewarding Music teaching experiences in my career. I hope that your sense of community along with your enthusiasm and passion for Music and the Arts continue for many years to come.

Yours Always in Music,

Julie West

Classroom Music Specialist and Senior Choir Conductor

**Thank you to our school community.**

What a big year it has been for our B.C.S.S. school community! Late last year some parents formed a committee to talk about how we could make our school become more community orientated. The parents decided that since our school is so multi-cultural we needed to incorporate and value these other cultures.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again to thank the wonderful parents out there who made the planned cultural events of the school so successful. Harmony Week was a huge hit with both the teachers and students. Parents had gone to so much effort to go into the various classrooms and share information about their homelands.

The Chinese community did a stellar job both feeding the school and raising money on Dumpling day. Likewise, a number of our European mums banded together to cook hundreds of pancakes for ‘jour des crepes’ – raising cash for the French Department. We even had a lone mum Khosheen talk to our students about Ramadan at one of our assemblies. Then the Indian community who helped us all celebrate Diwali and learn something about this important festival!

In 2015 we have also strived to make BCSS have more of a Community vibe, where parents of all nationalities feel welcome and at home. Between our Playgroup, our Parent English classes, our Science Fest, the 140 year Celebration and our Christmas Concert, I hope you felt that way too.

Next year, as we did this year, there will be a welcome morning tea for any new or old parent which we will have the first day back. We also intend having a casual get together at Roma St a few weeks into the New Year so that parents can come along and socialize informally.

We have such a wonderful school community here!

Kind regards,

Nicky Paull.
Christmas Lunch for Parent English Class.

We are hoping all our regular Parent English Class members and those who have attended some, or even one class this year will join us for a Christmas Lunch to mark the end of our 2015 Parent English Class at BCSS. Please note, that the time and place for our usual English class will be different on Tuesday, 8th December. Lunch will be served in the School Hall from 11:30am - 1:30pm. We will be finished our celebration early so that you can stay on to enjoy the last School Assembly for 2015.

Please bring a small portion or plate of some delicious food of your choice to add to our Christmas treats.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you each Tuesday afternoon, and hope we have been helpful in enabling you to better understand and use our language. We hope to see you again in Parent English Class next year. Watch out for information in the School Newsletter about the 2016 English Class.

Christmas and holiday wishes to you and your families.
Sandra, Allison & Colleen.

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 7 with the largest improvement of students actively travelling from the week before was 1R.
Week 8 with the largest improvement of students actively travelling from the week before was 3Z.

Our next meeting early in 2016.

P and C News

Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 2 December starting at 6pm in The Community Room.

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@brisbanecntralss.eq.edu.au

Our Fundraising Goals for 2015

ACHIEVED!

Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (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@brisbanecntralss.eq.edu.au or 0423 787 333 if you require more information.

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
The BCSS Uniform Shop is asking for volunteers who are able to help Ria and Mahtab with the Uniform Shop for 2016. We will need your ongoing commitment to assist with the running of the uniform shop during normal opening hours as well as for the busy periods. The normal opening days and hours for 2016 will be:
Every Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 am
Every Friday 3.15 - 3.45 pm

20 January 2016: 9 - 12
We need 4-6 volunteers to help on Wednesday 20 January 2016 from 9am to 12pm. The Uniform Shop will be open on this day during the school holidays for Back-to-School and new enrolment purchases.

Uniform Update
The Uniform Shop is pleased to announce that there are some slight changes but big improvements coming soon to some of the uniform clothing. The black polo shirts and gold polo shirts will have “Brisbane Central” included in the collar detail and made from a “cotton back” fabric; the shorts will have a zipped pocket; and the shorts (culottes) will include the BCSS logo and made from a breathable and flexible fabric – please see photos (on the following page)
There are no changes to the checked school dress. The current polos, shorts and culottes will all still remain part of the official BCSS uniform but we will see a transition period as the newer uniform items are worn by students, especially for new enrolments in 2016.
The new items will be in stock at the Uniform Shop in early December. Please see the Uniform Shop staff if you have any questions.

BPOINT
BPOINT as the new preferred Payment Method for Brisbane Central State School

Dear Parents,

BPOINT is the preferred method of payment for all student invoices at Queensland state schools. To allow parents to access this option easily we will be sending all our invoices via email in the future. On the bottom of each invoice that you will receive via email, the BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment (very similar to internet banking that many of you currently utilise). You can use a credit or bank debit card to make a payment. You do not need to register for BPOINT, you simply visit the link detailed below and enter CRN (customer reference number), invoice number, student name and exact amount of individual invoice
(PLEASE DO NOT PAY MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL INVOICE AT A TIME). If you do not know your CRN please contact the school office for this information but the CRN will appear on the invoice.

BPOINT will issue you with a payment confirmation that you can email to yourself after making the payment or you can print or take a screen shot, for your records or if the payment is required for your child to attend an activity you can forward to the school immediately as proof of payment. If you would like an official OneSchool receipt you may need to visit the school and request for it to be printed. The school will no longer manually receipt through their OneSchool system for this payment method (BPOINT automatically talks to the school’s accounting system).

Payments will process overnight and will appear in the school’s bank account within 24 hours of making a payment. The school will receive a daily report detailing those who have made a payment. You may still pay by cheque or cash if you wish on a Monday only, but the Department of Education and Training is promoting BPOINT as preferred payment method from now on. If you choose to pay via the traditional payment methods, the school will issue you with a One School receipt from the office, but either way we can see from our end who has outstanding invoices and who does not.


***PLEASE CHECK INVOICE AMOUNT CAREFULLY AND PAY DOLLAR AND CENT VALUE ACCURATELY, THANK YOU.

Please return this form to the office if you are leaving or returning late in 2016

My child/ren’s name: ________________________________

☐ Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2016
   Name of school they will be attending: ________________________________

☐ Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 27 2016
   (if more than 10 school days are to be missed, please request an Application form from the office)
   Date of return to BCSS _________________________

Reason for late return ________________________________

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Community News

KIDS DO MUSIC
School Holidays - January
Fridays - Jan 8, 15, 22
10am – 12pm @Hands On Art
150 Enoggera Tce, Paddington

$10 per session
Like music? Wanna be creative? Make up songs? Wanna have fun?
• * NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY *
For Bookings: Tom Smith (Whoopee-Do Crew)
0411 836 469
or Hands On Art 3876 5077
website: whoopee-do-crew.com

PLAY SOFTBALL OVER SUMMER & HAVE FUN

Want to keep fit and active and play sport over the summer months, meet new friends and have fun? Wilston Grange Softball Club is still recruiting junior players for the remainder of the summer season (half season remaining ie fees halved). We are all about enjoying ourselves. We are looking for players for our under 13 mixed team, under 15 girls’ team and under 15 boys’ team. We play Saturday mornings at Downey Park, Windsor. The season commenced in October and runs through to March next year with a four week break over Christmas. We train Wednesdays at Keith Beavis Oval, Windsor Park, Blackmore Street, Windsor between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. You are welcome to come down and have a “no obligation” try out at one of our training sessions on any Wednesday, meet our family friendly committee and some of your potential teammates and see if softball is for you; we cater for all abilities. Everyone is important and receives the coaching and encouragement they deserve.

For more information please contact Julie-ann Williams, Club President, by email wgsc74@gmail.com or mobile 0419 604 001.