From The Principal – Bruce Robertson

2015 has been an outstanding year for the Brookfield school community. We should all be very proud of our achievements and successes.

I’d like to thank the School Council as I believe our first year as an Independent Public School has renewed our focus on improving student achievement and has strengthened our strategic processes in planning for the future. Thank you to our P&C for the support they provide in enriching the opportunities for all students.

Students and staff have worked tirelessly and should look forward to a well-deserved break. We have an exciting Student Free Day program planned for 2016 and look forward to students returning on Wednesday 27 January.

To those families who will no longer have students at Brookfield State School, I would like to thank you for your contribution over the years and hope you have many fond memories of your association with our school.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy times with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Year 6 Graduands

Congratulations to the class of 2015. Seventy-two Year 6 students will graduate this evening at our Graduation Celebration. They will be heading to various secondary schools next year and should be confident in their ability to meet new friends and continue their learning.

I received an email from a parent over the weekend asking me to thank a number of students who had assisted his son after breaking his leg at the Bush Christmas on Friday night. The students kept the younger boy calm, put a jumper around him, sent someone for ice, and stroked his hair, reassuring him he would be okay until the ambulance arrived.

These are the traits and characteristics that are frequently on display by our older students and make us proud as adults and educators knowing the positive impact they will make in the community.

Thank you Chloe W, Emily P, Chloe L, Lachlan A, Tom W and Jack McG. Your response under the circumstances was very mature and appreciated by the boy’s family.

The Graduation Celebration begins at 6pm in the hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

Class Lists for 2016

Class lists will go on display tomorrow outside of the Resource Centre and Tuckshop.

The composition and formation of classes is often a complex exercise and is based on a number of factors including a balance of gender, academic ability, social and emotional resilience and general behaviour. We believe we have the necessary school-wide structures and expectations embedded in our pedagogical framework to ensure every student receives high quality teaching and learning in every classroom throughout the school.

A list of teachers for 2016 is attached to the Banter.
National Schools Chaplaincy Program

There was an overwhelming response to the NSCP applications which highlighted the value that Chaplains can add to a school environment. The NSCP cross sector panel consisting of state, Catholic and independent school representatives reviewed all applications and prioritised schools against the agreed funding allocation methodology criteria.

Unfortunately, our school was not selected on this occasion to receive NSCP funding for 2016-2018.

2016 Student Leadership Positions

It was my pleasure to announce the School Captains for 2016 on our final whole school assembly yesterday.

The process of electing Environmental, Music and House Captains will begin in the first week of the new school year.

School Captains for 2016: Rachael Brown and Jorgen Fagermo
Vice Captains for 2016: Amelia Hunt and Toby Keir

National Discuss Champion

Congratulations to Jake H R who has been crowned National Under 10 Discus champion. This is an outstanding achievement. Hard work, training and persistence pays off. Well done Jake!

Ian Healy Cup

Archie C has been selected in the Metro South-West Cricket A Team and is also named as Vice-Captain, wicket keeper and opening batsman. He’ll be playing in the Ian Healy Cup for a week in January against other Metropolitan teams. All the best Archie. I hope to see you open the batting for Australia at a GABBA Test Match in the future.

Thank you Mrs Culhane

Mrs Culhane will be retiring from the department at the end of this week. Nola has given 28 years to the teaching profession with hundreds of students benefiting from her caring and passionate teaching. We have been privileged to have Nola as part of our team for the last few years and wish her a very happy and relaxing retirement. Thank you so much Mrs Culhane!

Thought for the Week

Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.

C. Shulz

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Book Amnesty 2015

Look under your beds…check behind the couch…look in the bottom of your school bag….are there any books lurking there?? Home readers, library books, books from your classrooms???
We are having a BOOK AMNESTY! Any books that have lost their way can be returned with no questions asked, no matter the age of the book!

There is a box in the foyer of the main office...stop past, drop your books in on your way to class. We would appreciate any lost books being returned.

Thanks for your support.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

For Term 4, students will receive a "Spotya" when they are "spotted" displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 "Spotyas" go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly "Spotya" draw will take place on assembly. Last week's winners was Bello M (1C) - well done!

The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week Prep D were our Most Respectful Class - well done Mrs Kienzle and Prep D students.

BYOD iPad Apps Lists

If you decide to provide an iPad for your child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 in 2016, it will need to be loaded with the relevant apps. Teachers have compiled the Apps Lists for each year level for 2016. Please find these lists attached to this week's Banter. They have also been uploaded to our website. You will notice there are folders to be created for the Apps, steps for how to do this are included at the end of the document.

Happy Holidays and News to Share

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families of Brookfield State School for making 2015 such a wonderful year. Not a day goes by where I don't feel blessed to work in such a supportive community with amazing students, fantastic staff and brilliant families. May the holiday season bring some quality time with families and friends and lots of memories to treasure.

For those of you who have not yet heard the news (or noticed the expanding waistline!!), I am pleased to share that my husband and I are expecting our second child. We are due in May 2016 and are very excited, perhaps none more so than our son, Ari, who wants his baby brother or sister to be here now! I look forward to working at the start of 2016 and taking time off after the arrival of our baby in May. I will return to work at the end of 2016.

Have a wonderful holiday break,
Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

Swimming Carnival

Thanks to all the Teachers, Teacher Aides and Parents who helped out to make the Swimming Carnival such a success. The Year 6 Sports Captains and many others did such a great job leading their houses and working together to make it a great day.

Here is a list of the students who have made close to district times so they can be training over the holidays. 1st and 2nd places go through to the districts if their times meet the qualifying times and the 3rd place will be confirmed in Term one once we consider any new students that come in. If your child can swim 100m of any stroke or 200m Medley in close to district times please submit these to me after the holidays for district selection.
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Have an active and safe holiday. See you all next year.

Mathletics Wrap Up

As the 2015 school year draws to an end the students of Brookfield are to be congratulated on earning a very impressive 9 650 800 points on Mathletics. This equates to 5 904 certificates! Congratulations to the students who earnt one of the 4 770 Bronze certificates, 900 Silver certificates and 234 Gold certificates.
I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P & C whose continued financial support allow our students to access Mathletics both at school and home. Parents, thank you for encouraging, monitoring and assisting your children to complete tasks each week. Teachers, thank you for promoting Mathletics, setting tasks and celebrating your students’ and class successes throughout the year.

Even though we will be on holidays, students are able to continue to access Mathletics and complete tasks, take on opponents in Live Mathletics and play some of the games. I will monitor the site over the break and any Silver or Gold certificates earnt during this time will be presented on Assembly early in 2016.

Best wishes for a wonderful Festive season and an enjoyable summer holiday with your family and friends.

Jodie Drew
Mathletics Coordinator

Brookfield Tennis

The finals of our Inter Schools Challenge took place on Sunday 6th December at Queensland Tennis Centre. Brookfield A played against Brookfield B on the Pat Rafter Arena. It was a great match, with Brookfield A winning. They will be representing the Metwest Region at the State Finals which will be played on 7th January during the Brisbane International.

Brookfield have won this 2 years in a row, so we wish them all the best in defending their State title again.

Brookfield also took home the trophy for best overall school across all the divisions in red, orange and green ball.

Thank you to everyone who participated over the past 6 weeks, it has been wonderful to see how much you have all improved.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Friday Soccer

There will be NO SOCCER this Friday.

Shameem Khan
P & C News - It is a wrap with tinsel ... Final P&C Update for 2015

Last night was our final P&C meeting for the year, what an amazing year it has been … we have reached our target and raised just over $80,000. We have supported all of our children and the school through financial support, hosting events and providing advice.

Financially, we have continued to support the installation and maintenance of air-conditioning throughout the school, funded Reading Eggs and Mathletics subscriptions, purchased a dishwasher for tuckshop, purchased plaques to recognise Artwork led by Carolyn Parson’s since 2009, sponsored graduation prizes, approved expenditure to purchase a new marimba and significantly contributed to the major school project of upgrading WIFI across the entire school. We have operated Tuckshop and Uniform shop providing essential school services to all families. We have applied for grants, supported projects around the school grounds and coordinated a working bee. We have organised and coordinated multiple fundraisers and provided a forum for parents to have a voice and work together with Mr Robertson, Mrs Lewis and all staff to continually improve everyone’s Brookfield experience. All of this is done for the benefit of our children.

Thank you to the parents of Brookfield for your continued support, we are all driven by the same goals. It has been a fantastic team effort this year and I would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to all P&C committee members for taking on their roles and really making a difference for our school. I extend a huge thank you to all members of our community who donate their time and resources year after year. As everyone takes a well-earned break over the school holidays I ask you all to consider how you may be able to continue to assist next year. It will be my last year at Brookfield School and after 7 very active years in various roles on the P&C I will vacate the President role in March at our AGM to ensure there is continuity for the years to come. 2016 planning is well advanced and existing systems and processes are well established, I will continue to be involved and supportive to the incoming President and Executive. Should you have any interest in this rewarding role please contact me to discuss. Our first meeting for the year will be 7pm, Tuesday 9th February 2016, as always everyone is welcome.

Wishing you all a safe and very merry Christmas and summer holiday

Victoria Brown
P&C President (vicandab@bigpond.net.au)

Exercise Book Covers - No more contact … no more stress!

Your stationery packs have arrived - don't stress about covering exercise books with contact purchase your book covers online from EZ Covers, http://www.ezcover.net.au select Brookfield State School and use the code EZ15 and the school will receive 15c from each cover (if you don't use this code we will only get 5c per cover).

Check out the funky designs (see the attached brochure) they look great and at $1.40 are affordable. These covers are durable, with many current users getting 2 years out of them. Just another way to support the school whilst getting a quality product that is hard to source. Enjoy!

Brookfield P&C

Buy A Bale Fundraiser

The Christian RI teachers would like to thank the school community for supporting our fundraiser for Buy A Bale, a charity helping farmers in western Queensland who are suffering with the drought. $336.25 was raised. Thank you and wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

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PCYC News

What a year we have had with the children! We have had many good times here at PCYC but the fun is only just beginning with vacation care just around the corner! Please take a look at what we are offering these holidays and be sure to book your children in! Do you want to get your Christmas shopping done in secret? We are the answer!

We are also very busy taking our new prep enrolments for next year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for next year please visit https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au to enrol or alternatively contact us for more information.

Existing families of PCYC: In preparation for the new year, can you please login to the parent portal at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au using your username and password (if you do not know it please ask us!) and check all the information for your children is up to date and current. Can you also please let us know any changes to your bookings for next year ASAP.

At PCYC we have implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children following our rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Thomas R and Neve H for outstanding behaviour. Well done!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2015. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

Kristy Nuttall

Drifting Down the Darling by Tony Pritchard

Tony Pritchard, who taught at Brookfield State School for 6 years, retired in 2010 to write a book about a trip he took in the seventies. He has completed the book-Drifting down the Darling, and it is now available on Amazon, and at the book launch-here at Brookfield State School on 11 December. The story is about drifting down the old river in a ten-foot boat (no motor, no oars) looking for adventure and a place to belong. Or, more to the point, escaping West Dubbo before he was asked to leave. He got lost, bitten by two goannas and a snake, and says the river trip made a man out of him. There are some who disagree with that last bit, but never mind. He caught fish, made odd bird observations and found special things by staring into little campfires.

Around Brookfield, Tony is fondly remembered for his cricket umpiring skills (…Going upstairs with that one…what do you mean, there's no third umpire?), his constant reference to native birds (…okay kids, put the math books away, today is watching tawny frogmouth day.) instead of factors, fractions and operations. When pressed, he admits he taught English and read books to the class—all day. Tony also said that dreams will only come true if you have them in the first place.

Trombone For Sale

Norton International Brand - $600. Instrument and case both in excellent condition.

Call Fiona 0419 645 071
Carols in Kenmore

Sunday 20 December
6:15 for 6:30pm

The Amphitheatre
Kenmore South State School
(16 Kersley Road, Kenmore)

more information: carols.kpc.org.au

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by Tony Pritchard

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Brookfield, Brisbane 4069
6pm start

Enjoy a glass of wine & finger food
After half an hour of absolute truth
and out of focus 1970’s photos,
all questions will be answered, even the tricky ones like, ‘What did you do each day?’

More info 0411 566 413
MOGGILL STATE SCHOOL is turning 150 Years Old in 2016.

Did you or your parents attend Moggill State School?
Did you work at Moggill SS?
Everyone is invited to celebrate with us.

Past students are invited to participate in our Hall Of Fame. If you are proud of what you have done since your MSS days, then tell us about it and we will put you in the Hall Of Fame.
Email us your name (plus maiden name), years attended MSS, a photo and a paragraph or 2 about yourself.
Email to the address below. Or phone Tina (0413 026 087) for more information.

Can you help us with historical memorabilia? Old photos (at school, on camp, on excursions, with friends, in uniform, school days), uniforms, school projects, books, equipment from your days at MSS? Let us know by emailing to the address below if you can help. All items will be labelled and be available for collection afterwards.

13th February 2016   Heritage Day
- 12:30pm Choir & Official Ceremony in the school hall
- 1:30pm Heritage Trail – displays, activities, afternoon tea, souvenirs, open classrooms throughout the school. Lots of the activities are free.
- 4:30pm BBQ & Bushdance – finish the day catching up with old friends and teachers with a free bushdance. BBQ, cold drinks, hot drinks available for purchase.

14th February   Continuing the Celebrations
- 8:00am Reunion breakfast at the Bellbowrie Tavern
- 10:30am Celebration Service at St Michael's & All Angels Anglican Church

Here is a link to the Moggill State School 150th website page for all the details:
https://moggillss.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Pages/150-Year-Celebrations.aspx
and here is a link to the Facebook page we created specifically for the event, please “Like” us and invite your friends:
https://www.facebook.com/150yearsMoggillSS

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