From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) suite of tests. These tests are designed to test the knowledge and skills of our students in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Students have been prepared for these tests through familiarisation of the testing format (including types of questions) and made aware of the criteria used to assess their writing. The best preparation is always quality teaching and learning of the Australian Curriculum which has been occurring since students began their schooling here at Brookfield.

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school’s assessment and reporting process and it does not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia and individual student results are strictly confidential.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. A good night’s sleep, a substantial breakfast and being on time will help to alleviate any anxiety.

Students will complete these tests in their classroom. If they are absent they can catch-up the test the following day. The timetable for these tests is included below:

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**Mother’s Day**

Happy Mother’s Day to all of the wonderful mums for Sunday. I’m sure you’ll enjoy a day of leisure beginning with breakfast in bed, flowers and gifts, a picnic lunch and a peaceful, uninterrupted nap in the afternoon before having dinner prepared for you in the evening.

Hopefully many of you will be able to warm up for the occasion by attending the breakfast on Friday on the Resource Centre verandah.
P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 10 May in B Block beginning at 7pm. Graeme Knox, our P&C President, has invited responses for future strategic planning and risk considerations (such as enrolments, catchment area etc). There has already been some interesting discussion on the topic. I hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Thought for the Week

Be happy......
Not because everything is good,
But because you see the good in everything.

Anon

Have a great week!
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Hello Parents

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Tracey Campbell and I will be the Acting Deputy Principal at Brookfield State School from this week, through to the end of the year.

I am not new to the Brookfield State School family as I have been working with students and teachers for the past twelve months as a Master Teacher.

I have forged many positive and productive relationships with a number of students and staff in this time, and I look forward to extending my connections to the wider community.

If you see me around as you drop and pick up your children, please come and introduce yourselves so I can start to put the family faces to the children.

I have included a photo in this issue of the Banter so you can spot me amongst the crowd.

Support-A-Learner Prep Parent Information Session

Last Monday, Prep parents were invited to a Support-A-Learner in Literacy and Numeracy session here at Brookfield State School. Don’t worry if you weren’t able to make it, we have uploaded the session notes onto our school website as a document under the Support and Resources tab.

Additionally, a great TED talk that you may want to access too that could help you with the ‘how-to’ of reading with a beginner reader at home is: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=korfvEOQbI4

We appreciate your support in developing happy, life-long learners!

Problem-solving in the Middle Years

In recent months, Year 3 and 5 students have been engaging in challenging Math problems in class, as a whole-class, and in small, targeted groups. These additional problem-solving sessions
have provided students with the opportunity to deeply engage in a targeted learning program that has improved their strategic know-how and critical thinking in Maths.

Teachers have participated with enthusiasm in the in-class professional development sessions as Paul Clarke, Principal Educational Advisor and Regional Team Manager for iRun Maths, modelled lessons for them. Teachers also followed-up these sessions with their own, creative problem-solving sessions that were aimed at developing the students’ general capabilities in Maths.

It has been wonderful to see students grow in confidence and ability as they has learnt how to tackle the trickiest of Math problem in a positive and creative manner.

Paul Clarke modelling the use of a Think-board when problem-solving.

Ethan and Stella from 3B share some of their work.
Junior Assembly

Prep – Year 3 assembly runs every Thursday from 1:50 – 2:30pm. It is always lovely to see parents attend assembly when possible.

On assembly last week we were treated to a very modern number rap from 1D; we look forward to seeing what 1C has to showcase this week.

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 1B – congratulations 1B!

The class that received the most brookie bears last week was Year 3A, we look forward to hearing about their adventures this week during our assembly.

Additionally, a representative from Kenmore Library will be visiting our assembly this week, it will be good to learn more about their services.

Have a great week,
Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

New Books released from Your Favourite Series

New titles from some our best-loved series will be released this week including Big Nate, Tom Gates, Wierdo, Tristan Bancks’ My Life series, Star Wars Jedi Academy, David Warner’s The Kaboom Kid and Spirit Animals.

Class Library Borrowing Days

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Thank parents for assisting their children to remember their library borrowing day and return their library books before the due date.

Read and be comforted
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Junior Choir Performance

Junior Choir will be performing a song on Junior Assembly this Thursday 5 May. An email has been sent to parents of Junior Choir members. If you did not receive an email please contact Mrs Kienzle at mkien1@eq.edu.au so that she can add you to the mailing list.

Melinda Kienzle
Prep Teacher
Junior Choir Conductor

West Akuna Tennis Trials

Well done to the students who trialled yesterday for the West Akuna Tennis team. They were Jorgen F, Noah B, Bobby H, Kristian F, Braden C, Connor F, Evie W, Ashleigh N, Georgia N, Tia F, Miranda M and Ellie B.
Congratulations to Georgia N, Evie W and Noah B who were selected for the West Akuna Team to play at the regional trials in June.

A big Thank You to the Brookfield Tennis Centre who hosted the event and did a lot of work helping to run trials, making the complex tennis draw and running over 100 matches on the day!

**District Cross Country**

All the best to the students who will be running on Thursday at the District Cross Country at Sherwood. Go Brookfield!

**West Akuna Football Trials**

Any student turning 11 or 12 this year who would like to try out for the boys or girls district touch football team, please see Mr Skehan no later than 11 May.

**All Schools Cross Country**

Congratulations to the 58 students who competed for Brookfield at the Queensland All School Cross Country Championships. In a field of 78 girls, Georgie G led from the start to win the 10 years 2km event. Miranda Mc P did the same in the 11 years 3km, with Amelia H finishing a close third in the same race. Harvey B came second in the 6 years 1km, with older brother Alfie B finishing third in the 8 years boys event. Other bronze medallists were Ava K in the 7 year girls event and Jake H-R in the 11 year boys race. Brookfield won nine of the team events, as well as three team silver medals and one team bronze medal. Overall we won the best primary boys and girls, as well as the combined trophy for top primary school for the third year in a row. Results can be found at [http://qldathletics.org.au/Portals/50/Results/2016%20Winter/results_160430_asxc.pdf](http://qldathletics.org.au/Portals/50/Results/2016%20Winter/results_160430_asxc.pdf). Well done to all!
Mother’s Day Breakfast

Reminder to all our beautiful mums that we are having mothers day breakfast on Friday 06 May. Please register for $7 per person on Flexi-schools or return your money to the office by the end of Thursday 3pm.

Come along and enjoy having the dads wait on us with tea, coffee and yummy scones, jam and cream. Mums, Grandmas and Aunties all welcome.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday night 10 May at 7pm in B Block. All welcome.

Rebecca Harrison
P & C Secretary

Cake stall at the Brookfield Show

Volunteer an hour or two

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/AxArsh
2. Enter your email address (you will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Choose your preferred times - you will then be sent confirmation and reminders. It's that easy!! (note: VolunteerSpot will not share your email address with anyone)

We still have plenty of timeslots available to help at the cake stall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (13th-15th May), as well as shifts for packing and pricing cakes in the school Hall on Thursday 12th May. Just log on, select a time that works for you, and register to help. Just click on this link at VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/AxArsh and enter your email address (you don't need to register an account) and then select a time to volunteer. It’s that easy!!

Fudge-making afternoon

Don't forget our fudge-making afternoon this Friday 6th May at the tuckshop from 12noon-3pm. We’ll supply the ingredients, the packing containers, and the delicious fudge recipe. Just register online, then come along and help us make dozens of batches of fudge for the cake stall.

Raffle hampers and raffle tickets

So far, there’s $8,500 worth of fabulous donated gifts for our raffle hampers. That’s a tremendous effort from our school community and local businesses...but you have to be in it to win it!! Tickets are $2 each, 3 for $5, or 6 for $10, and raffle tickets in envelopes have been sent home in your children’s backpacks. You can also buy raffle tickets at the school office. Just write your name/contact number on each stub, then return to the "All returns" box in the office.

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Cake baking

Don’t forget to pull out those tried’n’tested family recipes. We’ll need hundreds of cakes, biscuits, fudge, slices, banana breads and cupcakes to sell. And because we always run out of cakes by Sunday, could parents in years 4 and 5 please bake’n’make some extra cakes for Sunday? We’re also calling for some savoury baking to be delivered to the school Hall next Thursday 12th, for sale during the Friday session - things like cheese muffins, flavoured scones and scrolls, pull-aparts, tarts etc. and we can even supply you with some delicious savoury recipes.

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Packaging:

There are plenty of plastic and cardboard containers (in many sizes) and labels to box up your baked goodies - just collect the containers from the tuckshop and pack your cake/s at home. Alternatively, drop your cakes etc to the school Hall (on Thurs 12th and Fri 13th) or directly to the cake stall (Fri-Sun) and we’ll pack and label them for you.

Any questions, just email Brookfieldschool-cakestall@hotmail.com

The Brookfield Show

13, 14, 15 May 2016

Is your child nifty with a needle and thread? Creative in carving wood? Enjoys working with leather? Loves all things art or even pottering around in the garden?

Do you have a budding Nigella Lawson or Adriano Zumbo ready to wow the judges with their best cakes, cookies, and cupcakes?

There are so many wonderful opportunities for children of all ages to be part of this year’s Brookfield Show. Go to the website www.brookfieldshowground.com.au for more competition information.