From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

On Friday, 24 February, Helen Kenworthy, who was the Principal of Brookfield State School between 2001 and 2010, visited our school today in her role as the Assistant Regional Director. It was a pleasure to be able to share our achievement data, discuss our core priorities and visit classrooms. Helen is a proud supporter of Brookfield and was particularly interested in the higher order thinking skills and extension programs.

As an Independent Public School (IPS), we now work closely with the IPS Alliance, however, Helen is keen to be involved and utilise the district resources to our benefit. It was a privilege to showcase the quality teaching and learning that occurs every day in our school and receive such affirming feedback from Helen.

**Explicit Instruction**

A highlight of my position is interacting with students during teaching and learning. One such opportunity is formally observing practice in classrooms. Pedagogical reflections or classroom walkthroughs is a process Katie and I use to provide teachers with feedback on their performance. These occur at least once each term with teachers also observing their peers and providing feedback to their colleagues.

This term, our classroom walkthroughs focus on the principles of explicit instruction:

- Optimising time on task;
- Promoting high levels of success;
- Increasing content coverage;
- Increased time in instructional groups;
- Scaffolding instructions; and
- Address different forms of knowledge.

It has been delightful to observe teaching and learning for lengthy periods of time and reflect on explicit instruction principles with teachers. The collaborative approach to continuous improvement is an outstanding reflection on the professionalism of our staff.

**Short Story Festival**

With core priorities in reading and writing, it’s been fabulous to have our Teacher Librarian, Fiona Allison, drum up some further support with a series of workshops and activities this week. The highlight is a visit from Aleesah Darlison, a multi-published, award-winning Australian author, who shared her joy of reading and writing with all students today.

If you’re in the school, drop down to the covered area outside the tuckshop where much of the work is on display.

**P&C Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 08 March beginning at 7pm in B Block. The P&C perform a vital role in our school and it is a wonderful opportunity to be more involved in the community. Whether you wish to nominate for a position or not, your attendance at meetings is welcomed and valued.

**Whole School Assembly**

Our student leaders will receive their badges in a formal whole-school ceremony on Wednesday 09 March at 2pm in the school hall. There will not be any other assemblies next week. Please feel welcome to attend the Badge Ceremony.

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UNIFORM SHOP

Mon: 8 - 9am

TUCKSHOP

Wednesday, Thursday (Both breaks)

Friday (1st break only)

BOOKCLUB

Issue 01 Due Back: 12 February 2016

Nicola Hile: 0413 443 632

bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Lower Car Park

The work in the lower car park is ahead of schedule and we hope to have it available for staff and service vehicles next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding during its closure. Please continue to exercise caution when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

Thought for the Week

Never neglect an opportunity for improvement.

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Have a great week!

Bruce

brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Parent Volunteers in School

We are so fortunate to have so many parents volunteering in our school at various times. If you are one of these volunteers, please be sure to sign in to the school, through the individual sign in books in classrooms, when you arrive and leave.

Further, remember that it is important to always remember the importance of confidentiality when working in classrooms. Teachers will often share pertinent information with parent volunteers in order to ensure students are catered for accordingly. It is important that this information be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Arrival to School and Absentees

The first bell goes at 8:50am each day. This is the sign to be in class and ready to start learning by the time the second bell goes at 8:55am. We would appreciate parents supporting a positive and engaging start to the day by ensuring that students are in classes, ready to learn by the first bell of the school day. Thank you for your support.

Junior Assembly

Prep - Year 3 assembly runs every Thursday from 1:50 - 2:30pm.

Each week, the Most Respectful class is identified on assembly. This is the class who shows that they are sitting with respect, looking and listening to the speaker and being positive audience members. Last week's Most Respectful Class went to Year 3C - congratulations 3C!

Positive Behaviours

This term, students and teachers are being awarded ‘Gotchas’ for demonstrating our school rules of Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.

Each week, names are drawn from the collection for a prize on assembly. Our winners last week were Nick (3B), Coen (2A) and Will (1C) - congratulations!

Have a great week,

Katie

klew114@eq.edu.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Tristan T-D
Olivia S
Olivia W
Kate R
Cooper T
William j
Daniel R
Atticus N
Archie S
Heidi T
Andrew Mc

Short Story Festival- Week 6

Write - Excite - Sizzle
Resource Centre News

Students are enjoying the festival activities and completing creative and exciting writing activities in their classrooms to bring to the Festival display space outside the tuckshop and Circle and Sail Lawn area.

We welcome parents to come and read the great student work before or after school as the displays and student work gathers and grows each day! It will be displayed until Thursday next week (Week 7).

We welcome students to enter the Short Story Competition!

Read and be touched.
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Short Story Competition 2016

Write a short story on any topic of your choice!

The story needs to:
1) have a title
2) be edited
3) be the student’s own work
4) Follow the length limitations per category

Length:
P-2 - handwritten – no length limit
Yr 3-4 – typed and less than 750 words
Yr 5-6 – typed and less than 750 words

Due Date: Please give your entry to Mrs Allison by Thursday Week 7 March 10.

Prizes: All participating students will receive a certificate and there will be one book prize in each category.

Our visiting author Alesha Darlison will judge our final entries!
Junior Choir Starts This Thursday

Junior Choir rehearsals start this week for Yr 1 and 2 students who are keen to sing every Thursday morning at 8:10 am in the music room. Please email Mrs Kienzle (mkien1@eq.edu.au) if your child is joining or returning to Junior Choir.

Mrs Melinda Kienzle

P&C Notice of the AGM – Tuesday 08 March, 7pm – B Block

Next week is our Annual General Meeting, at this time all of our memberships lapse and we elect office bearers for the coming year. Please see the attachment detailing all of the roles and a short description of each. All roles are open to be contested should you wish to nominate yourself or someone else please complete an application form prior to the meeting and return to our P&C Secretary Rebecca Harrison rebeccah@travelmanagers.com.au, alternatively nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

All members of our school community are encouraged to become a P&C member please complete the attached Application for Membership, you will receive meeting minutes and notices of future meetings etc.

Please read the descriptions and feel free to contact me to discuss any of the roles.

Victoria Brown
P&C President
vicandab@bigpond.net.au 0429 475 625

P&C Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a new School Banking Coordinator and are hoping one or two people would be able to take over. It is a great way to volunteer at the school as it takes only a short time each week and can be done at a time that suits you.

If you are interested please contact Fiona Himstedt on 0409 328 346.

Thank you.
Fiona Himstedt

BURGER BAR Friday 04 March

4A will be hosting this month’s Burger Bar at the Showgrounds. We hope to see you there for a delicious steak and coleslaw burger. Come and support our school.

Many thanks,
Andy Dart

Election Day BBQ

Last Election Day the P&C raised over $2000 (Sausage sizzle and Raffle) to go towards much needed resources for our school. It has been suggested we organise another for this year. The Election Day is Saturday 18 March. Brookfield State School Hall is booked for voting on the day. Helpers are needed to co-ordinate the event. Another form of fundraising for this day, to take advantage of the masses, could be suggested also. If this interests you please contact me via e-mail.

Nerolee Huxham
neroleeh@yahoo.com.au
BUSH DANCE - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! GUESS WHO'S BACK?

Our fantastic event is open to all members of your family, young and old. Children must be accompanied by Adults/Carers.

A valid ticket for entry must be purchased for all attendees. Get in quick via Flexischools, as this is the most cost effective way to purchase tickets. The closing date for online tickets is Thursday 17 March at 5pm. Admission sales will be available on the night, however for catering purposes we recommend using the Flexischools ordering system.

Admission Only $7 OR *All Inclusive Ticket (Recommended- *Admission, sausage, cold drink, swag bag & zoooper dooper) $12.50

Mr Skippy has made an appearance this week, and didn’t the kids love it!

Mrs Skippy is at home attending to all things kangaroo, while Mr Skippy shares a classroom until he is presented for the Lucky Door prize on the night. Thanks to all who have e-mailed with offers to help out, this year will be amazing with all your support.

Nerolee Huxham
neroleeh@yahoo.com.au

Drink Fundraiser for 2016

It is time for the drink fundraiser to begin for 2016! It will be a little different this year, we will be running it for only two weeks this term!

We are asking for your help to donate a carton or slab of any of the following: Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Fanta, Water or golden circle poppers. These drinks will be used throughout the year to assist with fundraising at various functions and sports events.

Our first function is the Bush Dance! For your donation you will receive a ticket to go into the draw to win one of 4 all inclusive tickets to the BUSH DANCE (to the value of $50). 2 tickets will be drawn each week of the drink fundraiser, these draws will be done at assembly.

Donations can be dropped off at C Block commencing on the 22 of February, 8.15am every morning or from 2.15pm every afternoon. Final donations will be received the afternoon of the 04 of March. Please assist our school to make our fundraising this year a huge success.

Monica Jones

Crazy Hair Day - DATE CHANGE

Due to Interschool Sport, Thursday 10 March will be Crazy Hair Day at our school to help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Colour or style your hair for a gold coin donation - or get it coloured at school on first break. Prize for the craziest hair! Cupcakes will also be on sale on the day. Donations of hair spray/chalk greatly appreciated, please bring to the office.

Nicola Danslow

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 1. The school earned 240 reward points which is a great start to the year! Issue 2 came out last week and orders are due by Friday 11th March. Please order by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or with the LOOP app for Apple or Android. Feel free to contact me on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

Thank you
Nicola Hile
Hi Everyone!

My name is Liz and I would like to introduce myself as the new Coordinator at Brookfield PCYC! I am so excited to start in this position and continue to grow the amazing service that Kristy and the team has developed here at Brookfield. The parents and staff have been very patient with me as I settle into this new role and begin to get to know the amazing children and school community.

We have some exciting things planned for the service in the next few weeks but we are also always looking for feedback and ideas from parents and children! We have a program book set out in our PCYC room ready to take some great ideas on how we can improve the service for your children. This space has been created for them so we want to know what they want to do here!

The Vacation Care program will be out this week so keep your eyes out for that. We have some very exciting days and excursions planned for your kids!

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au or by visiting us (we are in A block under the music room) Here are a few things we offer:

- Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm – our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service
- Life skills programs – cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly
- Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader
- Art and craft
- Intentional teaching activities with the children being the contributors to the program – they ask, they receive!

Please come visit us, call 3374 2107 or email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au for more information. We would love to meet you!

Thanks,
Liz Gordon-Brown
1st Bellbowrie Girls’ Brigade

What is Girls’ Brigade?

The Girls’ Brigade Australia is a vibrant community providing activities for girls of all ages. Girls’ Brigade is a relationship building, achievement based program which has been developed especially for girls, incorporating physical, social, educational and spiritual aspects.

If you have a daughter aged between 8 & 18 come along and give Girls’ Brigade a try.

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
When: Thursdays in school terms
Where: Bellbowrie Community Church Hall

Contact: Sandy Dickinson
bellbowriegirlsbrigade@hotmail.com

Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten

2 KINDERGARTEN VACANCIES AVAILABLE

We currently have 2 Kindergarten places available for kindy-aged children born 01/07/2011 - 30/06/2012, in our Yellow Group program (Thursday, Friday and all Wednesdays) in term 2. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact us on (07) 3378 2009 or Email: chapelhillkindy@optusnet.com.au.
Visiting Author:

Aleesah Darlison

Wednesday March 2

Aleesah Darlison is a multi-published, award-winning Australian children’s author.

About our Author:

**She grew up on a small farm outside a sleepy little village in the country in NSW. She always had loads of pets and plenty of wild animals in the bush around her. She love animals so much and writes stories about them.

**Aleesah was reading and writing from the age of four – and hasn’t stopped!

** Aleesah once had a pet eel and a pet snake.

**Aleesah won a writing competition when she was sixteen, which won her school 3 computers ($10,000 worth).

** She has written over twenty books for children including picture books, chapter books and novels and series. These include the Unicorn Riders Series and Totally Twins and picture books.

She’s also had many book reviews published in the Sun-Herald and short stories and articles published in anthologies, newspapers and magazines.

** Aleesah’s favourite colour is red. Her favourite foods are chocolate and sushi.

** Now she lives on the Sunshine Coast with three very energetic children and her two dogs, Buck and Floyd.

Aleesah will speak to all students in the school on Wednesday!