Greetings from Canberra. The start to the week has been fabulous down here. The students are very engaged in each activity and the meals and accommodation are more than reasonable. We’ve already visited Old Parliament House, the National Museum, Australian War Memorial, the Mint, AIS, Questacon, Parliament House and the High Court. We’ll check out the view from Telstra Tower this afternoon and go rock climbing this evening. You can follow our trip on the school’s Facebook page. It’s a whirlwind tour but something our students, parents and staff will remember for a very long time.

Year 6 Graduation

A friendly reminder to please book graduation tickets through Flexischools by this Friday if you have not already done so.

Annual Music Concert

Congratulations to Mrs McMillan, Miss Hemmings, Mr Lougheed, Mrs Kienzle, Mrs Doyle, our music captains, Jasmine, Olivia and William, and the 220 students who performed last Wednesday evening at our Music Concert. It was an outstanding concert and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and showcase our school’s music program.

I am so very proud of the opportunities afforded to students at Brookfield and equally proud of the commitment and efforts of our students and staff. Thank you to all parents who support and encourage their children to participate in these programs. Once again, thank you Mrs McMillan for coordinating such a successful, enjoyable and rewarding program.

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

From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell

Year 2 and 3 Swimming

This term our wonderful Year 2 and 3 students have been participating in swimming lessons at Bellbowrie City Council Pool. The most important reason we want our Brookfield State School students to learn to swim is that swimming is the one sport which can save their life. Knowing how to float and how to get out of a body of water is an important lesson to learn. Not only is it a lifesaving skill, swimming is lots of fun and provides loads of health benefits too.

It has been great to hear the happy, chirping voices of the students as they have disembarked the bus each week. They thoroughly enjoy swimming each week...especially now the days are warming up!
Mathematics

A hands-on-approach to Maths is helping to move our students forward across the school. Our students have open access to all the Maths resources available having free reign in choosing what to use to model any problem they may be tackling.

By asking learners to use concrete material to demonstrate results and prove their truth in some sense students are developing their mathematical thinking at a higher level required to support their conceptual understanding.

Not to mention, having concrete materials to manipulate whilst tackling a tricky Math problem makes it more accessible and a whole lot more fun too!

Junior Choir

It was such a treat to hear our little song birds present on Junior Assembly last week. What a fantastic job they did performing in front of such a great big crowd. Their friends and family also really enjoyed listening to the wonderful tunes being belted out.

Fantastic job Junior Choir and Mrs Kienzle! I am sure a lot more students will be lining up next year to join in the fun.

Junior Assembly

No Junior Assembly this week, there will be a Whole School Assembly held Thursday from 2:25pm - 2:55pm, we hope you can join us.

Resource Centre News

THE BIG BOOK SWAP is on!

In just two days a whopping 226 books have been swapped and students are having a lot of fun in the process!

How it works:

1. Bring books
2. Get 1 token for each book
3. Swap for different Book Swap books

Where: Resource Centre verandah.
What: Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Book Swap Opening Times: Week 6, Mon 07 – Thurs 10 November, 8:30 - 8:50 and 1st Breaks

We are unable to accept pre-school/toddler level books.
Books need to be appropriate for primary school reading levels and in good condition (undamaged).

students can bring along tokens from the last Big Book Swap for use in this Book Swap!
Year 4–6 Computer Coding PlayLab: Mondays

Year 4–6 students can come to the Resource Centre Lab on Mondays at first break to learn to code. The Tech Crew join with Mrs Allison and Mrs O’Donoghue to assist students to code in various playlabs.

Read and get excited!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music Concert

Wow! What a wonderful music concert on Wednesday last week. Approximately 220 students performed onstage, many in more than one musical group. We were entertained by the Junior and Senior Band, entranced by the Junior and Senior Strings, mesmerized by three rhythmic Marimba groups, and delighted by beautiful melodies from the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Choirs (along with a finale of ping pong balls flying into the air!). The school hall was full to the brim and the performers really shined, from the beginners through to the seniors. It showcased the hard work and dedication of not just the students but also the music teachers. A big thank you to Mrs McMillan, Ms Hemmings, Mr Lougheed and Mrs Kienzle for their amazing efforts during the year and for bringing it all together on the night of the concert. Also, thank you to Mrs Doyle for playing the piano. Thank you to the members of the audience and to all who contributed towards the music teachers’ gifts, including Heidi Bailey for donating some gorgeous Louenhide products – they were very well received. Many congratulations to every student who participated and made it a spectacular night for all!

Jasmine, Olivia and Will
2016 Music Captains

Junior Band and Senior Band

There will be no more junior band rehearsals for the rest of the year but lessons will continue until week 8. Junior and Senior Band students hiring a school instrument will need to return them in week 8. Please make sure they are well cleaned.

Damon Lougheed
Instrumental Music Teacher

Junior Choir

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic year. Junior Choir rehearsals have finished for 2016. I’ll see you in 2017!

Melinda Kienzle

Swimming Carnival

This is an event attended by all students in Year 3 to Year 6. This is fun day that fosters participation by all children in both swimming and encouragement of their sporting house representatives. The Carnival schedule provides different events including novelty events for less confident swimmers and time trialled races for those wanting to compete at the next level.

The school provides bus transport to the venue for all students. The cost of the swimming carnival includes this transport and the pool hire. If you elect to not send your child for any reason other than illness the payment of $7.50 will need to be paid as the cost of the carnival is budgeted on all students attending. Thank you.

Office Staff
Swimming Carnival Lunch Packs

Lunch packs will be prepared for the swimming carnival this year and can be pre-ordered through Flexischools.

The pack will include – Sausage in bread, Popper juice, watermelon or banana, a homemade biscuit and a packet of chips.

Packs can be ordered at a price of $7. Orders can be made now and will close on the 24 Nov. Further fruit, zooper doopers and limited snacks will also be able to be purchased on the day.

2017 Book Lists

2017 book lists are now live online!

SchoolStuff will be supplying stationary for us in 2017. You can either use the paper copy that will come home with your child/children or order directly online at www.schoolstuff.com.au. There is no cut-off date for ordering although it is recommended that orders are placed and payed for no later than 5pm Monday 4th January. This will ensure delivery before school resumes.

A4 copy paper will be delivered directly to the school to keep things a little lighter (especially for those carrying more than one lot of books into the school).

Uniform Shop

Below please find extended uniform shop opening times. These are to accommodate fittings for new prep students. Uniform shop is open as usual on Mondays from 8-9am, with prep fittings scheduled by appointment for 9-11am and on Tuesday from 12:30-2:30pm. Opening times in January before school starts are for the whole school.

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I desperately need volunteers to help at the prep fitting days. If you have an hour to spare at any of the above times, please get in touch. It is just a case of showing new parents the samples, letting them try on if they wish, and getting the uniform together for me to put through the computer.

Susan Sansbury
Tuckshop/uniform Shop Convenor

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 has arrived and is the final issue for the year. Orders are due Friday 18 November. It is a great way to get some Christmas presents and if you want to avoid spoiling surprises then let me know if you’d prefer to pick up your order from the office. To order, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app. Prep classes are at the bottom of the list. Contact me through bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au or 0413443632 with any questions.

There is also a Children’s Warehouse Book Sale with 50-90% off at Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road, Morningside on Friday 18th November: 8am-6pm and Saturday 19 November: 8am-2pm.

Nicola Hile
School Banking

Don’t Forget Banking is every FRIDAY !!!

We will be having a visit from the Commonwealth bank next Wednesday, so everyone bring your banking this week as we will have some great prizes being drawn on Assembly!!!!

For anyone who has reached their 10 Tokens - don’t forget to let us know which reward item you would like from the list below!!

School Banking Rewards Program
Some great 2016 & 2015 rewards are still available!

- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Wiggly Glow Worm
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- ET DVD

It’s never too late to bring your books along & for anyone who has lost their books, we can issue you a new one.

Thank you everyone for being great savers through 2016 and helping our school earn some great commissions!!

Our School currently earns 5% Commission on each individual deposit made at school (up to $10), Any Questions, or if you would like me to contact your school to organise this making the next newsletter please don’t hesitate to let me know. Have a great week everyone!

Regards,
Victoria Wahl
Commonwealth Bank

General Store Donation

The Brookfield General Store has kindly donated $900 to our school through their September coffee promotion and $300 to Upper Brookfield State School.

Thank you to the Brooky General Store!

PCYC News

Hi all and welcome to another week at Brookfield PCYC.

We have been very busy with some changes to the service and an update of some of our resources. The rooms are really looking great. A big thank you to the whole team here for their help and imagination.

With Christmas fast approaching we should have our vacation care program out this week. There are some great activities planned.

Watch out in the seniors area as they are about to start a new project. They are going to build a 3D model of the Sydney Opera House. I cant wait to see the finished product.

From Andrew and the team, I hope you all have a great week.

Have a great week and take care,
Andrew and the team at Brookfield PCYC
The Whole Foods Child: Nutrition and Cooking for Kids (A Cooking Workshop for Parents)

Saturday 3 December 2016
12 - 3pm
Brookfield

Jointly led by a professional natural foods chef & a child nutritionist

www.kitchenvitality.com/classes-workshops or 0458 269 880 for more information