From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Do you set personal goals each new year? I typically do. Generally my goals relate to increased exercise, improved dietary habits, more family time and a better work-life balance. Almost every year I entertain such thoughts.

What about professional and work-related goals? At Brookfield, we expect every child will Belong (be proud of their association with the school), Strive (work to capacity and do their best) and Succeed (continue to demonstrate improvement and achievement).

Goal setting has been found to be highly effective in supporting student achievement. John Hattie, Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Research Institute at University of Melbourne, believes goal setting can have a positive affect on student learning when goals inform individuals as to what type or level of performance is to be attained so that they can direct and evaluate their efforts and actions accordingly.

Our students will all set goals in reading, writing and numeracy with their teacher/s. These goals will originate from pre-assessment and formative assessment which have taken place since the beginning of the year. While the early data collection, analysis and goal setting are important, our core work is teaching and learning which is well underway in every classroom.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings are currently taking place. Year One, Four, Five and Six teachers have all shared important information on various aspects of our school’s routines and procedures. The remaining year level presentations are included below:

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Bounce Back

‘Bounce Back’ is our wellbeing and resilience program being rolled out across the school. Key concepts are taught in nine curriculum units. Each unit begins with the explanations of each of the key concepts and is followed by a rich curriculum to teach the key concepts. All units include circle time, cooperative learning, use of children’s literature, songs and music, games and activities and visual and performing arts.

The nine units are:
- Unit 1: Core values (honesty, fairness, responsibility, support, cooperation, acceptance of differences, respect, friendliness and inclusion)
- Unit 2: People bouncing back
- Unit 3: Courage
- Unit 4: Looking on the bright side
- Unit 5: Emotions
- Unit 6: Relationships
- Unit 7: Humour
- Unit 8: No bullying (understanding bullying and cyberbullying and developing skills for responding to bullying and put downs)
- Unit 9: STAR (Success)
Each class will spend a minimum of 30 minutes each week implementing Bounce Back.

**Sports Uniform – Friday only**

The sports uniform (Years 4-6) may be worn on Friday only. Boys should wear grey shorts Monday to Thursday.

**Thought for the Week**

10% of life is made up of what happens to you...
90% of life is decided by how you react.

*Stephen Covey*

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**Have a great week!**

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

**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 from 1:50 – 2:30pm.

**Gotchas**

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of *Be Safe, Be Respectful* and *Be Responsible* through Gotchas. Students will receive Gotchas when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Gotcha recipients will be drawn on assembly and will receive a prize to acknowledge their quality choices.

**BeLearning BYOD iPads 2016**

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

For your reference, you may have seen in recent media about the recall of a large portion of Apple device chargers. The information from Apple is explained well here: [https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/](https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/). It may be worth checking your chargers to see if they are affected.

**Life Education**

The Life Education team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting Brookfield State School from 24 February – 04 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: ‘Harold’s Surprise’ – Prep**

Harold and the class are invited to possum’s party in the park. On the way they become aware of and develop appreciation of their bodies, discuss the importance of healthy food choices and exercise, safety in the environment and identify how people grow and change.
**MODULE: ‘CLUED UP’ – YEAR 1**
The Children help Harold investigate the disappearance of his friend Cocky. Through being detectives and solving the mystery, they learn about friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and cooperation.

**MODULE: ‘Harold’s Mystery Tour’ – YEAR 2**
The class joins Harold and his friends on a mystery tour where they experience an ‘Amazing Body Adventure.’ The children explore appropriate remedies when feeling sick, issues of safety and ways to cope when feeling pressured.

**MODULE: ‘Harold’s Heroes’ – YEAR 3**
Harold recruits the class as the newest members of his Super-Hero Team. Free from distractions, the class become absorbed in tackling challenges such as exploring the effect of second hand smoke and identifying how to ‘fly to the rescue’ in an emergency.

**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 recognizing harmful situations.

**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.

**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 12th February, 2016 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.

If medication is held in the office from last year, an adult needs to come to the office to collect it to take home. We cannot send the medication home with a student. If it is not collected, and is out of date, we will dispose of it.

There are new guidelines with Ventolin. If the school receives written permission from parents regarding the child’s competent independent use of Ventolin, then inhalers can be kept in school bags for student use. A letter to known asthmatic students will be coming home this week outlining this information and reflecting the new guidelines.

**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 05 February.
These suggestions will be considered and a revised policy presented to the P&C at their meeting on Tuesday 09 February for approval. Once approved, the revised policy will be loaded to our website.

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

Resource Centre News

Resource Centre Activities

The Resource Centre is open at 8:30-8:50am and 2:55-3:10pm for borrowing and reading. We are open at first breaks for students to enjoy art/craft activities, reading, borrowing, board games, puppets and computers.

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 or if they wish to borrow at other times.

Celebrating Australia - Narelle Oliver

We are highlighting the wonderful and beautifully illustrated books of the famous Brisbane author Narelle Oliver at the moment. Lunchtime art activities are also based around the Australian animal theme.

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 voracious 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

Music News

Welcome to another year of music at Brookfield! This week, letters were sent home to all students in Years 3-6 who are intending to be part of one of our music groups. If you missed your copy, please see the lovely ladies in the Office for a copy.

There are just a few dates to take note of for the upcoming week:
Monday Feb 8 - Lessons with Mr Lougheed start. Teachers in Yrs 4-6 have a copy of his timetable for students to check what time their lesson is.

Monday Feb 15 - Senior Band starts in the hall at 8am. All Yr 5 & 6 students who have lessons with Mr Lougheed are now members of our Senior Band. We’re looking forward to hearing their first performance!
Marimba Groups 2016

Expression of Interest letters have been sent home with all students in Years 5&6 who are interested in starting in one of our marimba groups this year. The reply slips will be collected on the Music Room veranda next Wednesday (Feb 10) from 8am. We have limited number of places available in these groups and places will be allocated in order of receipt of Expression of Interest forms and in consideration of establishing a balanced ensemble of ability standard and year level.

Choirs 2016

Our Senior and Intermediate Choirs are both starting up next week. Intermediate Choir is on Mondays at 8am (in the Music Room) and is made up of our Year 3 and 4 students while the Seniors (Years 5&6 students) will rehearse on Tuesdays at 8am. We don’t audition for these groups, but want to encourage any child who is interested to come along to join us. I look forward to seeing many of your children there.

Junior Choir will be available for our Year 1&2 students in a few weeks. Keep an eye on the Banter for a starting date.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

P&C News

Welcome to new families and welcome back to returning families!

On behalf of the P&C committee I would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a warm welcome to all of our new families at Brookfield. Please see the attachment in this week’s Banter for a full 2016 P&C Overview.

Term 1 will feature our:

- Regular Burger Bars, kicking off this Friday night at the Showgrounds, a great opportunity to catch up after the holiday break over a burger and a drink.
- Annual Bush dance, mark it in your diary, 18th March, a fantastic event with fun for the whole family.
- Tuesday 09 February P&C Meeting
- Tuesday 08 March AGM P&C Meeting

2016 is my last year at Brookfield School and after 7 active years in various roles on the P&C I am vacating the President role next month in March at our AGM. 2016 planning is well advanced and systems, processes and volunteers are always eager to take on the tasks. I will continue to be involved and supportive to the incoming President, Executive and committee. It is an important role that needs to be filled, to continue to provide support to the school. Don't be shy, please contact me for more information. Come along to our first meeting for the year to learn more about our school and P&C, our meeting is at 7pm, next Tuesday 9th February 2016, in B Block, everyone is welcome.

Again, wishing everyone (new and existing families) a very warm welcome back to school.

Victoria Brown
P&C President (vicandab@bigpond.net.au)

Classroom Representatives Needed

As we start the new year, we are looking for new Class Reps. Being a Class Rep is a fantastic way to make a difference to our beautiful school. It’s a great opportunity to make new friends and get to know other parents throughout the school. You can make the role of
Class Rep as big or small as you like and it’s only for one year! There are just 3 things we ask you to do to help our school run smoothly.

1. Organise a coffee morning, park play or something similar to welcome new parents to the class and catch up with old friends.
2. Assist with communication between the teacher and the class as requested.
3. Help us bring together other parents in your class to work on one or two fundraising activities for the year.

If this sounds like it may interest you (or you would like to share this role with a friend), please contact your class teacher or call Roanne Lemmon-Warde on 0434 909 392 or e-mail at rojolw@gmail.com for more details.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

PCYC News

Hi everyone! What a start to the school year! We have had a fabulous time getting to know all the new children and families at our service, enjoying seeing how much our existing children have grown and having a lot of fun with the new staff we have hired as well.

For families that are new to the Brookfield SS community, our service received an EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS RATING during our accreditation process last year. This means we provide an excellent level of care for your child. We have many programs to suit any age or interest of children including art and craft, sports and outdoor games, life skills such as cooking, baking, gardening and sewing, homework club, technology time after 5pm, dramatic and imaginative play and nutrition lessons.

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
- 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!

Kristy Nuttall

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club is now out with orders due back Friday 12th 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 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 over $1400 worth of resources.

Orders are only done online by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the app for iPad/iPhone or Android. No cash or cheque orders please and no need to return forms to the office.

If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. Please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

Nicola Hile
Book Club Organiser
School Banking

Welcome to School Banking! The theme for 2016 is Outback Savers. Banking day is Friday. Yellow wallets can be given in to the office or your class teacher Friday morning. These will be given back the following week. New bankers can open a student account at Commonwealth Bank. Information packs are available at the office for new and existing bankers.

The new rewards items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range are as follows:

- Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set, released Term 1
- Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag, released Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen, and Jump and Skip Rope, released Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan and Wriggly Glow Worm, released Term 4

This year, School Banking is offering the students the chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo where they will get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone me on 0409328346.

Thank you
Fiona Himstedt

Burger Bar

1st Burger Bar for 2016 - proudly hosted by the P&C - Friday 08 February

Come down and grab a bite to eat, a cool drink and catch up with friends after the Christmas break!

We will have the Burger Bar under the trees in the carpark where it is a lot cooler. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Andy Dart

Running Training

Cross Country training starts this Thursday at 8am. Training will be on a Tuesday and Thursday at 8am.

All ages and abilities are catered for. You don’t have to be fast OR fit! Parents are encouraged to come and run with us. Any help is welcomed, no experience necessary.

Friday Soccer

Soccer is on a Friday at 8am and is open to students in grade 3 and up. Grade 3 and 4 students may wear boots, shin pads are compulsory. Grade 5 and 6 students will do either soccer or touch football. No boots allowed. Please arrive early so teams can be sorted out.

Please check the school Facebook page for wet weather updates.

Lizel Moore
Lizelmoore@gmail.com
Welcome to the 1st Bellbowrie Girls’ Brigade Company! Starting 4th February, girls in grades 3 to 12 can join us for a night of fun, learning and friendship.

- Thursdays 6:30pm – 8pm
- Moggill State School Media Room (near the Admin building)

“We empower girls and young women in local communities to be themselves, to develop and use their gifts and skills, and to discover what it means to have life to the full in their generation.”


Parents and guardians are welcome on our first night (February 4th) to meet the leaders, ask questions and check out what we’re all about.

For questions, contact us at: bellbowriegirlsbrigade@hotmail.com

Captain: Sandra Dickinson