From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Collaborative empowerment is the centrepiece of our department’s improvement agenda; “Every student succeeding”. For Brookfield, this means working together, communicating better, developing staff and reviewing performance to ensure our practices are among the best in Australia.

As an Independent Public School, we appointed B Block as our Professional & Collaborative Learning Centre (PCLC) to dedicate a space to meet and align teaching and learning to student improvement and achievement. Our teachers and support staff meet to address the significant improvement strategies that ensure every student is succeeding.

These meetings are scheduled for Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons throughout the year and serve the purpose of our team working collaboratively to ensure that all students’ learning is successful. It also provides valuable opportunities for our teachers and support staff to share their experiences, challenge ideas and ensure we are a student-centred professional learning community.

Parking Closure

The lower carpark will be closed from Monday 15 February until Monday 14 March. This is the carpark that staff and service vehicles access between the Resource Centre and the Hall. The area will be levelled and have a new bitumen surface with drainage, curbing and line marking. At completion, all staff will be able to park in this area which will significantly improve parking in the top carpark.

During the carpark closure, fencing and bunting will be used to restrict unauthorised access to the area. Students will still be able to move safely to the hall, basketball/netball and the tennis courts via the existing pathways and stairs.

All staff will be requested to park immediately above the administration building (currently a staff carpark) with the overflow parking on the opposite side of Boscombe Road facing downhill (south). This will allow some consistency with the movement of traffic travelling in one direction up Boscombe Road, albeit frustratingly slow.

As you are already aware, parking is a concern at pickup time with limited space available. Please consider the following possibilities to help reduce the congestion and keep all students safe:

- Younger students to have priority pickup in the Stop, Kiss and Go top carpark
- Only park in the top carpark if your car is capable of manoeuvring on the slippery surface
- Delay pick up for a short time until some of the congestion has passed
- Older students to meet their parents at the Brookfield Store or back corner of the oval where parking is available near the cricket nets
- Park at a safe place further from the school and arrange to walk with a group of friends
- Walk or ride to school where pathways exist

It is essential that safety is our highest priority and that we all exercise caution and patience. Thank you for your understanding.

District Swimming Carnival

All the best to our school swimming team who will compete at the West Akuna Carnival this Thursday. Mrs Wark will be present at the Bellbowrie Pool and students should report to her on arrival. Our swimmers have performed very well in previous years and I look forward to seeing the results.
Bounce Back Values

Your personal values provide you with a set of guidelines and gives you some direction about how you behave towards other people and yourself. Having a set of personal values also increases your self-esteem and self-respect.

The core values in Bounce Back (wellbeing and resilience program) are honesty, fairness, responsibility, support, cooperation, acceptance of differences, respect, friendliness and inclusion. Trying to abide by these values (even when no one is watching) is described as having integrity.

Most year levels have now covered the values of honesty, fairness and responsibility. These are taught explicitly through various modes and discussed at length with students in practical terms.

**Being honest** means telling the truth, giving things back when they belong to someone else, owning up when you have done the wrong thing, and not stealing. It also means telling people information that they need to know.

**Being fair** means following the rules and not cheating. It means returning favours and acts of kindness, helping others get a fair deal and applying the same rules to everyone without prejudice.

**Being responsible** means not letting people down and doing what you agreed to without having to be reminded. It also means completing your chores, being punctual, being sensible and helping those who need it.

These values make great conversation for the dinner table or when you're transporting your children around. The research indicates, the deeper the level of understanding your child has, the greater their self-esteem and self-respect.

Bounce Back Year 1

Bounce Back has started in Year 1 with all four classes looking at ways we can be kind.

In Week 2 children looked at how they care for each other by being supportive and thoughtful.

This week they are thinking about how teachers (school staff) are caring. Some children have even turned the tables and are giving Gotchas to teachers and teacher aides when they catch them being caring and supportive.

**Thought for the Week**

*Don’t wait for the perfect moment, Take the moment and make it perfect!*

Zoe Sayward

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Happy Birthday!!

Phoebe D
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Junior Assembly

Prep - Year 3 assembly runs every Thursday from 1:50 - 2:30pm.

Each week, the Most Respectful class is identified on assembly. This is the class who shows that they are sitting with respect, looking and listening to the speaker and being positive audience members. Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to Year 3A – congratulations 3A!

BeLearning BYOD iPads 2016

All students who have elected to bring an iPad in to their classroom during 2016 are required to have signed a Student Participation Agreement and return this to their classroom teacher.

Further, we are requesting that parents ensure that ALL required apps are loaded to student iPads (as per their year level APPS LIST available from our website and attached to this newsletter). Please ensure that you are loading the ‘full’ version of the apps if specified as in these cases, the ‘lite’ version does not have the functionality we require.

In particular, please ensure the app “File Browser” is loaded to your student’s iPad by Wednesday 17 February as there will be a school wide set up process completed for student iPads on this day.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher.

Cyber Safety Sessions

This year, with the support of the P&C, we have engaged the services of Eyes Open Social Media to present student and parent Cyber Safety Information Sessions.

Eyes Open Social Media is a Brisbane-based business that works with businesses, community services, schools and families to promote safe and effective use of social networking. Tricia Munn from Eyes Open has been presenting in schools throughout Queensland and Northern NSW to parents, teachers and children, ranging from Year 3 - Year 12, providing a clear understanding of why they need to protect themselves and what tools are available to help create more secure accounts and use of these sites. All workshops and presentations start at a very basic level to ensure that the fear of the unknown is taken care of first and that the "cyber-lingo" throughout the presentation will be understood. Tricia also teaches about the devices that children have access to and how they can be monitored better and set to avoid inappropriate material and unwanted attention.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will participate in a session with Tricia on Tuesday 16 February from 11:45 - 1:15pm. Two parent sessions are being offered as follows:

**SESSION ONE**
- **Date:** Tuesday 16 February, 2016
- **Time:** 1:45 – 2:45pm
- **Location:** Brookfield State School Hall
- **RSVP:** admin@brookfields.eq.edu.au
  (07) 3374 7333
  By Monday 15 February, 2016

**SESSION TWO**
- **Date:** Tuesday 16 February, 2016
- **Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm
- **Location:** Brookfield State School Hall
- **RSVP:** admin@brookfields.eq.edu.au
  (07) 3374 7333
  By Monday 15 February, 2016

Refer to the attached brochure for more information.
The same content will be presented in both sessions, with two times being offered to attempt to meet the needs of most parents.

**Life Education**

The Life Education team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting Brookfield State School from 24 February - 04 March this year. Participation in the Life Education program costs $9.00 and will be included on your Term Statement.

The Life Education Team are offering a **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION** this year:

- **Date:** Wednesday 24 February, 2016
- **Time:** 1:45 – 2:45pm
- **Location:** Life Education Van (Carpark near Admin Building)
- **RSVP:** admin@brookfields.eq.edu.au
  - (07) 3374 7333
  - By Monday 22 February, 2016

**Medication – REMINDER**

If your child has a medical condition, (for example - Asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy) a note is coming home to your child this week (in a sealed envelope). The necessary forms to be filled out by parents and signed by a Doctor. These forms need to be returned to the office by **Friday 12 February, 2016** to ensure our medical records are up to date. It is an Education Queensland requirement, that we cannot administer medical aid unless these forms are provided to the school.

Have a great week,
Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

**Position vacant**

We are looking for someone to join our amazing administration team in a temporary capacity for 4 hours/week, commencing 24 February until 24 June with a possibility of extension. Please see the attached position description for details.

Calliope Ainsworth
Business Services Manager

**Resource Centre News**

**Book Lovers’ Week**

For Valentine’s Day around the world people will celebrate Library Lovers’ Week as a time when we recognise libraries and books and reinforce the importance of reading - for - pleasure.

**Our Best Book Mates and New Book Besties!**

This year we are celebrating our favourite books as friends we love. During borrowing time and at lunchtime students have the opportunity to write which books are their greatest best friends, new and old those books who are very special to us and with which we have fun and share good times. They will form a display of hearts in the Resource Centre!
We’re giving books in Valentine’s Week!

International Book Giving Day

‘International Book Giving Day (Valentine’s Day, February 14) is a day dedicated to getting new, used and borrowed books in the hands of as many children as possible.’ Source: International Book Giving Day 2016

Students could win a book by entering this competition. To enter write which of your three (3) favourite book characters you’d like to hang out with and why. Entry forms are in the Resource Centre. Place completed entry forms in the box in the Library by 3pm Thursday February 19.

There are also lunchtime activities in the Resource Centre on our Book Lovers’ theme.

Happy Reading
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

District Swimming Carnival

Good luck to all the children competing in the District Swimming Carnival tomorrow at Bellbowrie.

Libby Work
PE Teacher

Classroom Representatives

Thank you to the parents who have offered to be the classroom representative for their child’s class this year. As you can see from the table below, there are still a large number of classes who need a Class Rep. We are hoping to have all the positions filled in the next week, so if your child’s class is without a Class Representative, please think about nominating yourself or grab a friend and share the role. Being a classroom representative is a great way to meet other parents and is a really positive way to contribute to the smooth running of our school.

If you would like to be a class rep, please contact your teacher or Roanne Lemmon-Warde on rojolw@gmail.com or 0434 909 392.

A huge thank you to the following parents who have nominated to be our Class Representatives for 2016.

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**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club is now out with orders due back this Friday 12 February. Again for those not familiar with Scholastic Book Club, catalogues are sent home to all year levels twice a term offering a selection of books. They can be as little as $2 and vary across reading levels and interests. Orders usually arrive two weeks after the due date. Also, every parent order benefits the school by helping to earn free books and teaching resources but there is no obligation to purchase. Last year the school earned over $1400 worth of resources.

Orders are only done online by going to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or by downloading the app for iPad/iPhone or Android. No cash or cheque orders please and no need to return forms to the office.

If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. Please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Book Club Organiser

**Running Training**

Cross Country training started last Thursday at 8am. Training will be on a Tuesday and Thursday at 8am.

All ages and abilities are catered for. You don’t have to be fast OR fit! Parents are encouraged to come and run with us. Any help is welcomed, no experience necessary.

**Friday Soccer**

Soccer is on a Friday at 8am and is open to students in grade 3 and up. Grade 3 and 4 students may wear boots, shin pads are compulsory. Grade 5 and 6 students will do either soccer or touch football. No boots allowed. Please arrive early so teams can be sorted out.

Please check the school Facebook page for wet weather updates.

Lizel Moore
Lizelmoore@gmail.com

**Sculpting Club**

Sculpting Club has started again with Ceramic Artist Hugo J. Vesara, member of Australian Ceramic Association and contractor for 15 years with Brisbane City Council.

The cost is $170 for week 3 - 10 in term 1 for students in grades Prep - 6. The cost includes firing in the kiln, clay, glazes, underglaze and all tools. Students also receive Easter and Christmas figurines from Hugo as gifts.

**Tuesday lunch time 11:00 - 11:45 outside the hall.**

Please register your interest by emailing jvesara@yahoo.com or phoning 0401 911 475.

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- AFTER SCHOOL
- MON - FRI 3:15pm or 4:15 pm $132

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