From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

It’s amazing what you can learn from a conductor! A baton is a short thin stick used for directing a musical performance but in the right hands it’s as powerful as Harry Potter’s wand.

Patrick Pickett was the keynote speaker at our Independent Public Schools Conference last week and I am certain he took the opportunity to have some fun conducting the 130 principals in the room to perform some ridiculous and uncomfortable actions. Patrick Pickett was the Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra from 2009 to 2012 and then in 2013 he launched the Australian Musicians and Orchestral Services as well as becoming the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Queensland Pops Orchestra.

With his baton in hand, Patrick delivered a powerful yet simple plan for effective leadership:

• Get their attention first;
• Plan carefully and direct according to what needs to be done; and
• Complete the piece together.

Patrick demonstrated this process with stories of his time in various leadership positions, including a distinguished career in the Australian Army. He also took a moment to introduce the group of principals to an employee at the Convention Centre who was serving cold water in the conference room. His purpose for doing this was to demonstrate that every cog in the machine, every person in the system, plays a role in the overall outcome and should be acknowledged for the role they play.

Our teachers meet most Tuesday mornings before school in our Collaborative Learning Centre (also commonly known as B Block) to consider and respond to various teaching and learning principles that reflect current issues. This week we looked at growth mindsets and its implications for improving performance and achievement.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our teaching team who continue to build their capacity to deliver improved learning outcomes. Our teacher aides are also valued members of this team and I would like to acknowledge the support and services they provide to both teaching and learning, as well as the general operations of our school.

Father’s Day

I hope we are inundated with dads as they come together on Friday morning for a cup of coffee and a muffin. We’ve had a great response over the past couple of years with dads visiting classrooms from 8:30am before returning to the Resource Centre verandah when the bell sounds.

Children typically enjoy showing their dad, or another significant family member, through their classroom to look at some of their work. Whether you are able to attend or not, our school wishes you a happy Father’s Day for Sunday.

Thought for the Week

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.

Anon

Have a great week!

Bruce
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DATE CLAIMER
September
Thurs 3 Father’s Day Stall
Fri 4 Father’s Day Breakfast
Thurs 10 Prep - Yr 4 Science Day
Sun 13 P & C Working Bee
Wed 16 Yr 5 - 6 Science Fair
Whole School Assembly
From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Book Week Assembly

What a fantastic event this was! It was wonderful to see so many students (and staff!) getting into the spirit of Book Week and celebrating by dressing up as book characters. Thank you also to the large number of parents and siblings who came along to enjoy the assembly also.

Papua New Guinea School Visit

Today we were fortunate enough to host students from Lihir International Primary School in Papua New Guinea. It was lovely to meet these students, and they thoroughly enjoyed visiting our school. The basketball game was hotly contested and our students enjoyed the presentation by the students on our whole school assembly.

Footsteps Disco

We know that students have been enjoying their participation in weekly dance lessons with Footsteps Dance Company. Our Prep - Year 2 students will have the opportunity to showcase their new dance moves at the Footsteps Disco on Thursday from 1:15 - 1:45pm. Year 3 - Year 6 students will participate in their disco in Week 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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Prep Orientation Morning

Gentle reminders for future Prep families:

- Please be sure to return any forms you may have been provided on the day.
- Please ensure that you have provided a Birth Certificate to the office.
- Please book in for a 15 minute interview on Monday 19 October (details below).

Prep Interviews will take place on Monday 19 October from 8:30am - 4:00pm in the Resource Centre. Your child will need to bring along their favourite book to the interview.

To book your interview time, follow the link (https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/) and enter the event code: F5T47. You will have the option of booking in with Teacher #1, Teacher #2, Teacher #3 or Teacher #4. The Prep team member who conducts your interview will not necessarily be the teacher who has your child next year. Our Prep teachers work well as a team to share information from the interviews, this is used to help us create our classes for 2016.

If you have any queries please contact: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 33747333.

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Thanks again to all those families who have been supporting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The more points we earn, the more great educational products we can purchase for the school.

We’ve had a fantastic week with an additional 3,420 stickers coming in, bringing the school total to 9,120. Well done Brookfield!

The program is scheduled to finish on Tuesday 8th September so please keep collecting those stickers and bringing them into the school office or placing them in our box at Woolworths.

Thanks for your support.
Tamar McCullough

Prep – Year 4 Science Day 2015- “Light the way”

The Prep - Year 4 Science Day will be held on Thursday 10th September (Term 3 - Week 9). Every child and teacher will be encouraged to dress up as a type of scientist to celebrate this critical learning area. More information is attached to today’s newsletter email.

Thank you
Steph Weigel

Ball Games Carnival

The Ball Games Carnival is set for the last Friday of term, September 18th. It is a great opportunity for everyone to work as a team and with their house. It will commence at 9am and finish at 11am.

Regional Athletics Trials

Congratulations to all the students who competed last week at the Met West Regional Athletics Trials. Well Done to the following students who made it through to the State Athlet-
National Cross Country

Congratulations to Amelia H, Keira M and Miranda M who have just competed this week at the Nationals. What an achievement!

Music News

Wow! What a great morning we had at our Senior Citizens’ Concert last Wednesday. We had approximately 100 guests from nearby retirement villages, as well as families and friends of our school population. The mixing of the generations was wonderful to see and our students did the school proud in all that they did. Huge thanks go to Kym Doyle and her army of helpers who did a magnificent job with the morning tea. If you donated a plate of food on the day (thank you) and haven’t yet picked up your plate/platter/container, they can be found on a table in the foyer of the hall.

Last week, our Intermediate and Junior Choirs should have received an email with details of our upcoming performance at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on September 12. If you did not receive your copy, either contact Melissa McMillan (mmcml0@eq.edu.au) or see the lovely ladies in the Office for a copy. We would love to have every choir member there to show just what our younger students can do. It is a lovely day out for the whole family.

JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL CANCELLED TOMORROW

Due to the Father’s Day Stall being set up in the music room there will be no rehearsal tomorrow, Thursday 3 September. I will need all students at the next rehearsal on 10 September as this will be our last chance to practice before our Country Markets concert.

Melinda Kienzle
Resource Centre News

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Reading Record Sheets were due last week but we will accept any late sheets until this Friday to the office.

Book Week Dress-as-a-Book Character Assembly

Well done once again to parents and students for getting into the Book Week spirit to show us your marvellous array of book characters at this year’s assembly last week!

Father’s Day Stall

It is that time of year again...
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held:
TOMORROW THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER!
Our wonderful gifts will be ranging from $1-$10 with $5 being the most common gift price.
Please remember to send some money with your child so they can purchase something special for that someone special on Father’s Day.
If you have an hour to spare, we would greatly appreciate some help on the day.

See you Thursday
Sarah Stefanaras and Shelley McGregor

Fathers Day Breakfast this Friday 4th September

Our highly anticipated Fathers Day Coffee Morning is taking place this week on Friday 4th September from 8:30am. Students will be escorting their Dads/Granddads to their classrooms at 8:30am and then when the bell rings, they will bring them along to the library veranda, where delicious home-baked muffins and tea and coffee will be served. Last year the kids loved showing off their work and all the teachers went to so much trouble for this special day.

Last year we had 140 Dads/Granddads attend and we hope to have even more attend this year. If you haven’t yet returned your attendance slip, please can you do so by this Thursday 3rd September, as we need to know for catering purposes how many muffins to bake etc. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a wonderful hamper that will be raffled.

Parking will be available on the oval on Friday morning.

Kind Regards,
Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Friday Yoga Cancelled This Week

With all the Fathers Day festivities, this Friday’s yoga class will be cancelled. We are still holding classes for the remainder of the term though!

Thank you
Janine Lee
SPRING HAS SPRUNG...

It’s time to get your sizzle on!!! The Burger Bar will be hosted by 2C this Friday night at the Brookfield Showgrounds, from 6pm.

Come.......Eat.......Drink.......Laugh.......Go home!! Can’t wait to see you there to support our School.

Many thanks
Andy Dart

Fundraising News

GIVE US YOUR 5 CENTS WORTH

There are just 2.5 weeks left of Term 3 remaining and that means the race to collect the most 5 cent coins is really on. There has been a fierce competition between Grades 4 and 6 all term; with Grade 1 closely following behind in third position. There is speculation that the other Grades are hiding their collections and looking to overthow the leaders at the final post. This could get interesting. The jars close on the last day of Term and the prize winning year level will be announced at the beginning of next Term. Keep those coins coming and good luck!

TIME FOR COFFEE?

For the month of September, the Hedberg Family are generously donating 20 cents from every coffee sold to our School! Be sure to support a local business and our school by getting your daily caffeine fix at The Brookfield General Store.

Kind regards
Louisa Wijacha

PCYC News

I trust everyone is excited for the school holidays; we certainly are here at PCYC. Check out our vacation care program for some wicked days!!

Let Me Take A Selfie- Crazy Photo Day
Excursion- Queens Park
Careers Day
Incursion- Minecraft Music and Dance Day
Electronics Day
Excursion- GoMA & Southbank Wheel
Around The World Multicultural Day
Harry Potter Day
Incursion- Carnival Day
Wheels Day

The children are very excited to have their imaginative play area set up as a Smoothie Bar.

The children love using the real glasses and ordering from the menu!

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 Nuttal

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Friday Soccer (Prep - Year 3)

A reminder that there will be no soccer this Friday Sep 4th. Soccer will continue as normal from next Friday the 11th of Sep for the rest of this term and will start again in the first week of Term 4.

Shameem Khan and Peter Aston

“Does your child have trouble sleeping and have a diagnosis of ADHD?”

An international research team, including researchers from The University of Queensland and Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, is undertaking a study to look at the effectiveness of Melatonin in helping children who have a diagnosis of ADHD, are currently treated with stimulant medication, and are experiencing sleep difficulties, particularly getting to sleep.

This study is designed in a way that it can help provide information for individuals, and also group information. This information will be useful in determining if melatonin has a significant effect on sleep for your child. Every child will receive both melatonin and placebo (identical dummy tablets) so that we can compare their response to melatonin with their response to the dummy tablet, and decide if melatonin works for them or not.

It is not the usual trial where some people get active and some people get dummy tablets. This is an individual medication effectiveness test, where each child and family and their doctor will get a report at the end of the trial about whether melatonin works for them.

Results from this study can be given to your doctor to help in treatment planning for your child.

Here are two links that give further information about the study:
http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/296310.php

You can access further information via the website http://mbs.uq.edu.au/mynap-study or you can contact our team directly on 07 3381 1597 or via mynap@uq.edu.au.
Kenmore girls play footy too!

The Mighty Kenmore Bears Junior AFL Club is looking for girls to join our grade 5-6 and grade 7-10 teams to play in all-girl competitions in 2016. Register your interest now for a great year of skills, fitness, friendship and fun!

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