From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

It was wonderful to meet with members of the School Council on Monday evening to consider the strategic outlook for our school and the challenges that lay ahead. We looked at the action plan for Queensland developed by the Department of Education and Training, 'Advancing Education', and discussed the key messages around the early years, STEM, languages, workforce, resources, student learning and pathways.

We also looked at the discussion paper on coding and robotics and the possibilities for enhancing digital technologies at Brookfield.

I look forward to summarising the key points from council at the P&C Meeting beginning 7pm next Tuesday 14 June in B Block.

Regional Cross Country

Our Cross Country athletes performed extremely well last Thursday at the Regional Cross Country Trials in Ipswich. There was over 50 of the best cross country runners in Metropolitan West in each race.

The results of our students were as follows:
- In the girls 10 year’s age group; Georgina G finished 1st, Erica M 3rd, Sarah W 5th and Zara K 11th.
- In the boys 10 year’s age group; Alex B finished 3rd and Ben P 9th.
- In the girls 11 year’s age group; Amelia H finished 1st, Miranda McP 2nd, Emma N 4th and Sophie M 5th.
- In the boys 11 year’s age group; Will P finished 5th and Jake HR 7th.
- In the girls 12 year’s age group; Rachael B finished 9th.
- In the boys 12 year’s age group; Jarrod R finished 2nd.

10 of our cross country runners will now attend the Cross Country State Championships in Maryborough in July. This is an outstanding achievement with Brookfield students making up one-third of the entire Met West 10-12 Years Cross Country Team.

The dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of our coaches (led by Lizel) has provided our students with wonderful opportunities to compete and be successful at this level, along with providing general physical fitness through running activities for all students at Brookfield. Congratulations to the coaching team behind our success.

Fanfare

Our Senior Strings and Senior Concert Band performed superbly last Friday at Fanfare 2016 – State Schools Festival of Bands and Orchestras.

Ms Hemmings was over the moon with the success of the Senior Stings who were awarded Gold for their performances. She was so impressed that I believe a celebration has been planned.

Mr Lougheed also expressed his delight with the Senior Concert Band who played three pieces at Fanfare and were awarded Silver for their performance.

Congratulations to all students on their practice and rehearsals in the lead up to the competition. Preparation certainly paid off. Well done Ms Hemmings and Mr Lougheed!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Students who completed ICAS Science last week have received their test papers back. You may like to go through the test with your child as I encouraged them to circle the answer on the paper before transferring them across to their response sheet. Only the response sheet is returned to the testing centre.
30 students have nominated for **ICAS- Writing** (Years 3-6) which is scheduled for next Monday, 13 June. The test will take place in B Block at 9am and is 30 minutes in duration.

Over 50 students have nominated for **ICAS- Spelling** (Years 2-6) which is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 June (Thursday, 16 June for Year 5). The test will take place in B Block for Years 2 & 3 at 9am, Years 4 & 6 at 10am, and Year 5 at 9am on the Thursday. The test is 25 minutes in duration, with some further time allocated for dictation.

Teachers have a list of students participating in these tests. All students require a 2B or B pencil, eraser and sharpener only to participate in each test. Please make sure your child has the necessary materials.

**Literacy Planet**

Teachers attended a Literacy Planet in-service earlier this week to make the most of our P-6 subscription to the on-line program. The P&C has funded this fantastic resource which is linked to the Australian Curriculum. Students now have access to Literacy Planet and Mathletics to support, consolidate and extend the units of work undertaken at school.

**Twilight Planning**

Next Monday, 13 June, our teachers will attend a twilight session from 3:30-6:00pm to plan for Term 3. The focus is on unpacking the achievement standards in the Australian Curriculum, carefully considering the assessable elements, ensuring there is consistency on the assessment tasks and testing conditions, and making any necessary adjustments to the various guides to making judgements.

**Thought for the Week**

*Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.*

*Bobby Unser*

**From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell**

**Save the Date: Prep Orientation Morning**

We are excited to communicate that we have commenced the process for the Prep Year in 2017. We have already had a number of enrolments booked and encourage our Brookfield parents to continue to share stories with the wider community of the great work being done here at Brookfield State School.

To help communicate information about the Prep year we are holding a **Prep Orientation Morning on 31 August, 2016**. This event will be held at the school, starting at 9:30 am and running through to 11 am.

If you know of families planning on enrolling a Prep aged child in 2017, please ask them to make a note of these dates. We look forward to their visit and welcoming our newest students to our Brookfield State School community.

**Reading in the early year’s classrooms**

Regularly I receive visitors to my room who come armed with full reading journals and a broad smile. It is definitely a perk of my job to be available to acknowledge and reward (with the brightest of Deputy Principal stickers) the great reading our students are doing at home each night.
The support parents and special friends give on a daily basis makes a huge difference to the development of their child’s reading. We appreciate your support and commitment. A special thanks to those that volunteer in classrooms too!

Junior Assembly:

Prep - Year 3 assembly will be held at the regular time on Thursday at 1:50 - 2:30pm, we hope you can join us.

Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to 2A- congratulations for being such a great example to the early year’s students!

The class that received the most brookie bears over the course of last week was Prep C, well done Prep C.

A Day Made Better Nomination

Mrs. Kienzle has been nominated for A Day Made Better for being an amazing teacher to her class, Prep B. As Mrs. Kienzle’s influence extends further throughout the school, both past and present, we would like to open this up to other school members to also nominate her. If chosen as one of 10 winners, Brookfield State School will receive $5,000 worth of supplies and Mrs. Kienzle an Apple iPad for her classroom. More important than the prize though, is Mrs. Kienzle knowing just how appreciated she is. Show your support today at http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/teacher/melinda-kienzle

100 Cans for 100 Days

Prep - 3 are once again taking part in 100 Cans for 100 Days. Every room has a box ready for donations of canned food such as baked beans, spaghetti, fruit and vegetables. All cans collected will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society at Spring Hill for immediate distribution to needy individuals and families. We are collecting until the last day of term!

Pirate Day - This Friday (Gold Coin)

Aargh, me Harteys… this Friday, 10 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

Have a great week,
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Inter-School Readers Cup Competition - The Sport of Reading!

Seven schools attended the Corinda Regional Teacher-Librarian Network Inter-School Readers Cup event in the Hall on Monday.

It was an exciting and very close competition which, after 5 rounds of questions on the five set books, saw four schools tied for first place including Brookfield State School. In the tie-breaker questions our valiant team was unfortunately chipped to finish in fourth position with Graceville SS in 3rd, Oxley SS in 2nd and Kenmore SS in 1st. Many thanks go to Mrs Minczanowski who supervised the team meetings.

Exciting News:
- All new Graphic Novel Section of 100 graphic novels released next week!
- Ever After High Series Release - 9 books

Tuckshop News

- New on the menu are garlic bread rolls ($1.50) and warm milo ($2).
- For the next State of Origin game on Wed 22/6, we will be selling state of origin cupcakes for $2. These will have edible toppers on them. Please pre-order on flexischools by Monday 20/6 and remind your child to collect their cupcake at first break. We will have only a few spare to sell on the day.
- I am short of a volunteer next Wed 15/6 as well as Wed 22/6. If you can help in the Tuckshop, even if only for an hour, please let me know as soon as possible.
- Home baking has become very popular thanks to the mums who provide such delicious treats - if you can contribute to our home baking roster please let me know. Recipes can be supplied if needed.

Prep Orientation Morning

Save The Date
Friday August 31
9:30 am—11:00 am

Parents / Guardians - School welcome and information session in the hall. We will provide you with all the information you will need to enrol your child at Brookfield State School.

2017 Prep children - Classroom visit and activity rotations. Your child will be invited to spend time in the Prep classrooms where they will get a taste of the learning ahead.
TRIVIA NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

Friday 29 July 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start - $25 pp

Get stretching those hamstrings as this year’s theme is The Olympic Games (Rio)!

So you won’t be wrestling for space aim for tables of around 10.

Select your team and synchronise your diaries so it goes swimmingly!

More info via emails to follow.....

Brookfield Tennis Centre

Holiday Clinic and Term 3 Registrations Now Open

With the June 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 27 June – Thur 30 June 9:00am - 12:00pm. Drop your kids for a full morning of tennis.

Lessons will be run for Brain Buzz, Red Ball, Orange Ball and Green Ball. Registrations are limited so best to hurry. Cost $180. You can register online at www.brookfieldtennis.com.au/kids.

We are also taking registrations for Term 3 coaching. Please email us tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au or call Brookfield Tennis Centre on 07 33741046. We would love to have you part of our program.

Kids’ Day at the Cottage

Sunday 12 June 10am - 1pm, at the Moggill Creek Catchment Group Cottage on the Gold Creek Dam Reserve at the very end of Gold Creek Road, Brookfield.

All their favourite FREE activities will be there for kids to enjoy:
* Art and Craft activities  
* Make Jewellery to wear  
* Pot a seedling to take home  
* ID leaf shape of plants  
* Talk to the Snail whisperer  
* Look for camouflaged insects  
* See a native bee hive working  
* See display of local Dung Beetles  
* See furry, feathery, leathery native creatures in one of Martin Fingland’s three Geckoes

Wildlife sessions this year at approx:    10am -10.40am  
11am - 11.40am  
12pm -2.40pm

And there is a lunchtime sausage sizzle

MCCG is proud to offer 2016 Kids’ Day at the Cottage event with all its activities for young people FREE, thanks to our volunteers and expert presenters, supported by the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative fund and the Pullenvale Ward Councillor, and the BCC Creek Catchment Program. For more info contact daleborgelt@gmail.com

Piano  
Violin  
Viola  
Cello  
Flute  
Guitar  
Clarinet  
Saxophone