From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

This afternoon our teachers will be meeting with colleagues from Fig Tree Pocket State School to moderate on a narrative writing task. If you see large numbers of teachers leaving en masse please be assured it is only their excitement over sharing their class writing samples with another school. They will return tomorrow.

Prep to Year 3 teachers will visit Fig Tree Pocket with Years 4-6 being hosted at Brookfield. This was an on-demand writing task for students from Prep to Year 6. Students had 5 minutes to plan, 30 minutes to write and 5 minutes to edit a story on the topic, "The Egg".

Writing, along with reading and numeracy is our core business. Earlier this week, Deb Minczanowski (Year 5/6 teacher) shared her experience as a NAPLAN writing marker for the past two years, to look at the writing criteria in depth and help understand what writing elements can be applied to improve the overall grade. An in-depth understanding of the criteria is also excellent for providing feedback to students on areas of strength and improvement.

The purpose of a narrative story is to entertain. The text structure should have an orientation, complication and a resolution. I’m sure you can imagine some of the stories the children wrote. They ranged from chickens and dinosaurs to out of this world characters and creatures.

The conversations during the moderation process will provide the best professional development to inform further teaching and learning writing opportunities. We will also come away with an agreed A, C and D standard sample of work for a narrative genre across Prep to Year 6.

Fig Tree Pocket is another high performing school in our cluster and will provide further insights into how they teach writing and what outcomes they have achieved. This moderation process will build trust and consistency in our professional judgements across both our schools.

Service Learning

Our first round of service learning was successful. Prep and Year One students shared a book and drew pictures with residents from Tarry Brae. We visited for about an hour and it was clearly evident that the children grew in confidence and the residents slowly relaxed and enjoyed conversing with students some 80-90 years younger than themselves.

Roumiana will get some feedback from the residents but if the smiles (from both young and old) is anything to go by, it might have just been the highlight of their week. Next Tuesday, group B (Years 2 & 3) will do some general gardening and knitting.

Road Safety

City Council and State Government representatives met with us earlier this week to look at our proposal for a crossing on Boscombe Road. At this stage, we are likely to see an increase in the area of the 2 minute parking zone, to include the couple of spaces immediately south of the administration gate. Some line markings to indicate parking spaces will also be painted to prevent vehicles from parking across multiple spaces.
Please continue to be vigilant around the school when you are dropping off or collecting a child.
If you are parked on the opposite side of the road (Boscombe or Brookfield Road), I strongly encourage you to cross the road with your child. Visibility is limited when children are crossing between parked vehicles and children will act unpredictably at times. Thank you for your patience and care.

ICAS Mathematics

The final ICAS paper for this year will take place on Tuesday 11 August in B Block during regular school hours. Students in Years 2-6 who nominated for the test will receive a reminder from their class teacher of the time and the materials required. Students absent on Tuesday will sit ICAS Mathematics on Thursday 13 August following the EKKA holiday.

P&C Meeting

The August P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday 11 August beginning 7pm in the staffroom (not B Block). I look forward to your company.

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 August beginning 7pm in B Block. At this meeting we will select a secretary and chairperson and consider the strategic direction of the school.

Free Dress Friday throughout August

Beginning this Friday, the last day of the week will be free dress to raise funds for the graduating Year 6 students to leave their mark on our school. In previous years we have been able to complete some outstanding art works which have added significant value to our school.

Students are reminded to wear sun-smart clothing and have their school hat. Student leaders will visit classrooms to collect a gold coin for those participating.

Thought for the Week

Don’t wait for the perfect moment,
Take the moment and make it perfect.

Zoey Sayward

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

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Assembly apology

My apologies to our Prep to Year 3 parent body for releasing students late from assembly last Thursday. The Prep to Year 3 team have reviewed our processes for assembly and have made alterations to our plans to ensure that this won’t happen in future.
Making every day count
It’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 18 September 2015. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Please be sure to inform your child’s teacher if they are going to be away for an extended period of time, for example, a family holiday. It is important for teachers to be aware of this and work the student’s assessment around it as best as possible. With enough notice, and at parental request, teachers will also be able to provide work for students to complete whilst on an extended holiday.

ICT Update
We are progressing with our goal of 5 working computers in each classroom. We have approved the purchase of 12 more laptops which will arrive in classrooms by the end of the term. Once these new laptops are allocated to classrooms, we will have attained our goal. This is great news and we are proud to share this achievement with our parent community.

Prep in 2016
The countdown to our Prep Orientation Morning is on! We are really looking forward to welcoming our future Preppies and their parents at our Prep Orientation Morning on Friday 21 August from 9:30am. Be sure to RSVP your attendance to: admin@brookfields.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 33 747 333.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful
Last week’s “Gotcha” winners were Hannah (PA) and Scott (PA), congratulations! The Most Respectful Class went to Mrs Beitzel and Prep C - these students were sitting and listening with respect throughout the assembly, well done!

Have a wonderful week,
Katie
klewil114@eq.edu.au

Music News
This week, two emails were sent home to all Intermediate Choir families. If you did not receive these messages, please contact Melissa to have your name added to our email list for future contact regarding performances.

Our Intermediate and Junior Choirs will be performing at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on Saturday, Sept 12. Mark the date in your diary for a great morning’s entertainment. Letters will come home with details closer to the date.

Emails were also sent home to all Senior Choir, Senior Strings and Senior Band families with details about our upcoming Senior Citizens’ Concert on Wednesday, August 26. Please remember to return the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter attached to this email to volunteer your help with the morning tea. This event is a highlight for many of our guests and we need help from everyone to make it the great success that it has become over the years.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher
Resource Centre News

Author Visit – Pat Flynn

We are very excited to welcome Pat Flynn to Brookfield State School his Friday 7 August when he will take sessions with all year levels in the Hall to share his award-winning writing tips and his books!

Short Story Competition 2015
Mission Possible!

Your Mission if you choose to accept it: 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: Thursday Week 6 August 20 (During Book Week Festival)
Bring Entries to Mrs Allison at Resource Centre

Book Trailers

Students have been producing some excellent book trailers to celebrate books they love in this the Book Week term! We have been showing some of these on assemblies and look forward to more to come.

Book Week 2015 Theme: Books Light Up Our World!

Book Week Festival: Weeks 6 and 7
Book Week Assemblies during Book Week - Week 7 at normal assembly times
Students - Remember to come dressed as a Book Character and join in the Book Week fun!
Years 4 - 7 Wednesday 26th August
Years P - 3 Thursday 27th August

Father’s Day Breakfast

Dad’s Grandads and Friends.... come and see your children’s work and spend some time with them in an informal setting in their classroom, followed by some delicious muffins and tea or coffee on the Library Veranda. This will be happening on Friday 4th September at 8:30am. Cost is $7 per adult. This is a very special catered event, so to ensure quick entry and to enjoy every minute, we encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. Please RSVP with your booking sheet, along with your payment by Friday 28th August.

Parking will be available on the School Oval that morning for the Dads and Granddads that will be attending the breakfast.
**RSPCA Cupcake Day**

Monday 17 August is RSPCA Cupcake day! We will be selling cupcakes for $2 outside tuck shop at first break. Please come and buy a cupcake to support the RSPCA (all money goes to the RSPCA).

The school that raises the most money gets a visit from an RSPCA puppy!

*Kelly E. 4B*

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

A very big thank you to all those families who have brought in their Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers and sticker sheets. We’re off to a great start with 1,620 points.

Please remember to ask for your Earn & Learn stickers when shopping at Woolworths and to place them into our box at Woolworths or the school office. The more points we earn for the school, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources! You should receive one sticker for every $10 spent.

You will also receive 1 extra bonus sticker with every participating product you buy. There are over 550 participating products which you can view at: [https://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/ProductGroup/1507-homepage-vendor-earn-learn](https://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/ProductGroup/1507-homepage-vendor-earn-learn)

If you are an Everyday Rewards Card holder, please also check your receipts to see if you are an instant winner. Prizes include $250 worth of equipment for schools but only if you register the prize before 8 October.

I am grateful for your support and look forward to a successful 2015 program. To find out more about the program, please visit the Woolworths website.

*Thank you*

*Tamar McCullough*

**1A Greeting Cards Fundraiser For The School**

Packets of 10 greeting cards and envelopes for $20/packet. Featuring the fabulous artwork of 1A students, as shown here.

Blank inside ready for a wide range of greetings – birthdays, Christmas, get well, etc.

Use them yourself or give them as gifts to family and friends.

Packs will be on sale before and after school outside the 1A classroom on Monday 10th and Friday 14th August.

Alternatively, contact Josephine on 0438 773 035 or email josephine.thomis@bigpond.com to place your order.

*Josephine Thomis*
Chess Club Reminder

There will be a chess class on Tuesday, August 11, to replace the missing class on Wednesday, August 12 (the Exhibition public holiday), but no other classes on Tuesday.

Patrick Byrom

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We have had a busy week with lots of activities at PCYC and changing our inside rooms around a bit! We are so happy to have seen some new faces in our service and we had a massive week during after school care. We would still LOVE to see even more new faces though! Why not come by for a sewing lesson, or participate in a cooking activity, sport or game or arts and crafts.

If you have any queries or would like a tour or to enrol in the services, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

I will be filling in at another service for a couple of weeks (week 5 and 6 of term) so our assistant coordinator Ash will be in charge as of Monday 10 August.

Have a great week!

Kristy

Friday Soccer (Prep-3)

We have had a great response to the Friday morning soccer sessions. Thanks again to the parents who have volunteered their time to help with these sessions. If you are able to help on these days and are able to get there before 8am to help setup that would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can’t help with the coaching help with setup will be great.

Shameem Khan and Peter Aston

Calling all photographers, adults and children!

The Moggill Creek Catchment Group is holding its Annual Photography Competition from 24-31 October.

There are cash prizes for Primary and Secondary students as well as Open categories as you photograph the native flora and fauna in and around your local creek.

The Lord Mayor’s Shield is presented for the school category with $250 to spend on environment-focused resources.

For further information, please contact photography@moggillcreek.org
Growing Young Readers with Megan Daley
Kenmore Library

As a teacher librarian and parent, Megan is well aware of the difficulty of matching books to young readers; either through being unable to find ‘that’ book that switches a young non-reader to a reader or keeping up with the voracious appetite of an established reader. Megan Daley from the Children’s Book Daily blog shares her insights and expertise with practical tips and tricks, take home resources and her literary top ten for children of all ages. This session is a must for all parents and carers of young children!

Thursday 27 August 6 -7pm *
*Bookings essential.

Call Kenmore Library on (07) 34070258 for more information.

For more events at Kenmore Library visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries.

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80’s THEME TRIVIA NIGHT!

Save the date: 16th October

Start planning your costumes ....

more information to come soon!

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Saturday 8th August
1PM-5PM
@ Moggill State School Hall, Moggill
Fantastic stalls - Food - Coffee - Fun!

All profits from the market go back into the Moggill State School P&C for the benefit of the School and community. If you wish to find out more about the markets please email - events@moggillstatehall@gmail.com

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Ages 5 to Adult

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