From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very busy few days last week culminating in our annual Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday morning on the Resource Centre verandah. Fathers enjoyed some home baking and a cup of coffee, setting the scene for what I hope was a relaxing Sunday. My youngest son proudly handed me some gifts he had purchased from the Father’s Day Stall along with a meaningful card.

I spent Father’s Day by taking my boys to a hockey training session, then home to mow, some gardening, wash cars, get the boat ready for skiing and wakeboarding, and finally sitting down to a beautiful roast dinner with most of the family.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Meetings are taking place for two weeks either side of the September holidays. I hope you have taken the opportunity to book an interview to discuss your child’s progress and consider what important goals can be set for the remainder of the year. A positive partnership between school and home is imperative to gaining the most from every day and ensuring that all students are succeeding. If you missed the opportunity to book an interview, please contact your child’s teacher.

2017 Staffing and Resourcing

In preparation for staffing and resourcing considerations in 2017, would you kindly let your child’s teacher know if you are moving on in 2017. Accurate information is essential to be able to plan ahead and your cooperation is very much appreciated. I would like to acquire this information by the end of term.

Regional Athletics

We have a number of young athletes who are representing West Akuna at the Regional Track and Field Trials at the State Athletics Centre this week. I look forward to sharing their results in next week’s edition of the Banter.

School Council Meeting

Our School Council will meet on Monday 12 September at 7pm in B Block. Council will be considering assessment data in relation to our improvement agenda and strategic direction, along with Prep enrolments, staffing considerations and our financial position.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C will meet on Tuesday 13 September at 7pm in B Block. I look forward to providing an overview of the council’s discussion at this meeting.

P1 playground

The Junior Playground will be closed from this Friday until after the holidays for rejuvenation.

Thought for the Week

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Arthur Ashe
Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Senior School Helpers

Our Year 6 students fulfil many leadership roles throughout the course of the school year, including the very much treasured roles of buddy support to our junior school students.

Whilst I was out and about last week I was able to snap some happy pics of our Year 6 students actively engaging in the playground with our Preps and Year 1 students. Some of the Year 6 students were playing on the equipment with their little buddies sharing laughs with them as they bounced, others were kicking the soccer ball around with large groups of younger students directing the game and teaching a few skills along the way. It was wonderful to see. There were smiles all round!

Our Current Preps

While our 2017 Preps were welcomed last week, their visit reminded me just how far our current Preps have come since beginning of this year.

Many of our Prep students are now reading simple texts, writing sentences and have gained great confidence with orally presenting to others. What a great journey to date they have made!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Erica M
Amy B
Willem v H
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A Successful Prep Orientation Morning

A huge thanks to the many P&C parent helpers, Year 6 student helpers and to the staff of Brookfield State School that made our 2017 Prep Orientation Morning such an enormous success. Once again, the hospitality our P&C provide was second to none, the spread of food was wonderful and very tasty (yes, I might have swiped a biscuit or two myself!).

I was also so very proud of the way our Year 6 students conducted themselves on the day; they were invaluable with guiding our Pre-preps and their parents to the Prep classrooms, assisting with the registration process and stamping the treasure hunt map for our guests as they made their way around the school.

Lastly, a special thanks to the Prep teachers who created a warm and inviting environment for the newest members of the school to be a part of. The activities pack that the Pre-Preps left with was a great introduction to Prep life.

All agree, that the Brookfield State School community look forward to welcoming in another wonderful group of parents and children next year.
Junior Assembly

Prep - Year 3 assembly will be held Thursday from 2:30pm - 2:55pm, we hope you can join us.

The most respectful class award went to Prep A. Congratulations Prep A.

Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au

Have a great week!

Resource Centre News

Term 4 Date Claimers

We are looking forward to an enriching Term 4 ahead with some exciting highlights including:

- New Book Release - Week 1
- Book Fair - Week 3- 4
- Big Book Swap - Week 6

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

This Saturday, our Junior and Intermediate Choirs will be singing at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets. Please meet Mrs Kienzle and Mrs McMillan on the driveway outside the old church at 8:40, as per the email sent home. We look forward to having all of our singers there to make the best sound possible. Come for the music, stay for the market stalls!

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Year 2 and 3 Students

The recruitment process will be starting in Term 4. EOI letters will be handed out in week 1 to Year 2 (strings) and Year 3 (band). WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Kieron Skehan
Classroom Music Teacher

Met West Aquathon/Triathlon

Any student born in 10 yrs or older can nominate for the Met West Aquathon/Triathlon held at Lake Kawana, Bokarina, Sunshine Coast on Sunday, 6 November 2016. Interested students need to go to the Triathlon Queensland Website below to nominate, https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=32618254&locale=en_AU.

Once registered you will receive an email confirmation from the registration system. If at any stage you are unsure if you have registered please call Triathlon Qld on 3369 9600 to confirm your entry.

DUE DATE: 11.59pm - Sunday 30 October 2016

Students wanting to be considered for the Met West team must tick the "yes" box on the registration form at the question "Do you wish to be selected in your regional team?" and must also complete the "e-mail", "School in 2017" and "School Region" boxes on the registration form, so that notification of Met West selection can be completed by the team officials.

Kieron Skehan
5c Fundraiser

K-CHING, K-CHING, K-CHING!!!!!!!

The 5c fundraiser is coming in to its final days, the countdown is on, and the winner will be announced next week.

The leader board is currently being dominated by year 1 - they have been firm contenders and unless we get an upset this week with an inpouring of coins they look set to take GOLD!

Currently:

- Year 3
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 5
- Prep
- Year 4
- Year 6

Remember, the year that wins gets a free dress day on the last day of term - that’s right, FREE DRESS DAY, that means you can go crazy and ditch green for the day and dress up in your very favourite colour / outfit / costume!!!!!!

So c’mon kids, search high and low for 5c coins and remind your parents there is still 1 week to go.

Brooky Store September Coffee Fundraiser

Throughout September the very generous Christian and his team at the Brookfield General Store will donate 20c from every coffee/tea/hot chocolate sold back to our school P&C...and every cent raised in these types of fundraising activities goes back into services and equipment for our children.

So grab a class mum or dad for a chat...and enjoy the Brookfield General Store’s coffee.

Good luck!

P&C Fundraising team

PCYC News

Please find our vacation care and booking form attached to this week’s newsletter email.

Thanks!

Liz Gordon-Brown

Sept Holiday Tennis Clinic - Brookfield Tennis Centre

With the Holidays almost upon us we are now taking registrations for the holiday clinic that will run in the first week of the holiday.

When: Mon 19 Sept - Thur 22 Sept from 8:00am - 11:00am so drop your kids for a morning of tennis.

Classes open for online registration at www.brookfieldtennis.com.au/kids or call Brookfield Tennis Centre on 07 33741046.

Lessons will be run for Red Ball, Orange Ball and Green / Yellow Ball. Registrations are limited so best to hurry. Cost $180.
Term 4 Tennis Lessons Enrolments

We are busy taking enrolments for our Term 4 lessons. Please call us to enquire about the kids and adults program - we would love to have you on the court with us. 07 33741046 or email tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au.

John & Roanne Lemmon-Warde

WHIZ KIDZ – Science

HANDS - ON EXPERIMENTING = LEARNING THAT’S FUN

- Is your child driven by curiosity?
- Does your child love science?
- Does your child ask lots of questions?
- Your child will have fun and enjoy learning about the world and how it works!

SUPER SCIENCE CLUB PROGRAM
Fortnightly on Tuesdays
Time – 3.00 – 4.15pm

CONCEPTS (Term 4)
1. BALLOONING AROUND - Balloons are always fun. Balloons can be used to demonstrate many basic notions of science from air pressure and chemical reactions to molecular structure.
2. MAKING SENSE OF SENSES - Our ‘radar’ system comprises all five of our senses. Trick your senses, compare your senses, confuse your senses, delete a sense or two and see what happens.
3. HOW DO SCIENTISTS DO SCIENCE? - The game plan is the scientific method. Combine this with imagination, observation skills and determination to solve a problem about rafting.
4. THE SCIENCE OF KITES – Kites fly when there is a balance between shape, wind and the angle the kite presents to the wind. Make your own kite to fly during the holidays.
5. HIGHLIGHTS AND FAVOURITES - The ‘best’ experiments followed by a breakup party and awards.

WHO Years 2 - 6

WHEN Fortnightly from Tuesday 4th October

WHERE Hall Foyer

FEE $125 (normal term) (Cash or cheque payable to D. Bennett)

Enrollment Your child must be properly enrolled to be accepted. For the enrollment pack age and a full program – contact Donna Bennett before Session 1 - see below.

Donna Bennett
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Brookfield Brumbies

Playgroup Vacancies

Wednesday 9-11am

Children 0-5yrs. Indoor activities including playdough, dress-ups, construction, jumping mats and group story time. Safe, fenced outdoor play area with fort, slide, swings and sandpit. A community based get together for parents and children.
**Brookfield Country Market 2016**

Saturday 10th September

8am - 1pm

2 Upper Brookfield Road, Brookfield

Brookfield Uniting Church

BBC Pipe Band

Brookfield Barkling Bandana Parade

Local School Choirs

Entertainment for young & old

Food, BBQ & other stalls

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**NEST & SOAR**

Ages 5 - 17

45 minute classes

BROOKFIELD STATE SCHOOL

Term 4 / Every Thursday

3:15pm - 4pm

Music Room

$15 casual class $120 term package

*Terms and Conditions

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**YOGA**

For Young People

Before And After School Programs
Family Fun Day
Va Aquatic Centre
Sunday 18th September 2016
11am to 2pm
FREE!

Free Activities:
- Slime-on
- Face painting
- Ice cream
- Swim club
- Soccer
- Arts and crafts
- Kids learn to swim
- BBQ

What better way to celebrate the beginning of the holidays and assist environmental campaigns in small communities.

Admission:
- $5.00 (average price of a family ticket)
- $3.00 (standard price)
- Movie + Food Bar

MOVIE FUNDRAISER
MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Cost: $14 / Standard ticket

Note: Ticket will be booked in advance online.

To book tickets (you will be transferred to the Eventure page) visit

and for a good cause
then watching a movie with your family.