Dear Parents/Carers,

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to everyone that participated in the school opinion survey this year. We received some good feedback about our practices. I have outlined some of the highlights, this list is not exhaustive.

100% of Parents agree:
* Teachers at the school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work.
* I can talk to my child’s teachers about my concerns.
* My child’s English skills are being developed at this school.
* Teachers at this school are interested in my child’s wellbeing.
* Staff at this school are approachable.
* This school encourages me to participate in school activities.

Largest improvements from 2015 for parents are:
14% increase: The school encourages me to take an active role in my child’s education.
12% increase: The School provides useful information online.
10% increase: I understand how my child is assessed at this school.

100% of Students agree:
* My teachers encourage me to do my best.
* This is a good school.

100% of Staff agree:
* I enjoy working at this school.
* Students are encouraged to do their best.
* The school looks for ways to improve.
* I feel that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected at this school.
* I have access to quality professional development.
* I have the required skills to use the necessary ICTs to do my job at this school.
* I would recommend this school to others.
* This is a good school.
* Overall, I feel that working at this school is rewarding.

There are some areas that we need to improve and the staff discussed these during the student free day last week.

Booklists for Year 1 – 6 students

Booklists for Year 1 – 6 will be sent out next week. Parents are welcome to start ordering by going to www.campion.com.au, clicking on Order Now and following the prompts. You will need the school code as shown on the front of the booklists to proceed. Please ensure you order before the deadline to avoid delivery charges for late orders.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
How do we teach? How does your child learn?

Our pedagogical framework explains how we teach your child. Every five weeks class teachers meet with me to plan English and Maths units. We look at the Australian Curriculum and plan how we can best teach this work. Our core questions, which drive our pedagogical framework, are:

What do our students already know?
What do they need to learn?
How do we teach this?
How will students demonstrate their learning?
How will we know how well our students have learned?
Where to next?
How will we provide feedback?

For further information visit our website at:
https://brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Pages/Pedagogical%20Framework.pdf

Report Cards
Semester 2, 2016 reports will be emailed to parents on Wednesday, Dec 7 by 2pm. To receive your child's report card please:

- make sure we have your correct email address
- add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report is added to your inbox

Happy learning,
Leesa-Maree Jedras
ljedr1@eq.edu.au
From the Literacy Coach

Literary Competition Awards
We congratulate two students on their recent achievements in literary competitions. Mathilda, Year 6, achieved a highly commended in the Short Story section in the 2016 IEUA-QNT Literary Competition for her moving story entitled Rain. Sahil, Year 2, achieved a third place in the 2016 Ipswich Poetry Feast for his poem, Playing. Mathilda and Sahil and both their families had the honour of attending the awards ceremonies recently. Congratulations to Mathilda and Sahil.

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach

Speaking Competitions
Brisbane Central State School will be running two speaking competitions in the coming weeks. There will be a public speaking competition open to students in Years 3 – 6. The speech topic is ‘Don’t forget to play’ and is a 2 minute prepared speech. A poetry recital competition is open to students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. The students choose an appropriate poem to recite.

- Voluntary – Students choose to take part.
- Prepared at home
- Students are judged against speaking criteria and are awarded a gold, silver, bronze or participation award.
- Year 3-6 will be judged 14th-17th November. Prep – Year 2 will be judged 21st-24th November.
- Entry forms have been given out to interested students. More forms can be obtained from the school office.
- Entry forms are due to the office by Thursday 10th November

Universal Children’s Day
The United Nations’ (UN) Universal Children’s Day, is celebrated in November each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. UNICEF promotes and coordinates this special day, which also works towards improving children’s welfare.

On Friday 18th November, Brisbane Central State School will be celebrating Universal Children’s Day. We will be running some special activities for children on this day. All students are encouraged to come to school in a national costume of their choice and bring a gold coin donation to go towards UNICEF.

Brisbane Central State School will also be running a public speaking competition to coincide with Universal Children’s Day.

Junior Choir
We are excited to announce that the BCSS Junior choir will be performing on Parade on Tuesday, 8 November. We encourage parents and our school community to visit parade at 2.30pm, to support our little vocalists!

Junior Choir rehearsals will continue to be held every Wednesday from Week 5 onwards. Rehearsals commence at 8am sharp.

Parent English Class
The next Parent English Class excursion will be on TUESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER to New Farm Park. We will meet outside the School Office at 10:15am to then walk to the Riverside Citycat stop.

The Citycat will take us to New Farm Park where we will explore and enjoy the park and its surrounds. We invite you to join us next Tuesday for a time of friendship and using our English speaking skills.

Details for our excursion are:
Excursion Date: Tuesday, 8th November
Meeting Time: 10:15am outside the school office
What to bring: GO CARD (Very Important for travel on the Citycat)
Water, Lunch, Hat, Umbrella, good walking shoes, sunscreen
Return to School: Approx. 2:30pm
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.

ROAD SAFETY for BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Using the drop off/pick up zone (pictured below)
Entry via Rogers Street from Water Street.
Do not create congestion by parking and leaving your vehicle in this area.

Please note that the yellow lines on the road near the curb mean "No Standing." This means you cannot even STOP your vehicle and wait for your child.

Failure to follow the road signage could result in fines from the Council’s enforcement officers or Queensland Police.

Social Media sites

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Thank you to everyone for a very productive and successful year. The P and C with your help raised funds to air-condition the hall. Now all learning spaces in the school are air-conditioned thanks to your help.

Remember that we are having a strategic planning morning on Saturday 12 November from 8 – 11 in the library. You are able to park around the hall, the gates will be opened. Please let us know if you are able to come. Please email us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au.

**The uniform shop will be opened on Tuesday 17 January 9am – 11am.**

### Community News

#### 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 website. It is recommended that this is done sooner rather than later.

#### Premier’s Reading Challenge & Competition for a chance to win $1000 for our school

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 1 readers who recently completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016. From May to August the Year 1 students rose to the challenge and kept on reading. They will be rewarded next term with signed certificates from the Premier. The challenge has been an opportunity for the students to improve their reading and continue to develop their love of reading.

All students and parents can enter a [TUH Health Fund](https://www.tuh.com.au) competition for their chance to win $1,000 for the school as well as $50 prizes for individual students! The competition is run in line with the Premier’s Reading Challenge but the student does not need to have completed the challenge to take part in the competition. The competition closes on 25th November.

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**Please return this form to the office if you are leaving at the end of 2016 or returning late in 2017**

- My child/ren’s name: ________________________________
  - Will not be returning to Brisbane Central State School in 2017
    - Name of school they will be attending: ________________________________
  - Will be returning to Brisbane Central State School after January 23 2017
    - Date of return to BCSS ________________________________
- Reason for late return: ________________________________
School Captains’ Leadership Project Presentation
(Buddy Benches)