Earlier this week our staff took the opportunity to reflect on the year and revisit 8 mind frames that have the greatest impact on student learning and achievement. Teaching and learning is our core business so it would seem appropriate to reflect on John Hattie’s research on the golden rules of teaching. They include:

• My fundamental task is to evaluate the effect of my teaching on my students’ learning and achievement.
• The success and failure of my students’ learning is about what I do or don’t do. I am a change agent.
• I want to talk more about learning than teaching.
• Assessment is about my impact.
• I teach through dialogue not monologue.
• I enjoy challenge and never retreat into ‘doing my best’.
• It’s my role to develop positive relationships in class and staffrooms.
• I inform all about the language of learning.

One of the benefits of becoming an Independent Public School has been the development of our Professional Learning Centre to build capacity and improve collaborative practices throughout our school. Our staff briefing sessions each week have proved very successful in sharing evidence-based best teaching strategies, along with focusing on key school initiatives and exploring them in greater depth. This is a model we will grow next year with a relentless focus on student achievement and learning.

ICAS Medal Ceremony

I look forward to attending the ICAS Medal Ceremony this Friday at the Convention Centre where Sophie H in Year 2 will receive a medal for achieving the highest result in the International English Competition in Queensland.

This is an outstanding achievement on an incredibly challenging assessment and well worth celebrating. Congratulations Sophie!

Class Lists for 2016

Class lists will go on display on Thursday 10 December outside of the Resource Centre and Tuckshop. Please do not get too excited about these lists and get carried away with photographing them as their purpose is to let students know who their teacher is and where their classroom will be for the beginning of 2016.

The composition and formation of classes is often a complex exercise and is based on a number of factors including a balance of gender, academic ability, social and emotional resilience and general behaviour. We believe we have the necessary school-wide structures and expectations embedded in our pedagogical framework to ensure every student receives high quality teaching and learning in every classroom throughout the school.

There is no doubt that some students will share their disappointment about their class or teacher for next year and that is where our assurances as adults will help them deal with their feelings. Change brings new opportunities and this is something we should embrace. Good friendships survive beyond the boundaries of a classroom. I will provide a list of teachers and their location in next week’s Banter.
Outstanding Accounts

Please pay all outstanding statements immediately so we can finalise end of year financial processes. Our Business Services Manager and Administration Officers are more than happy to assist you with any enquiries. They can be contacted on 3374 733 during business hours.

2016 School Captains and Vice Captains

More than 30 year 5 students expressed an interest in being a school captain for 2016. These students attended a leadership workshop and then went on to write an application for the position.

12 students have been short-listed to make a speech this Thursday in the final round before our panel will appoint school captains and announce them on our final school assembly at 9am on Tuesday 08 December in the school hall.

All other leadership positions (Music, Environmental and House Captains) will be advertised at the beginning of the new school year. I congratulate all students who nominated for the school captain positions and wrote passionately about their strong association and connection with Brookfield State School. The process will benefit many students for other leadership opportunities throughout their lives.

P&C Meeting

Our final P&C for the year will be held next Tuesday, 08 December, at 7pm in B Block. It will be an opportunity to finalise things for this year and give some consideration to the priorities for the coming year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to former Brookfield student, Jeremy Hunt who has been selected as the 2016 School Captain at Brisbane Grammar School. Another former student, Tom Gardener was selected as a Prefect.

Former Brookfield boys also did well at the recent Brisbane Grammar Speech Day, with Jeremy being presented with a General Merit (excellence across all subjects) and Yr 11 Dux of Physics, Tom was Yr 11 Dux of Drama and another former student, Tom Simes also received a General Merit and was Yr 11 Dux of Geography.

Thought for the Week

Thinking back, looking forward.
Anon.

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Book Amnesty 2015

Look under your beds...check behind the couch...look in the bottom of your school bag...are there any books lurking there??? Home readers, library books, books from your classrooms???

We are having a BOOK AMNESTY! Any books that have lost their way can be returned with no
questions asked, no matter the age of the book!

There is a box in the foyer of the main office...stop past, drop your books in on your way to class. We would appreciate any lost books being returned.

Thanks for your support.

BYOD iPads in 2016

To assist us in planning for 2016, a questionnaire was sent home with students in Years 2 - 5 on Monday 30 November. This questionnaire will be used to ascertain the number of students who intend to bring an iPad in 2016. This questionnaire is required to be returned to school by Friday 04 December.

Student Participation Agreements for students who intend on bringing their own device will need to be completed, these will be communicated at a later date. The school’s ICT Acceptable use Policy (completed on enrolment) will suffice for students without a device or using a school iPad.

Should you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me via phone, email or in person.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students in a sealed envelope on Thursday 10 December. If your child will not be at school on that date, or if it is your preference, Report Cards will be posted. Should you wish to provide an alternative address for postage, please inform the office staff.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

For Term 4, students will receive a "Spotya" when they are "spotted" displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Spotyas” go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly "Spotya" draw will take place on assembly. Last week’s winners were Mischa 1B and Will C Prep A - well done!

The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week Prep B were our Most Respectful Class - well done Ms Spies and Prep B students.

Have a wonderful week,
Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

Student Loans

We ask that students return all Library books by next Monday.

Parent Ship-Shape-Shelf-Sergeants - OUR SHELVES NEED YOU!

After another fun-filled fantastic year in our fabulous Library, we are needy of some parent recruits to get our Library shelves ship-shape and ready for action in 2016!

If you are willing to serve your country school with a smile, we want you in the last two weeks of school! In return we offer coffee, cookies and kind company to combat our col-
lection.
Either, write your name on the library volunteer schedule outside the Resource Centre or pop in to see us. We look forward to working with you - so please enrol NOW! All help greatly appreciated!

State Library Book Swap

To all the students and parents who love a Book Swap there is the Great Book Swap in December in the school holidays at the State Library of Queensland! There will surely be some wonderful books on offer for holiday reading.

Strings News - Help!

Have you ever wanted to be the cool bass player in a jazz, rock, country or blues band when you grow up? Even a Double Bass Orchestral performer? Well, we have 2 Double Bass positions available in the String Program next year. Any students (who are big enough!) in grades 3, 4 or 5 who are interested in learning this amazing instrument, please email me on jhemm15@eq.edu.au so we can get some enrolment information to you. Please be aware that the family car needs to be big enough to transport the bass to and from school once a week, but on the bright side...it’s a great overall body workout for mum carrying the instrument into school

Thank you!
Jennifer Hemmings

Uniform and Tuckshop News

Opening times for Uniform shop

Monday 7th December will be the last Uniform shop opening this year. The shop will be open from 9 - 11am on Thursday 21st January 2016 and from 9 - 11am on Friday 22nd January 2016. We will be closed on Monday 25th January as it is a pupil free day. There will be special opening from 8 - 10am on Wednesday 27th Jan. Thereafter we will revert back to every Monday from 8 - 9am. With regard to flexischools, we will go online again from 11 January 2016.

Tuckshop

This is our final week of tuckshop with the last day of service on Friday 4/12. We will re-open in week 2 of 2016 – 3rd February. We have had a very busy and rewarding year made possible by the enthusiasm and commitment of our wonderful volunteers.

To give you an idea, here are some quantities for items produced thus far:

- Pasta pots .... 4286
- Pizzas .... 2266
- Quiches .... 879
- Anzac biscuits .... 666
- Home baking .... 1521
- Apple slinkies .... 706
- Fresh fruit pots .... 444
- Frozen fruit salads .... 512
- Hummus .... 412
- And ... cheese and vegemite scrolls .... 1567! That’s over 3000 individual scrolls!

Thank you so much to our fabulous volunteers (tuckshop and uniform shop), home bakers and grocery item donors, you have contributed far more than you know. I read today that volunteers are priceless and that is exactly right! Did you hear our Tuckshop Volunteer team won a Special Commendation Award at the QAST Tuckshop awards earlier this month? I was very proud!!!
If you are considering getting involved and volunteering next year, please email me at robinandsusan8@bigpond.com or give me a call 0449115888. I would love to hear from you.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
Susan Sansbury

Nativity Play

Kenmore Anglican Church will once again bring their very popular Nativity Play to our school at 9.30am tomorrow, Thursday 3 December. The wider school community is also welcome to attend.

All students from Grades 1-6 who participate in the RI program will be attending. Prep students and other Non-RI students are also welcome to attend if they bring in a signed permission note from home.

Karen Grenning
RI Co-ordinator
Mob: 0408493421 or grenning@bigpond.net.au

School Banking

Friday 04 December will be the last banking day for 2015. We cannot order rewards in the last week of school, so if you have a gold token, please save it for some great new rewards in 2016.

Fiona Himstedt and Louise Rae

Friday Soccer

Please note there will be no soccer on the last day of term (Friday 11th).

We are currently looking for girls born 2009 and boys born 2010 from Brookfield SS to form an U6 team for 2016 in the UQFC competition. The official team training session will be before school on the oval every Friday starting term 1, 2016. Matches are on a Saturday mornings at Akuna Oval, Kenmore and are very entertaining. If you are interested please contact Shameem 0410 695 321 or Darren 0432538916 for more information.

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We are fast approaching the end of the year and are very busy taking our new prep enrolments for next year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for next year please visit https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au to enrol or alternatively contact us for more information.

Existing families of PCYC: In preparation for the new year, can you please login to the parent portal at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au using your username and password (if you do not know it please ask us) and check all the information for your children is up to date and current. Can you also please let us know any changes to your bookings for next year ASAP.

Vacation Care: We are very excited about the upcoming school holidays and look forward to seeing some new faces. Please check out the program attached and book in for some days of awesome fun!

At PCYC we have implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children doing our rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and...
go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Maddison Harris and Curtis Morgan for outstanding behaviour. Well done Maddi and Curtis!

If you would like to enrol your children or would like a tour of our service, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

Have a great week!
Kristy Nuttall

HO-HO-HO-LY MOLY it’s the LAST BURGER BAR for 2015...

Friday 04 December, to be held in conjunction with Brookfield Show Society Bush Christmas event. The P&C will be hosting a Burger Bar that promises to see the year out with a bang!! Come and get a sausage in bread or a Christmas ham roll with rocket and relish!! There will be a movie screening for the kids with lollies and popcorn available. See you there!

Andy Dart

Brookfield School Tennis

After 6 Sundays of hard fought tennis, this past Sunday saw the Orange and Green Ball Teams compete in the finals and play-off rounds of the second Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School. We had over 100 kids playing each Sunday and a total of 9 schools participated in this event. There was some amazing tennis played with some very close matches in particular the Orange and Green Ball Finals.

Below are the final results:

Orange Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Fig Tree Pocket A to win the competition
Brookfield B beat Brookfield C for 3rd and 4th position.

Green Ball Teams:
Fig Tree Pocket Boys narrowly beat Brookfield A by 6 points to win the finals
Brookfield B beat Pullenvale to come 5th
Brookfield C beat Kenmore State to come 7th

Our Red Ball Finals will be played this Sunday 6th December at 8am at Queensland Tennis Centre, with the winners going through to play at the State Finals during the Brisbane International. Good luck to our 3 teams who are playing this Sunday.

A big thank you to all the parents who have given up their time every Sunday to bring your children to the competition.

HOLIDAY CLINIC

School holidays are around the corner. Our coaching team is ready to deliver another fantastic tennis clinic over the first week of the holidays.

When and Where:

Four days from Monday 14th Dec to Thursday 17th Dec – 8:00am to 10:30am each day at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School tennis courts.
What's on:

Coaching clinics for all ages with classes specifically structured to cater for the following

- **Little Kiddies** aged 3 to 5 with focus on basic tennis, hand eye coordination, spacial awareness, balance, catching etc
- **Red Ball** - beginner tennis with little nets and bigger softer balls
- **Orange Ball** - intermediate tennis with smaller balls that are a little harder
- **Yellow & Green Ball** - players who’ve been playing for a while looking for some great drills, game play and tactical instruction.

Tournament on the final day with prizes and trophies on offer.

The clinic is a great way for your kids to get ahead on their game. Programs are targeting all skill levels and are designed to develop fundamental skills as well as introducing advanced concepts to more experienced players. For most kids this clinic equates to an entire term of coaching in one week as many kids get one hour coaching a week - so it’s great value for money at $155 for the week.

We will hold a sausage sizzle on the Thursday after the clinic ends.

To register online go to [www.brookfieldtennis.com.au/kids](http://www.brookfieldtennis.com.au/kids) or please call us 07 3374 1046 or reply to this email so we can lock your kids in. Numbers are limited.

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**Drifting Down the Darling by Tony Pritchard**

Tony Pritchard, who taught at Brookfield State School for 6 years, retired in 2010 to write a book about a trip he took in the seventies. He has completed the book-Drifting down the Darling, and it is now available on Amazon, and at the book launch-here at Brookfield State School on 11 December. The story is about drifting down the old river in a ten-foot boat (no motor, no oars) looking for adventure and a place to belong. Or, more to the point, escaping West Dubbo before he was asked to leave. He got lost, bitten by two goannas and a snake, and says the river trip made a man out of him. There are some who disagree with that last bit, but never mind. He caught fish, made odd bird observations and found special things by staring into little campfires.

Around Brookfield, Tony is fondly remembered for his cricket umpiring skills (‘...Going upstairs with that one...what do you mean, there’s no third umpire?), his constant reference to native birds (‘...okay kids, put the math books away, today is watching tawny frogmouth day...’) instead of factors, fractions and operations. When pressed, he admits he taught English and read books to the class-all day. Tony also said that dreams will only come true if you have them in the first place.

**Fun Run/Walk this Saturday**

See you at the Brookfield General Store this Saturday bright and early for the annual Brookfield Charity Fun Run/Walk. Work off some Christmas indulgence and raise funds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The event leaves Boscombe Road outside the Brookfield State School at 7am, heads down along Rafting Ground Road to Huntington and back into the Showground. Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish with a gold coin donation for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers. Registration opens near the Brookfield General Store from 6.15 am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family.
Trombone For Sale
Norton International Brand - $600.
Instrument and case both in excellent condition.
Call Fiona 0419 645 071

It's game on with Summer Reading at Brisbane City Council libraries!

Council's Summer Reading program kicks off from 12 December 2015 to 24 January 2016.

Summer Reading returns these school holidays with Jack and Emily, who encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book. Participants can collect stickers for their pocket book each time they attend a Summer Reading library event or finish reading a book. Children who have collected 10 stickers in their pocket book will receive an exciting prize as a reward!

Summer Reading offers terrific free events and activities, including:

- Cartoon and writing workshops
- Live performances
- Storytelling activities

And, it's free to participate.

Don't miss out on the fun! Visit your local library this summer and get reading.

For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of What's On in Libraries (available late November), visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.
please come and share the book launch of

DRIFTING DOWN THE DARLING

by Tony Pritchard

“I drifted over a thousand miles down the Darling River in western NSW in a ten-foot boat with no motor or oars...”

11 December 2015
Brookfield State School
Boscombe Road
Brookfield, Brisbane 4069
6pm start

Enjoy a glass of wine & finger food
After half an hour of absolute truth and out of focus 1970's photos, all questions will be answered, even the tricky ones like, ‘What did you do each day?’

More info 0411 566 413
The Combined Brookfield Churches present

Christmas Carols 2015

Sunday 6th December 2015
6.30pm to 8.00pm

Brookfield Uniting Church
2 Upper Brookfield Road, Brookfield

Offering to go to Drought Stress relief in Western Queensland

Bring rugs/chairs and your best singing voice

Children are encouraged to bring a small decorated Christmas tree
MOGGILL STATE SCHOOL is turning 150 Years Old in 2016.

Did you or your parents attend Moggill State School?
Did you work at Moggill SS?
Everyone is invited to celebrate with us.

Past students are invited to participate in our Hall Of Fame. If you are proud of what you have done since your MSS days, then tell us about it and we will put you in the Hall Of Fame.
Email us your name (plus maiden name), years attended MSS, a photo and a paragraph or 2 about yourself. Email to the address below. Or phone Tina (0413 026 087) for more information.

Can you help us with historical memorabilia? Old photos (at school, on camp, on excursions, with friends, in uniform, school days), uniforms, school projects, books, equipment from your days at MSS? Let us know by emailing to the address below if you can help. All items will be labelled and be available for collection afterwards.

13th February 2016  Heritage Day
• 12:30pm  Choir & Official Ceremony in the school hall
• 1:30pm  Heritage Trail – displays, activities, afternoon tea, souvenirs, open classrooms throughout the school. Lots of the activities are free.
• 4:30pm  BBQ & Bushdance – finish the day catching up with old friends and teachers with a free bushdance. BBQ, cold drinks, hot drinks available for purchase.

14th February  Continuing the Celebrations
• 8:00am  Reunion breakfast at the Bellbowrie Tavern
• 10:30am  Celebration Service at St Michael’s & All Angels Anglican Church

Here is a link to the Moggill State School 150th website page for all the details: https://moggilss.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Pages/150-Year-Celebrations.aspx
and here is a link to the Facebook page we created specifically for the event, please “Like” us and invite your friends: https://www.facebook.com/150yearsMoggillSS

Contacts:
Email: 150year@moggilss.eq.edu.au
Phone: Helen on 0402 055 772
You're invited to

Our Community Celebration -
Chapel Hill Kindy celebrates 50 years

Free Simon's Gourmet Sausage Sizzle
Free kid’s entertainment - Geckoes Wildlife Show and musical Christmas show
Kindy homemade lemonade and rosie tea stall
Second hand books and puzzles stall
Christmas decoration making
Community displays
Summer Days Raffle including a family pass to Lone Pine Sanctuary
Coffee and tea
AND
Our grand unveiling of our commemorative sandstone water dragon sculpture

Sunday 6 December
2.30 - 4.30 pm

official unveiling by Councillor Julian Simmonds at 3.15pm
Sutling Street Park, Chapel Hill (beside Cubberla Creek)

Email: chapelhillkindy50@gmail.com

Proudly supported by Walter Taylor Ward Councillor Julian Simmonds, the Brisbane City Council
and Simon’s Gourmet Gallery