FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Swimming Carnival: Thursday 19 November at Kedron State School**

On Thursday 19 November our swimming carnival for students from years 1 to 6 will be held at Kedron State School. Their pool is situated on Ninth Avenue, Kedron.

Students will be travelling by buses to and from Kedron. Year 1 and 2 will depart at 9.10, students in years 3 – 6 at 11.00. Students have paid for this as part of the term swimming cost.

Parents will need to find their own way to and from Kedron State School. There is on street parking around the school.

There is covered seating at the pool and we encourage students to wear sunsafe shirts and use sunscreen for the day.

**Diwali**

Next Friday we will be doing some activities around the Indian celebration know as Diwali. In the spirit of the occasion we are encouraging everyone to dress in colourful clothing for the day. The students will participate in activities and learn about the celebration.

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

We have been notified by the Department of Education and Training that the 2016 school year will officially start on Wednesday 27 January.

The teachers and I are starting to consider class groupings for 2016. 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@brisbanecentraless.eq.edu.au, by letter or completing the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office.

We appreciate your help by informing us of your intentions for 2016.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss

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**CALENDAR**

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Our Pedagogical Framework

The five stages shown here form the basis of every teacher’s professional practice. At its centre are the students. Each stage links to and supports the others. No one part exists in isolation.

There is no fixed starting point — most teachers begin by considering the mandated curriculum while taking into account what students already know and the best teaching strategies to support learning.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers make decisions about how best to sequence teaching and learning based on feedback about: What do my students already know? What do my students need to learn? How do I teach it? and How will I provide feedback?

Teachers at Brisbane Central use a range of teaching strategies including:

- using success criteria to guide teaching and learning and to provide feedback
- using WALTs (We Are Learning To) and WILFs (What I am Looking For) to explicitly structure and guide learning
- targeted and scaffolded instruction
- using data to inform teaching
- the strategic use of resources and learning tools to support student engagement and learning

Coding Club

12 year four to six students have spent the last four weeks creating their own animations using Scratch. Scratch is a free download where you can program your own interactive stories, games and animations. Find out more about Scratch at https://scratch.mit.edu/about/

Next week 14, year one to three students will start creating their own animations with assistance from our year 5 coding tutors. Many thanks to Heidi Wilson, who is running this program as part of the CSIRO ICT in Schools program.

Report Cards

Semester 2, 2015 reports will be emailed to parents by Wednesday, December 9 at 2pm. Many thanks to the parents who have provided me with their updated email addresses last term. If you have changed your email address please advise me ASAP.

Please add OneSchool.application@dete.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. Your child’s report will be sent to you on the last day of term.

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

LE JOURNAL FRANÇAIS/ THE FRENCH NEWS

Chers Parents / Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to congratulate all students who took part in our Soirée de Théâtre Français, they were all fantastique /fantastic, and made me very proud.

Merci/ thank you to the presenters, actors and to the singers, dancers and prop handlers who came on the night, as well as to the staff members and families who replied and came to watch them perform. We had over 200 people in our audience.

I would also like to thank our understudies for all their hard work and rehearsals. Thank you for being prepared to step in, just in case. I would also like to say a special merci to the students who gave up many of their lunch hours for over a month to help me with the painting of the backdrops.

Merci to the parents who volunteered and helped in the canteen and to Madame Morgan for baking her delicious brownies. We raised around $250 dollars for the P&C, and $190 from the gold coin donations for the French Department. Merci! Merci! Merci! And last but not least merci to Mike and Shirley. Thank you all for your support and help in making this Soirée possible.

À la prochaine
Madame Maroto
CSTD Dance Extravaganza 2015

Last Friday evening we had a number of students participate in the Dance Extravaganza at QPAC.

Our Stars included: Sidney, Morgan, Ella, Ellie, Estelle and Emily.

We commend these students for the hard work and effort that they put into the preparation and participating in this event. Well done.

Parent English Class

Our happy photos of the Parent English Class (13 adults and 5 children) certainly demonstrate that we had a wonderful day at Shorncliffe on Tuesday. We enjoyed the sights of Shorncliffe, the cool sea breeze and admired many beautiful Queenslander homes. Our train ride, the first for some of the children, proved to be a fun adventure for them. Our parent group agreed that Shorncliffe, with its unique children’s playground, picnic facilities and brilliant foreshore walking and cycling tracks would be a great place to revisit with their families on weekends or during holidays.

Allison, Sandra and 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 3 and week 4 was **4A with 100%**

Our next meeting is **Monday 9 November** at 3.15pm in the community room.

The Brisbane City Council has created some Active Travel Maps that were given to the students recently. There are more 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 family live and walk to school.

**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

**Our Fundraising Goals for 2015**

**ACHIEVED!** Air condition the classrooms in the lower school (F Block) and install another courtyard water fountain/bubbler.

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

**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.

**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 skorts (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.

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

   Date of return to BCSS _________________________

   Reason for late return ____________________________________________________________

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