Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back
I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and are refreshed for term 4. This is always a busy term and with students doing a lot of work in class as well as a number of extra-curricula activities to participate in. We will keep you updated in the calendar section to the right.

Staff Changes
Lisa Wise is taking 4A while Miss Ashcroft now known as Mrs McLeod is on her honeymoon. Mrs McLeod returns next week.

We have a number of pre-service teachers here for the next few weeks. We welcome them to our school and wish them a successful experience.
- Miss Emma Marshall with 6S and Mrs Somerville.
- Miss Ester Allen with 5M and Mrs Morgan.
- Miss Kate Farrell with 2W and Miss Wall.
- Miss Melinda Walmsley with 2S and Mr Stock.

We are a COOL school!
Thank you the to P and C Association for their hard work fundraising to have air-conditioning installed in F Block (our new block). This was completed during the holidays and have come at a time to ensure that the students are kept cool during the hot days. Cooler students and teachers produce better work. Thank you to everyone that has supported the fundraising efforts of the P and C throughout the year.

No School: Monday 19 October
On Monday 19 October, there is no school for students as it is a student free day. All staff members will be attending a Brisbane City Cluster Conference at Windsor State School. The conference is called ‘Teachers as Leaders of Learning’. Neil Carrington from ACT for Kids, is the keynote speaker on the day. The teachers will also participate in a number of workshops during the afternoon.

Update contact details
It is important for parents to let the office know if you have changed your phone numbers. We need to be able to contact you especially in an emergency or when you child becomes sick during the day. You can contact us via a phone call on 3230 4333 or via an email to admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au to let us know of the changes.

Regards,
Graham Rickuss
Our Pedagogical Framework

Our school’s Pedagogical Framework has been developed to guide and reflect our teachers’ commitment to a consistent and effective teaching approach to ensure that every child is learning every day.

In this newsletter I will focus on assessment.

Assessment

Assessment is integral to the teaching and learning cycle. When constructing an assessment task/activity the teacher will consider a range of points.

- 'What is the purpose of the assessment?' Is it to inform planning; to gather formative or summative information?
- What is the knowledge, skill, understanding or capability that students will demonstrate?
- How can all students demonstrate their learning?
- What evidence will be collected to support this?
- What are other skills/concepts that the student will require in order to demonstrate this learning outcome?
- What criteria will be used to assess the student’s performance?

Teachers use criteria, in the form of a Guide to Making Judgements (GTMJ), to assess a student’s performance. The GTMJ provides explicit links between the assessment task and what is being assessed.

Each GTMJ assesses knowledges and skills that increase in complexity and demand. Education Queensland’s assessment does not use scores, points or bell shaped curves – judgements are made using the GTMJ’s increasing complexity of skills and knowledges for each individual child. Two examples of GTMJs are shown below:

At Brisbane Central we “unpack” the GTMJ with our students using success criteria. Maths and English success criteria are displayed in every classroom and are used to provide teaching and learning experiences and to provide student feedback.

Chess Club

Every Thursday morning we have chess lessons from 7:45am – 8:30am in the community room. Chess at Brisbane Central is open to all students from prep to year six. Chess club caters for beginning and advanced players. If you would like to begin in week 2, the cost will be $90 for the remainder of the term, or $100 for the entire term if you started in week 1.

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

Welcome to Music in Term 4! It looks like a busy term with some exciting performance opportunities coming up.

Just a reminder that Senior Choir will rehearse Wednesday morning 8 - 8.45 am and Thursday first break. Ukulele Ensemble meet on Thursday morning at 8.15 am and Drama Club will continue Wednesday first break. I look forward to seeing members continue to participate and new students are welcome to join the fun!

Music Count Us In

I am excited to announce that our school has registered to participate in Music Australia's Music Count Us In celebrations. Our entire school led by our Senior Choir and Junior Choir will come together to sing on Thursday 29 October at 11.30 am and parents and community members are also invited to come along and share in the joy of singing!

Below you will find an excerpt from the official press release that explains the national significance of this celebration and it also contains the website address where you can go to listen to and sing along with this year's song 'Gold' in preparation for the event.

I look forward to singing with you all!
Yours in Music,
Julie West
Classroom Music Specialist/ Senior Choral Conductor

LE JOURNAL FRANCAIS/ THE FRENCH NEWS

Welcome back for Term 4. This is a very important Term for our French students in Years 3 to 6 who have been working very hard on their plays.

Families of students in these classes are invited to attend our Soirée de Théâtre Français/Evening of French Theatre which will be taking place in week 4, this term, on Wednesday the 28 October, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Our posters advertising this event will soon be up, please look out for them.

Students who are performing in the plays will need to provide their own appropriate coloured clothing, but masks and other props will be supplied by the French Department. All Year 3 to 6 students will be involved on the night and are to come in free-dress for their song presentations.

Our students in classes 3Z 3/4P, 4A, 5M, and 6S have been working very hard and will be presenting 5 plays and songs, all in French.
3Z will be presenting “Le petit chat cherche une famille” / “The little cat looking for a family”.
3/4P will present “Le chat et la lune” / “The cat and the moon.”.
4A will present “Comment y aller” / “How to get there”.
5M will present “Les animaux du bayou” / “The animals of bayou”.
6S will present “Louis la grenouille.” / “Louis the frog.”

Parents and students will have the opportunity to purchase light refreshments before the performances, which will start at 6:15 p.m. A voluntary gold coin donation to help cover the costs of the props would be appreciated.

All students have taken a letter home this week. Please take the time to read it and return the bottom half completed and signed to me or Madame Duncan as soon as possible. I need to know how many family members will be attending so that we can arrange for seating, and for catering of refreshments. (last time we had our theatre night 2 years ago we had over 190 people in the audience.)

We look forward to your support.
Merci et à bientôt / Thank you and see you soon

Madame Maroto
2015 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge

Selected students from Years 2-6 participated in the Bebras Challenge in September. The Bebras tasks are related to computational thinking concepts but can be answered without prior knowledge in this area. It is a 45 or 60 minute, online challenge comprising of fifteen questions at three levels of difficulty.

The students participated in teams. They were selected to take part based on their inclusion in ongoing extension programs in mathematics as part of the class program. Congratulations to the students for their engagement and achievement in this program. Certificates will be given out next week.

Chinese Language Lessons

Thank you for your interest in the Chinese Language Classes. They will start on Tuesday 12 October at 3:15pm until 5:30pm. The last class will be on Tuesday 8 December.

The classes will be held in the Community Room. Please ensure that you are at school at 5:30pm to collect your child.

The cost for the term is $125 which is payable directly to the Brisbane Chinese Language School. The teachers will provide the details on Tuesday.

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 9 was 4A with 100%
Week 10 was 1R with 96%

Our next meeting is Monday 12 September at 8am in the community room.

The Brisbane City Council has created some Active Travel Maps that were given to the students today.

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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - Thank you

Thank you to Rev’d Dr Ann Solari and Parishioners at St John’s Anglican Cathedral, for helping us collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers.

We also thank our community and families for collecting these stickers and sending them to school.

We have sent off all our sticker sheets to Woolworths for counting and when they have verified the number we will be able to purchase valuable resources for our school.

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.
Our next P and C Meeting is on Wednesday 4 November starting at 6pm in The Community Room.

**Sparkle + Shine**

BCSS P&C are about to embark on some working bees to improve our school! Dust off those headbands and work clothes. Any parents, grandparents, uncles aunts or friends of BCSS with time on a Sunday (8-11am) or a profession / trade, who would be willing, ready and able to assist we would love to hear from you. We are looking to have concurrent working bees over the next 7 weeks starting Sunday 18th October (8am meeting at the lower carpark) with gardening. Please bring hats, gloves, water, shovels, rakes, picks, wheelbarrows, and some healthy enthusiasm! All hands on deck and look forward to meeting all. Let's make our school shine!

Any queries please contact- [Brian@steeendyk.com](mailto:Brian@steeendyk.com) (P&C president)

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### 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](mailto:pandc@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au)

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### Social Media sites

- Download the app
  - iTunes
  - Google Play
  - Windows Phone
- **Community News**
  - Become a fan
- Follow us on twitter

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### Community News

**Thursday, 15 October | 3:30 – 5:30pm Bedford Playground Park**

**Grow your own food**

Grow your own food even if you live in an apartment. A hands on workshop where you will make your own self-watering planter box to take home.

Community News

St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, 43 St Paul’s Terrace, Spring Hill, is opening its doors to the public for "Brisbane Open House". The church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, 10 October 2015 and from 12pm to 4pm on Sunday, 11 October 2015.

A copy of the page of the Brisbane Open House handbook relating to St Paul’s has been attached for your information.

During the course of the weekend, there will be some special presentations - two of which may be of particular interest to students contemplating a career in architecture:

1. **Saturday, 10 October 2015 at 11am:**

   "Rock Stars": Vincent McKenzie-Ross and Stone Masons from Queensland Heritage Masonry will talk about the **Bell Tower Conservation Project** at St. Paul’s and the ancient craft of stonemasonry. Stage 1 of the Bell Tower Conservation Project recently won a Silver Award at the National Trust of Queensland Heritage Awards. Stage 2 of the project is in full swing on site.

2. **Saturday, 10 October 2015 at 1pm:**

   "Discover the Architecture of Colonial Architect FDG Stanley": An architectural tour of our FDG Stanley designed church led by heritage architect, Tim O'Donnell from PDT Architects.

There will be no charge for either of these presentations, but if guests choose to make a tax-deductible donation towards the bell tower conservation project at the conclusion of either of the presentations, they are welcome to do so.

Refreshments will be available, so visitors can attend the stonemasonry presentation at 11am, pause for a refreshment between 12 and 1pm and then do the architectural tour at 1pm.

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**Maths Fiesta**

Thank you to Miss Wall for organising this amazing day. Students participated in a number of Maths Activities...
Maths Fiesta