What is the single most important factor in any relationship? Trust, honesty, communication, integrity!

I did some brief research and came across a psychology website where Alice Boyes, Ph.D, identified 50 characteristics that were important for a successful relationship. Dr Boyes rephrased these characteristics as questions and claims that if you responded yes to most them, you are likely to be in a healthy relationship.

Three of the first questions included:
You think your partner has good ideas?
Even when you disagree, you acknowledge your partner makes sensible points?
You see your partner as trustworthy?

Please don’t rush to look for the website. I just wanted to raise awareness of the importance of the partnership between home and school. With a student enrolled here at Brookfield, I am often asked to put on my parent hat or sometimes my principal hat to respond to a question. To be honest, I’m not a big believer in wearing different hats, but I do understand the importance of being able to look at something from another perspective.

I am yet to meet a teacher who doesn’t want the very best for every student in their class, just as I am yet to meet a school leader who doesn’t want the very best for every student and staff member in their school. It also applies in reverse. I am yet to meet a parent who doesn’t want the very best for their child.

So, if we all want the same outcome, then surely it’s just a matter of working together to achieve success.

There are constraints on both sides of the divide. The Department of Education and Training is an enormous organisation and as a member, our school has to work within the system. Similarly there are family constraints and situations that influence and impact upon your child. Communication and trust are most certainly important elements in a healthy relationship.

I wonder how our school rates on some of the questions above. Do you know and agree with our school motto and vision? Do you acknowledge we make decisions based on sound evidence and research, even if you disagree? Do you trust us to achieve the best outcomes for your child?

Working together strengthens our focus on wanting the best learning outcomes for every child in our school. Mr Skehan (Year 5 teacher) often refers to the TEAM acronym, Together Everyone Achieves More. How true that is!

Fanfare

Our Senior Choir performed extremely well last Friday and were awarded GOLD at Fanfare. Mrs McMillan and the Senior Choir are very pleased with the result. Following their success at Kenmore SHS last week, the Senior Choir was selected for the regional final concert. Only six primary and six secondary school choirs were selected from the groups which performed over the last two weeks.
The primary finalists and their directors are;
Ashgrove State School Voices of Ashgrove; Laura Huehn
Brookfield State School Senior Choir; Melissa McMillan
Manly State School Senior Choir; Robyn Forshaw
Sandgate State School GLOSS - Girls and Ladies of Sandgate State; Kathryn Bryant
Silkstone State School Harmonies Choir; Linda Weatherhead
Wilton State School Wilston Wonders Senior Choir; Miranda Charters

The finals concert will be held at the Old Museum on Tuesday 23 June. The primary choir section will commence at 5.30pm. Congratulations to Mrs McMillan and the Senior Choir on this wonderful achievement.

ICAS - Science

56 students participated in ICAS - Science today. This was the first ICAS test for 14 students in Year 2 who all participated successfully. Those students who were absent will sit the test on Tuesday 09 June following the long weekend.

ICAS - Writing is scheduled for Monday 15 June and ICAS - Spelling is scheduled for Tuesday 16 June.

Independent Public School (IPS) - School Council

A reminder that nomination forms for the School Council are available from the office or by contacting admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au Nominations close this Friday 05 June.

Thought for the Week

"If two people on the same job agree all the time, then one is useless. If they disagree all the time, both are useless."

Darryl Zanuck

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

STEM 2015

The kids STEM Convention is an exciting opportunity for students in years 5 & 6 to experience and participate in a conference of scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical learning. The students are given the opportunity to apply their learning through real life investigative inquiries, conducted during school hours. They are then able to present their learning to peers and academics. We have only been offered 6 spots at this convention this year as places are highly sort after. Early indicators suggest that there are many more students who are interested in taking part. In order to determine the students that are likely to have the ability and dedication to complete this task successfully we will be holding an application quiz at 9am on Tuesday 9th June in B Block.

Students will be quizzed on their knowledge and understanding of the scientific process. Later in July, the successful applicants will be taken by bus to a conference held at the University of Queensland which will inspire their own investigations. Please note that there will be a cost associated with attending this event and participating in the program.

For further details or enquiries please contact Deb Minczanowski on dminc8@eq.edu.au

Deb Minczanowski
Thinking Skills LOGO Artists

On Tuesday May 26, fifty students from Prep to year 6 chose to be involved in a lunchtime artist’s workshop to create logos for a Thinking Skills Resource currently in development by staff at State Schooling’s Central Office for eventual use by teachers across Queensland. Elizabeth Bullock, Brookfield SS extension teacher and Rhonda Horne from the State Schooling C2C Office at Coorparoo, supported the students as they created their logos. Congratulations to the thirteen artists whose logos were selected to inspire the artists and writers at Central Office.

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Resource Centre News

Readers Cup

The Brookfield State School Readers Cup Team members are: Nicholas Hargreaves (Captain), Amelia Nikles-Ralph, Emily Pattullo, Ryan Fearon and Brendan Hall. The Corinda District Teacher-Librarian Network Readers Cup competition will be held in our Hall on Wednesday June 10 with a total of 9 schools attending. We wish our team the very best of luck!

The Inter-House Readers Cup competition will be held on Monday June 15 at first break in the Hall and all teams are busy quizzing themselves on their knowledge of the five set books.

Read and escape
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Pirate Day Friday

Aargh, me Harteys... next Friday, 12th June is Pirate Day Friday. Bring a gold coin and come dressed as a pirate to raise funds for The Kids' Cancer Project. This charity is one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in Australia. So come along and join in the fun.

If you would like more information please visit www.piratedayfriday.com.

Fiona Echberg

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 is due this Friday 08 June please. Brookfield SS uses the Scholastic LOOP system to order so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app for iPhone, iPad or Android. No need to return forms to the school. Please feel free to contact me with any queries on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

Thank you
Nicola Hile

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 orders are due this Friday 5th June, not the 8th. Brookfield uses the LOOP system to order and pay so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app for iOS or Android. No need to return forms to the office.

Also, Scholastic are having a warehouse sale with 50-90% off children’s books at 2/350 Lytton Rd, Morningside on the 10th & 11th June from 8am-6pm.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thank you
Nicola Hile

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed next Monday 08 June due to the public holiday. Flexischools orders will be filled Tuesday 09 June.

At present the uniform shop is out of stock of size 4 and size 6 crew-neck sweatshirts as well as fleecy jumpers. An additional winter order for these items has been placed. However, we do still have microfibre jackets in these 2 sizes.

Tuckshop

The tuckshop has got increasingly busy with over 200 orders placed last Thursday. Being prepared is essential to ensure orders are fulfilled on time. To this end I have asked the P&C if the Flexischools cut-off time can be brought forward 10 minutes to 8:50 (when the school bell rings) rather than 9:00am which it currently is. This will enable me to print the bag labels a little earlier and the volunteers to start sticking them onto the bags instead of waiting around until 9:00am. It would definitely speed up our operation and enable us to get going a little quicker. This will come into effect the first week of term 3, on Wed 15th July. Should you miss the cut-off, please don’t hesitate to pop into the tuckshop where you can fill in a brown bag.

I would love a few more volunteers for the tuckshop. As we head into winter, inevitably children get sick and mums cannot fulfil their shift, so if you do have a couple of hours to spare once a month, on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please let me know. You can also donate any of the many pantry items we need to run the tuckshop, or put your name down on the home-baking roster. On that note, does anyone have a cake mixer gathering dust in their
cupboard that they would like to donate to the tuck shop? We are doing our own Anzac biscuits and other home-baking when we sell out at first break and having a cake mixer would make things much easier and quicker.

We have a lot of plastic ware under the counter, much of it from last year. If you do home-baking or did last year, please come and claim it (otherwise it may make its' way into the tuckshop Tupperware cupboard!

Thank you
Susan Sansbury

Burger Bar
Friday night 05 June 5.45pm onwards...... Hosted by Claire, Fiona and 4A.
Come down and grab a quick bite to eat while the kids are at the disco, then drop the older kids off to the disco and stay for a drink!!

There are some great raffle prizes up for grabs this month including a meat tray and Brookfield Vet voucher. You've got to be in it to win it!!!

Looking forward to seeing you there
Andy Dart

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We are fast approaching the end of term which means it is nearly HOLIDAYS!

Our vacation care program is already starting to book fast- we are very affordable and the children always have a blast! If you would like to book in for any days please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfield-sac@pcyc.org.au We hope to see some new faces!!

Our Life Skills program has been very successful so far but we would love to see more children attend. Our Life Skills program aims to teach children skills that are not generally taught in this common day and age. This Thursday we are going to be making our very own herb garden and learning about caring for plants. We are looking forward to using the herbs in our cooking tool

Please see our menu for this week that our lovely children get to enjoy.

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Thanks,
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