From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Spring has sprung and like a good spring clean we are beginning to reflect on our achievements and looking ahead to the final term of this year and planning for 2016.

Class composition and the appointment of teachers generates quite a bit of interest. About mid next term, we will begin to look at the composition of classes and appoint teachers to reflect our strategic direction for 2016-2018.

Our school-wide expectations and processes are very explicit about the planning, teaching, learning and assessment that occurs across the school. Data is used to inform decisions about the support and differentiated practices that are necessary for every child to improve and achieve.

Classes will be formed based on a balance of gender, ability, social and emotional considerations and special needs. Teachers will work with administration to form these classes mid next term. Please do not send through email requests with stories of your favourite teachers. I have shared our data which clearly demonstrates our performance against other schools, including the independent sector.

The quality of education at Brookfield is very good and we have the necessary checks and balances in place to ensure we are focused on improving achievement for every child in every class. Our staff are dedicated and committed and work professionally and collaboratively to build their capabilities that reflect high quality teaching practices.

Please respect our decisions about the formation of classes and appointment of teachers and consider whether your request should be prioritised above any other request. Every child in our school is important and the decisions we make are always intended to reflect their best interests. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

iPad Class Proposal

We had some robust discussion at the P&C last night about the proposal to introduce BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPads for every class across Years 2-6.

The proposal is to maintain a bank of iPads in Prep and Year 1 and introduce BYOD iPads for every class from Years 2-6. This does not mean that your child will need an iPad, but they will be utilised if the device is available.

There are a number of factors that need to be carefully considered, however, I believe this would not raise too many eyebrows in a few years from now. Like every proposal there are pros and cons, but we are now positioned to be able to maximise using an iPad to support teaching and learning with Wi-Fi throughout the school and with the introduction of Digital Technologies into the Australian Curriculum from the beginning of 2016.

P&C discussed many of the concerns including: time allocation to the iPad, peer pressure to purchase an iPad, security, sharing devices, damage, cyber safety and addiction, as well as many of the benefits that currently exist in our iPad classes.

We will advertise a number of information sessions and open iPad classrooms in next week’s Banter to update you on the proposal and provide an opportunity to respond to your questions. There are currently 6 BYOD iPad classes and 8 regular classes across Years 2-6.
Service Learning Update

Our visits to the Tarry Bray Hostel are absolutely wonderful. The students are interacting beautifully with the residents and the benefits for both young and old (and those of us somewhere in between) are immeasurable.

Next week our youngest students (Group A) will attend. A note will be handed to students on Friday outlining the requirements for the final visit of this term.

Congratulations Mr Grant Stephens

We extend our congratulations to Grant Stephens who will marry his fiancé Hayley this weekend. Grant will take leave from Friday and return for the start of next term. We hope Grant and Hayley have a wonderful wedding and enjoy their honeymoon.

Thought for the Week

You can't stop the waves, But you can learn how to surf.

John Kabat-Zin

Have a great week!

Bruce

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From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Our “Gotcha” winners from last week were Sarah W (3B) and Lizzie B (1C) congratulations!

Planning and Preparations Underway for Term 4

This week, teachers will begin planning their Term 4 curriculum. This involves teachers meeting with their year level colleagues in a Twilight Planning Session from 3:30 - 6:00pm. Teachers access the relevant units of work for their year level and complete an Assessment Analysis to identify the demands of each assessment task and to subsequently ensure that their teaching supports students in working towards and being able to meet these demands. These planning sessions are a great opportunity for year level colleagues to work collaboratively, ensuring a consistent approach across each year level.

Swimming Lessons

Next term, all students in Year 2 and Year 3 will attend swimming lessons. These lessons will be held the following Fridays:

30 October, 06 November, 13 November, 20 November, 27 November, 04 December

Students will travel by seat belted bus to Bellbowrie Pool. The cost will be included on your Term 4 Statement.

A permission slip will be sent home early in Term 4. Please fill out and return this by Friday 16 October.

Have a wonderful week,

Katie

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**Lost Property**

Small items of lost property are handed into the office and kept there for safe keeping. At the moment we have 4 watches, 4 pairs of sunglasses various reading glasses including a black pair with red arms that definitely would belong to a child. The collection includes many small items and treasures that have been lost throughout the year. If you think you have lost a small or valuable item please enquire at the office.

**Lost Basketball**

A black and red basketball was lost on the oval last week, if anyone finds it, please hand into the office.

**Ball Games Carnival**

The Ball Games Carnival is next Friday (Last day of term).

The Preps, Yr1 and Yr 2 will start the Carnival at 9am, followed by the older students. This is a great morning that the kids really enjoy, working together as a team and cheering on their house. Please make sure children have their hats and sunscreen on, and wear their house shirts.

**Secure September**

Secure September is an IT security awareness campaign aimed at departmental staff, students and their parents by the Queensland Government DET.

iSecurity Website Parents can be informed about Secure September on this site: https://isecurity.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

eSafety Homepage is here: https://www.esafety.gov.au/

This contains weblinks that provide students with excellent information, fun learning objects and eSafety online activities which teach cybersmart guidelines. Students have access to these materials via links on the Student Intranet page and will be shown how to access them by our capable Year 6 Tech Crew up on the big screen at assemblies. All students will be having sessions with these materials in the coming weeks and after the holidays.

eSafety for Parents web link: https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-cyberbullying

**Science Fair - Year 5 and 6**

The Year 5 and 6 Science Fair is on next Wednesday 16 September. The fair is open for parents to view from 10 - 11 am and from 11.45 am - 12.45 pm.

**Music News**

This Saturday (Sept 12), our Junior and Intermediate Choirs are singing at the Brookfield
Uniting Church Country Markets. We meet outside the church hall at 8:40 and will start singing at 9am. This is a lovely community event, so come along, be entertained and have a great morning wandering around the markets.

Musica Viva 2015

Each year, our students are lucky enough to be able to attend a concert presented by the Musica Viva organisation. This year, our visiting group is Teranga - a group of performers presenting songs, dances and rhythms from Senegal in Western Africa. All classes have been listening to some of their pieces in music lessons and have enjoyed the challenges that drumming patterns bring them. The concert will be held in our school hall next Tuesday, Sept 15. Parents are most welcome to come along free of charge. We will be hosting 3 concerts during the day - at 10:00am, 11:50am and 1:50pm. We are all looking forward to seeing Teranga live!

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Uniform and Tuckshop News

Uniform Shop

We have several size 10 checked dresses for sale at $20 (half price) and only one size 8 left. Also, checked shirts are reduced to $25, as are culottes, and we have various sizes in both those items.

Tuckshop

We are now out of stock of Gelato cups and cannot get them any longer. They will be deleted from the menu. To replace them we have brought back chocolate and rainbow paddle pops (please note that the rainbow are gluten free but the chocolate are not).

Susan Sansbury
Uniform Shop and Tuckshop Convenor

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Thank you again to all those families who have been supporting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Our school total is currently 13,980 stickers/points. Well done Brookfield!

The Program has now finished. It would be greatly appreciated if all outstanding stickers and sticker sheets could please be placed in the Earn & Learn box in the school office or Kenmore Woolworths by the end of next week.

Thank you again for your support.

Thanks for your support.
Tamar McCullough

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

How wonderful it was to see so many Fathers and Grandfathers attending our Fathers’ Day Breakfast last week! There were over 170 in total, that came along for an informal visit to their child’s classroom followed by tea and coffee on the veranda. It was so lovely seeing so many Dads all around the school; some had been coaxed into going on the jungle gyms, others were doing Maths sums on the Interactive White Boards with their kids and others were just generally enjoying their time at our school. Thank you to all the teachers who made such a wonderful effort to prepare their classrooms for the visits from the Dads. Thank you also to Ms Noonan’s class 1C, who made the beautiful Fathers Day sign which was placed on the library veranda.
As with every event there are always a large number of people who play a significant role in making sure the event runs smoothly. A big thank you to all the Mums who helped with the setting up in the morning, as well as all the Mums who baked the delicious muffins and all the other helpers, who helped serve tea and coffee, sell raffle tickets and clean up afterwards. Without you, this event would not have been possible!

In total we raised $1300, which will be used by the P&C to provide better facilities for our children at school.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA!!!

Friday 16 October 6 pm

Dude, you ready for a totally righteous awesome night? Then here is what you need to do cool cats...

1. Nominate a Team Captain
2. Team Captain to purchase a table on flexischools www.flexischools.com.au. Tables can be 8-12 guests (you can change numbers closer to the date by emailing bss_fundraising@hotmail.com)
3. Nominate a theme song from the 80’s for your table (enter on flexischools)
4. Provide food for your table on the night
5. Decorate your table in an 80’s theme (the hall will be open in the afternoon to decorate your table)
6. Bring a heap of gold coins to purchase raffle tickets and enter all the fabulous games held through the night.
7. Bring your dancing shoes to hit the dance floor with a live DJ!

If you are unable to put a table together but still wish to come along please email bss_fundraising@hotmail.com and we would be happy to assist you with some other rad guests.

Any questions please email bss_fundraising@hotmail.com

Natalie Murray

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

Who’s counting down ’til the holidays? We are with only nine more days until we kick off our awesome vacation care program! Take a look at the days we have planned and for a more detailed description of what these days entail check out the attached program!

Let Me Take A Selfie- Crazy Photo Day
Excursion- Queens Park
Careers Day
Incursion- Minecraft Music and Dance Day
Electronics Day
Excursion- GoMA & Southbank Wheel
Around The World Multicultural Day
Harry Potter Day
Incursion- Carnival Day
Wheels Day

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flute
cello
clarinet
saxophone
The children are enjoying our imaginative play space in the smoothie bar so much that it is difficult to get them to pack it up at the end of the day! If you have any dress ups that your children no longer wear, we would love to add them to our dress up area for children to extend their imaginations further. You can drop them into the service before or after school or send them in with your child.

If you would like to enrol your children or would like a tour of our service, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

Have a great week!

Kristy Nuttall

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**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

**WHO** - Years 2 - 6

**WHEN** - Fortnightly on **Tuesdays from 13th October**

**WHERE** - Hall Foyer

**FEE** - $125 (Cash or cheque payable to D. Bennett)

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

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