



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

7 October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are pleased to have Mrs McKean back from her overseas adventures. We welcome Miss Walmsley here to do her internship with Mr Stock and 2S until the end of Week 4.

Hall Air-Conditioning

Thank you to the P&C Association for their fundraising that has enabled air-conditioning to be installed in the school hall during the school holidays. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts of the P&C throughout the year to help in achieving this goal.

Attendance at school

It is important that students are at school to start at 9am. The Department has updated the Education Act, specifically the policy for Managing Student Absences. To keep in line with these requirements we are introducing a new process to monitor student absences. This includes:

1. Teachers to mark the roll at 9am. Students that arrive after the bell will need to come to the office to get a late slip.
2. The admin team will begin to ring the parents of students with unexplained absences from 9:30am.

If your child is going to be away please contact the school by email, phone or using the QParent app.

School Improvement Agenda

I want to remind you of our *School Improvement Agenda*.

Student Case Management in Reading to use data to differentiate for students. Teachers are working in collaborative teams to look at student work in reading. The team will suggest effective teaching practices to implement to support student learning.

Action Learning projects to gain an understanding of effective teaching strategies in writing. Teachers are researching, collaborating, planning and implementing activities to improve students' learning in writing.

Talk partners within the classroom to support learners. Students are given opportunities to speak with a partner in lessons. This allows them to orally research answers before the teacher requests an answer.

Digital Literacies as a tool to engage learners. We are working on our understanding of how digital technology can assist with student learning and investigating the Digital Technologies curriculum.

Just a reminder that Monday 17 October is a student free day.

Regards,

Graham Rickuss

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	
Upcoming Dates	
12 October	P and C Meeting starting at 5:45-7:15pm
13 October	Student Council F Block disco 6 – 8 pm
17 October	Student Free Day
18 October	Year 2S & 2W excursion
19 October	Prep Information Evening 6pm – 7pm
Regular events	
Monday	CASH PAYMENTS are accepted at the office 7.00AM – 9.00AM ONLY Otherwise please make payment via BPoint. <i>Homework Club run by Mrs Paull and Mrs Raulini 3pm to 4pm</i>
Tuesday	<i>Uniform Shop is open: 8:30am to 9:00am</i> <i>Parent English Class 1pm to 2.30pm</i> <i>Assembly: 2:30pm</i> <i>Chinese Classes: please contact brisbanechinese.edu@gmail.com for more details</i>
Wednesday	<i>Senior Choir 8.15am</i> <i>Junior Choir 8am</i> <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i>
Thursday	<i>Chess Club: 7:45am – 8.30pm</i> <i>Debating Club 11:00 – 11:30am</i> <i>AfterSchool Reading Club 3 – 4pm</i> <i>Creative Spaces 3 – 4:15pm</i>
Friday	School Banking Day Active School Travel Day <i>Playgroup 9am - 10am in the hall.</i> <i>Play and Stay: 3pm – 4pm</i> <i>Uniform Shop is open: 3:00pm – 3:30pm</i>
Saturday	<i>French Classes: please contact Les Petit Princes Les</i> lespetitsprinces.association@gmail.com

Digital Technologies

Our world is changing more rapidly than at any other time in history with the influence of technology spreading to touch every aspect of our lives. Our students are ready to engage in this exciting future and we are preparing them for this through coding, creating multimodal texts and online learning communities. Find out more about this at

<http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/Pages/Downloads.aspx>

Want to work on coding with your child? Go to

<https://studio.code.org/s/course2> or

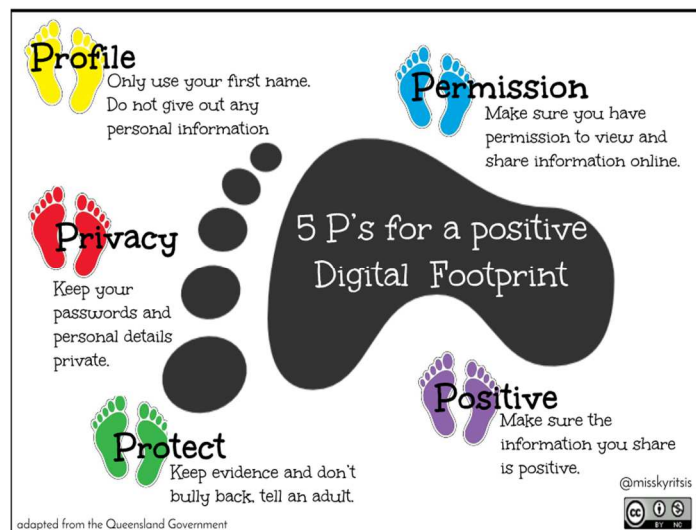
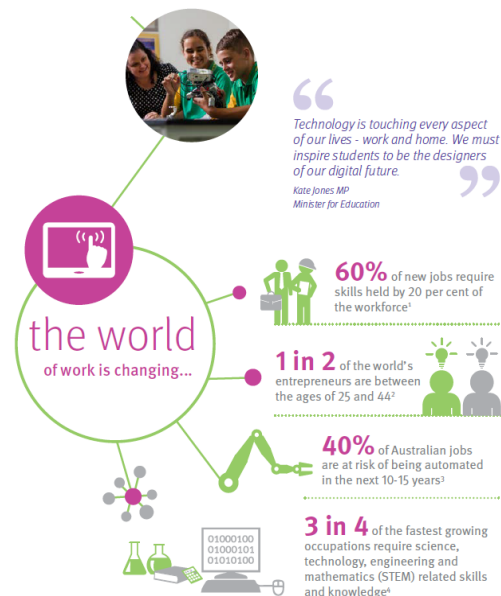
<https://blockly-games.appspot.com/>

These are beginners' courses, designed for students in Years 2 – 3, where children can create programs to solve problems and develop interactive games and stories. For more experienced coders, try Scratch programming at <https://scratch.mit.edu/> Please remember that Scratch has online learning communities, so it is important to discuss cyber safety with your child.

Cyber Safety

Discussing cyber safety with children is vital if they are to have safe and positive experiences online. At Brisbane Central, we encourage all students to leave a positive digital footprint. Please help us by discussing these strategies with your child at home.

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

Student Council "F Block Disco"

Brisbane Central students from **Year 3-6** are invited to attend a disco held downstairs in F Block from **6pm -8pm on Thursday 13th October**.

Admission is **\$5** which includes a lucky door ticket.

Drinks and sweets will be on sale. Funds will go towards the Year 6 Graduation.

Students are asked to come as something beginning with the **letter F** e.g fairy, firefighter, fashion designer, frog, fitness instructor, footballer, French.

The disco will be fully supervised so there is no need for adults to attend but **students must be dropped off and picked up by an adult**.

From the Literacy Coach

Congratulations to the Bee Readers Reward Winners

Congratulations to the winners in the Term 3 Bee Readers Rewards Program: Prep M - Aliyah, Prep W - Bridget, 1F - Chantel, 1R - Ayanna, 2S - Chloe, 2W - Niveditha, 3H - Helena N, 3Z - Ella, 4M - Ellanah, 4/5M - Eva, 4/5Y - Jenna and 6S - Raquel. We congratulate all the students who have been reading at home and learning to love reading as well as learning to read.

Maureen Kelly
Literacy Coach

From the Advanced Learners Program Manager

Bebras Computational Thinking

Students from Years 3-5 stretched their thinking recently by participating in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. The students had the opportunity to develop their thinking by doing some past challenge tasks. They completed the 2016 challenge on-line in a 45 or 60 minute session and in a later session they reviewed their results and discussed strategies for solving the problems. The challenge promotes computational thinking amongst students and is aligned with the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. More information is available on the website www.bebas.edu.au

Day for Daniel Friday 28th October

Brisbane Central State School will be participating in The Day for Daniel on Friday 28th October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. We are encouraging the school community to wear an item of red clothing, perhaps a red shirt on the day.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- to raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children
- to educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to 'Recognise, React and Report'
- to provide FREE safety and educational material
- to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe
- to have over 1 million people Australia wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

For more information visit <http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/> and please remember send your child to school wearing an item of red clothing on Friday 28th October.



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 users to get to school each Friday.

The class with the highest percentage of public transport users was

Week 9: 2S

Week 10: 2S



Parent English Class

We have started the term with stories of our recent holidays. The term ahead looks busy with plans for 2 excursions.

Our first excursion will be on **Tuesday, 25th October** to a free **City Hall Concert** and a tour of the **Brisbane Museum**. The second excursion is planned for **Tuesday, 8th November** when we will visit the beautiful **New Farm Park**. Our **last Parent English Class** for the year will be on Tuesday, **29th November**. There will be more details for these special events closer to their date.

Once again, we invite you to join us on **Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the French Room in "F" Block** for our Parent English classes.

Sandra, Colleen & Allison
(Parent English class teachers)

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.



Out of School Hours Care Service

During next term, we will be putting out a tender for our Out of School Hours Care Service. PCYC is the current provider for this service and will be able to apply as part of the process.

P and C News – contact us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au

The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 12 October starting at 5:45pm – 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome.

The next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday the 12th of October in the Grade 1 Classrooms (C Block) starting 5.45pm to 7.15pm. At this meeting we will begin planning for the school's annual Christmas Concert and welcome all new and interested members to join us. If you have any ideas for the concert or are able to help with this event but can't make it to the meeting, please email us pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au.

Uniform Shop News

The opening days and hours are: **Every Tuesday 8.30am – 9.00 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.

The uniform shop will be closed on Tuesday 4 October.

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

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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.

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](#) 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.



MK13 SOCCER

MK13 Soccer After School Program
Brisbane Central State School
Commences Thursday 13th Oct

Register online now!
www.mk13soccer.com

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www.gsdsinneed.com.au

MK13 Soccer After School Program

MK13 Soccer is bringing its highly organised, unique, fun and exciting soccer program back to Brisbane Central State School.

The eight week after school program will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.15-4.30pm on the school's oval and will be delivered by our qualified and experienced MK13 coaches, each with FFA qualifications, Blue Cards and first aid certificates.

Every participant will receive an MK13 Ball and medal upon the program's completion.

Registrations can be made online at www.mk13soccer.com

Program Dates: (Thurs) Oct 13th, 20th, 27th. Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Dec 1st.

MK13 SOCCER	Any skill level
Matty: 0411 502 271	Ages 5-7 and 8-13
info@mk13soccer.com	\$113 per participant



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