From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

“Cometh the hour, cometh the man.” Roger Federer epitomises the professional sportsperson: unequivocally composed, cool, calm, and yet fiercely competitive, incredibly courageous with relentless determination and self-belief. One can only hope some of the young Australian players might embrace some of his characteristics.

There are a number of athletes noteworthy of recognition following the Australian Tennis Open, (Nadal, Dimitrov, The Williams sisters to name a few), but I mention Federer because of his positive attitude to life in general. I loved listening to the interviews when Jim Courier would probe beyond the immediate game and give us an insight into the way Federer thinks. I learnt that he celebrates the little things, keeps the big picture in mind and is optimistic about every opportunity.

These are things we can all employ. For our youngest students learning to read and write, or our older students who are developing their literacy, numeracy and scientific knowledge and skills, there are milestones along the way we should recognise and celebrate. Setting goals and devising a plan to achieve, developing persistence and resilience, and building self-belief, knowing that application to the task and trying your best will pay dividends. It’s the little steps now that will lead to success in the future. A positive attitude and an encouraging word by those in a position of influence goes a long way to ensuring that every student is succeeding.

Playground Upgraded
The P-1 playground has been completely upgraded and looks fabulous. The funds were provided through the P&C, the school and the PCYC. Students are enjoying the space and will have countless hours of fun with their friends in the years to come.

Similarly, year 2 students have embraced the playground on the oval and are enjoying the freedom of a larger play space.

Parent Information Meetings
This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher/s and learn about important class and school procedures and routines. These meetings will take place in your child’s classroom. You are encouraged to attend as a strong and productive relationship between home and school will benefit all parties.
P&C Meeting
An excellent opportunity to be involved in the school’s operations is to be a member of the P&C. Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 14 February (yes it’s Valentine’s Day) beginning at 7pm in B Block. I look forward to meeting with past and new parents and welcome your company.

Thought for the Week
If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.
Roald Dahl

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Junior Assembly
We will have our first Prep – Year 3 assembly for the year this week and would love to have parents there to join us. We meet in the Hall and assembly runs every Thursday 1:50 – 2:30pm.

BeLearning BYOD iPads 2017
The current list of apps is NOW AVAILABLE on our website, under the BeLearning section. We will update these lists as more apps are added during the year.

Student Participation Agreements were sent home with students this week - please return these to school as soon as possible, thanks.

Thank you once again for your support of this exciting initiative.

Anaphylaxis
At Brookfield State School, we have several children with severe anaphylactic reactions to either nuts or dairy products. Whilst we cannot promote nor claim to be a nut free or dairy free school, we do ask that parents are considerate of other children when sending snacks and lunches to school. We appreciate your support with this.
Life Education

The Life Education team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting Brookfield State School from 23 February - 06 March this year. Participation in the Life Education program costs $9.00 and will be included on your Term Statement.

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Each year level engages with a different module, targeted to support their learning. This year, our students will participate in the following modules.

MODULE: ’MY BODY MATTERS’ - Prep
Harold and his friends want to look their best for photo day at school, but discover that things don’t always go to plan.
This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including: the importance of personal hygiene, choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet, benefits of physical activity and sleep, ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community.

MODULE: ‘READY STEADY GO’ - YEAR 1
Harold and his friends are ready for their big race at the school athletics carnival. Or are they? When one member of their relay team doesn’t show up, what will they do? This fun, engaging narrative provides opportunities to discover: benefits of physical activity, safety strategies in different environments, how our body reacts in new situations, what our body needs to be healthy including a nutritious diet, water and sleep.

MODULE: ’GROWING GOOD FRIENDS’ - YEAR 2
Harold battles to figure out what to give his grandma for her birthday, until his friends, Boots and Red step in and offer some good ideas. This animated story takes us to familiar surroundings where students can: explore what health messages mean, identify safety signs, recognise how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle, explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing.

MODULE: ‘BCYBERWISE’ - YEAR 3
The Children explore ‘netiquette; (Internet etiquette) and Cybersafety issues through roleplay and interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult that they trust.

MODULE: ‘Harold’s Diary’ - YEAR 4
The Children are invited to read Harold’s Diary as he shares stories relating to bullying, feelings, developing coping strategies, safety with medicines and the importance of making healthy food choices.

MODULE: ‘MIND YOUR MEDICINE’ - YEAR 5
The children develop an understanding and gain information on legal drugs, their effects on physical development and their potential for harm. The program encompasses risk-taking, responding to pressure and recognising harmful situations.

MODULE: ‘ON THE CASE’ - YEAR 5/6
The class identify ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development. Students also identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures to smoke.

MODULE: ‘IT’S YOUR CALL’- YEAR 6
Students clarify the definition of a drug; explore risks associated with the use of legal drugs and the short and long term consequences of misuse. They examine the decision-making process, and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations including digital media.
There will also be a **FREE Parent Session** held on Thursday 23 February at 1:45pm. If you are interested in attending this session please email admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or call 3374 7333.

**Medication - REMINDER**
If your child has a medical condition, (for example - Asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy) a note is coming home to your child this week (in a sealed envelope) The necessary forms to be filled out by parents and signed by a Doctor. These forms need to be returned to the office by **Friday 10 February, 2017** to ensure our medical records are up to date. It is an Education Queensland requirement, that we cannot administer medical aid unless these forms are provided to the school.

**Sun Smart Policy - Review REMINDER**
We are in the process of reviewing our Sun Smart Policy. If you are interested in reviewing the policy, please locate it from the Brookfield State School website (go to: Support and Resources/Forms and Documents/Documents/Sun Smart Policy) and email any suggestions to me at: klewi114@eq.edu.au by **Friday 03 February**.

These suggestions will be considered and a revised policy presented to the P&C at their meeting on Tuesday 14 February for approval. Once approved, the revised policy will be loaded to our website.

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**Curriculum Corner**

**Welcome to our Preps**

It has been a pleasure to begin to get to know many of the children in Prep A, B and C over the course of this week as they begin their journey of learning here at Brookfield State School. The Prep teachers have been working very hard to settle the children in and to assist them with the daily routines of school life.

In Prep, children learn in many different ways including play, organised games, and investigation. They develop important life skills by working with other children and adults whilst engaged in these learning opportunities.

Prep helps your child to develop a number of skills including a positive approach to learning, independence and confidence, thinking and problem-solving skills, language skills, early literacy and numeracy and physical abilities. Is it any wonder these students are so tired at the end of a school day!

The Prep Curriculum incorporates the **Foundation Year of the Australian Curriculum** which is a guide to children’s learning (located at: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/FoundationYear). The Foundation Year in the Australian Curriculum refers to the year before Year 1 and in Queensland this is called Prep.

During my walk throughs this week I was able to snap a few photos of the types of learning the Prep children are being engaged in. Often, types of play are being used to help our Prep children learn. These types of play included:

- **Manipulative**: doing puzzles, making necklaces, pegging pegs on a container and constructions
Games with rules: playing board and card games and outdoor games with rules

Exploratory: using blocks to investigate weight, height, number, shape and balance

Fantasy: children creating props for space adventures

Physical: moving through obstacle courses, climbing, and running.

Other activities like music, painting and drawing were also used to help encourage language, reading and writing skills. What a very busy week the children in Prep have enjoyed!

Resource Centre News

Library Bags

Students in Prep - Year 3 need to have a protective Library Bag to borrow a book and will need to bring it to the Resource Centre on each class borrowing day next or if they wish to borrow at other times.
Book Covering Help
In the Resource Centre we have many new reading books which are in need of covering in order to get out onto the shelves and into the hands of our eager readers here at Brookfield.

The contact is already cut so books could be taken home and returned to the Resource Centre. If you are here early for school pick up you are very welcome to sit with a friend and cover books outside on the Resource Centre verandah while waiting for the bell or in the air-conditioning.

All help would be greatly appreciated!
Please pop in Mon-Thurs to Mrs Allison in the Resource Centre.

Happy Reading
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Tuckshop News
Welcome back to tuckshop everyone! We are desperately looking for volunteers on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.
If you have some time to spare, please consider volunteering in our very busy Tuckshop, we’d love to have you. No exceptional cooking skills necessary, all training supplied and having a Cappuccino is optional! Please pop in, give me a call or send me an email.
As of next Wednesday 08 February Flexischools orders will close at 8.30am daily.

Many thanks
Susan

Friday Soccer
A reminder that general Friday morning soccer will recommence this Friday 3rd of Feb at 8am for Years 3-6 only. These are not structured coaching sessions. The children will just play an informal game. These games require parent volunteers.
For years 3 and 4 shin guards are compulsory and football boots are optional.
For years 5 and 6 shin guards are optional but strictly NO football boots.
If your child is in a Brookfield UQFC team, please confirm with your coach or team manager regarding when specific coaching sessions will be held.

Thank you,
Shameem
shameem.khan@iinet.net.au

Music News
Welcome to another year of Music at Brookfield. All of our band and strings lessons have kicked off this week with Mr Lougheed and Ms Hemmings. There were some very striking sounds coming from the instrumental room as I walked by! Senior Strings starts rehearsals next week on Wednesday at 7:30. Please note that this rehearsal will be held in E BLOCK, not the Hall as mentioned in the general letter that was sent home last week. Senior Band rehearsals start on Monday in Week 4 (Feb 13) in the Hall.
Senior and Intermediate Choirs

Both choirs will start rehearsing next week. We don’t hold auditions for our choirs at Brookfield. We just want to encourage as many students as possible to come along and enjoy singing in a group. Intermediate Choir is open to any interested Year 3&4 students and we rehearse in the Music Room on Mondays, starting at 8am with Mrs McMillan. Senior Choir is open to Year 5&6 students and will rehearse on Tuesdays at 8am in the Music Room, again with Mrs McMillan. This year is the year for Choral groups to compete in the statewide Fanfare competition, and we will be starting preparing our pieces for this right from our first rehearsal. Junior Choir with Mrs Kienzle is available for Year 1&2 student and will start rehearsals later in the term when Mrs Kienzle’s prep class have settled into their morning routines. If you have any questions regarding any of our music groups, please don’t hesitate to contact our music staff.

Marimba Groups 2017

Expression of Interest forms for joining one of our fabulous marimba groups were sent home to interested Year 5&6 students last week. Unfortunately, due to time and resource constraints, we are unable to offer places in these groups to younger students. These return slips will ONLY be accepted on Wednesday February 8 on the Music Room veranda starting at 8am. Positions are allocated in order of receipt of Expression of Interest forms and in consideration of establishing a balanced ensemble of ability standard and year level. If you missed your copy of the EOI, please contact Melissa McMillan or our lovely ladies in the Office. Please note that all students who participated in 2016 are automatically included in a group this year if they wish to continue and do not have to return an EOI form.

Burger Bar News

Welcome to Brookfield State School - 1st Burger Bar for the year.

What: Casual BBQ dinner and drinks at the Showgrounds Bar
When: Friday 3rd February 2017 from 5.30pm.
Who: Everyone!! Adults and kids welcome.
Where: Brookfield Showgrounds Bar
Why: To have a good time and support our school

Come down to the Showgrounds and support our school and meet some friends (old and new) …..enjoy an easy dinner, steak burgers with salad or sausage in bread.
Drinks are available from the bar,
Raffle tickets available with some great prizes.
All proceeds go to our School.

Scholastic Book Club

The first issue Scholastic Book Club is now out with orders due back Friday 10th February. For those not familiar with Scholastic Book Club, catalogues are sent home to all year levels twice a term offering a selection of books. They can be as little as $2 and vary across reading levels and interests. Orders usually arrive one to two weeks after the due date. Also, every parent order benefits the school by helping to earn free books and teaching resources but there is no obligation to purchase. Last year the school earned $1500 worth of resources. Orders are only done online by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the app from Apple or Google. No cash or cheque orders please and no need to return forms to the office.
Please note that when ordering, the Prep classes maybe at the bottom of the class list under ‘Foundation/K’. If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. Please contact me through bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

Thank you
Nicola Hile

Netball call out for Prep/Year 1
If your little person is interested in joining a netball team this year we are looking for players born in 2009/2010 to participate through the Bluejays Club (Graceville) for the 2017 season. Proposed details if we can make the numbers are:

Proposed Training: at Brookfield State School from 8am on Friday mornings
Coach: Mum, Morven Ryan
Games: Saturday mornings, time TBC at Graceville
Season: Matches start March 18 and if we make it (!) the grand final is September 2, 2017

We have a registration cut off date to meet so look forward to hearing from you before Tuesday 7 February.

Further details about the club can be found at http://bluejayswesterndistricts.qld.netball.com.au
Please contact Susie Everingham if keen - susie@everinghamwroughtiron.com.au or 0416068125

Do you have a budding chef at home? Got a picky eater? Presenting DINNER CLUB:
an 8 week course (7-12 yrs) of fun, educational cooking workshops creating meals and learning skills. Weds from 8/02 or Thurs from 9/02 from 4:15-5:45 pm. Book with Karen Browne 048824 9595 See www.comeandcook.com.au for more info.
MnB Dance Academy hold dance classes here at Brookfield State School.

Be inspired to dance. Come to hip hop dance classes which run every Monday afternoon in the Brookfield State School Hall. No extra uniform costs and sign up on a termly basis. Each term students learn a dance and perform this at the end of each term.

**Prep to year 6 - 3.30pm till 4.15pm and year 7 onwards 4.30pm - 5.15pm.**

Classes are run by the Kabambas a well known and professional dance family who perform and choreograph each unique number.

**CLASSES START NOW**

Sign up at the hall on Monday or for further information go to


contact the director - Bessy Kabamba - 0410470903