From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers

"Winning isn't everything!" I'll let you complete the quote yourself. It's fitting at this time of the year with many of us attending end of season finals. My boys play hockey and over the weekend both tasted success with a grand final victory.

I've been around sporting teams for a number of years, as a player and a coach, and building a high performance culture is something I'm acutely interested in. I'm a fan of Vince Lombardi, the American football player, coach and executive, who is arguably the greatest coach in history across any sport.

Vince Lombardi made his mark with the Green Bay Packers during the 1960's, leading them to five NFL championships. Now, I'm not a fan of NFL, in fact I've never taken the time to understand the rules. But Vince Lombardi is legendary, with incredible influence that demanded absolute dedication and effort from his players.

When I was watching and coaching my boys over the weekend, one of the most pleasing aspects was seeing them enjoy the occasion. I know that some of you are probably thinking who isn't having fun when they're winning? But they worked hard, did the unrewarded running and all because they knew that their individual effort contributed to the outcome for the team. Win or lose, they would have been satisfied and happy with their effort.

Positivity is an essential ingredient for success. Positive, happy individuals are more successful in many areas of their lives. This is true for children and adults. Positive people are able to think more creatively, cope with challenges and get along with others. I acknowledge that my positivity reflects on those around me; when I'm coaching at hockey, with the family at home, and with my colleagues at work.

Sometimes it's hard work to be positive. Homework comes to mind - not mine, the kids! But what a difference a positive attitude makes to complete such routine yet important tasks. My positivity rubs off on those around me. It takes an effort. But it's worth it! Positivity is infectious!

In our school context, research supports the more positive emotions we experience, the more likely we are to exhibit positive behaviours such as curiosity, awareness, discovery and creativity. The social and emotional needs of our students is everyone's business. Safe and disciplined environments, explicitly teaching positive actions, instilling intrinsic motivation, identifying positive role models, and reinforcing positive behaviours is something we all contribute towards.

A high performance school culture must address the important underlying elements that build confidence and self-esteem, encourage cooperation and problem solving, motivate students to work hard, do their best and act respectfully and responsibly. These are the elements we continue to build on so our students can grow and thrive in a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment.

As Helen Keller said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."
Senior Citizens Concert

Congratulations to our music staff and students on the wonderful performance they presented to a number of our senior citizens. It’s one of the major performances of the year and much hard work and organisation goes into coordinating such an event. Thank you Mrs McMillan, Ms Hemmings, Mr Lougheed, Mrs Kienzle, our bank of volunteers and students for hosting a quality event.

It was a wonderful service to provide and well received and appreciated by those in attendance.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are underway. I hope you have taken this formal opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress in the key learning areas. I must say I had a very productive Parent/Teacher meeting and received valuable information to address with my child leading into the final term of the year.

Active School Travel (AST)

Congratulations to 4B for having 65% of their class participating in AST last week. Students who walk, ride or car pool to and from school each Wednesday will go into the draw for a scooter and helmet.

Thought for the Week

Correction does much, but encouragement does more.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Enjoy your week

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Prep Orientation Morning

Our Prep Orientation Morning is on THIS FRIDAY! We look forward to seeing all of our future Preppies and their parents at school from 9:30 to 11:00am.

Parents please drop your child to the Prep Classroom with the BLUE DOOR from 9:15am and make your way down to the hall for a 9:30am start. We will have chalk arrows on the footpaths to help you find your way and there will be student leaders available should you need directions.

Following the information session in the hall, you will have the opportunity to take a tour of the school with our school leaders. The school tours will conclude on the veranda of the library where coffee and cake will be available and we can answer any questions you may have. You will then be able to collect your children from the play area and head home around 11am.

We look forward to seeing you at school on Friday.

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.
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Congratulations to 3B for being awarded "Most Respectful Class" on last week's assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 3B!

Students receive a "Gotcha" when they are displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 "Gotchas" go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly "Gotcha" draw takes place on assembly. Congratulations to last week's winners - Alex (1B) and Brooke (2A) well done!

Have a great week,
Katie
klew114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

Secure September is an IT security awareness campaign aimed at departmental staff, students and their parents.

CyberSmart for Parents: web link for all that parents need to know about cyber safety for kids is here: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

CyberSmart for Kids - Students can work through these fun and informative interactives at home!

Young Kids Website
- Years 3 - 7 Web Link: Budd-e Website: https://budd-e.staysmartonline.gov.au/primary/main.php#

Overdue Books

Our loan period is 14 days that students are able to have a book out of our school Library before it must be returned. We have a large number of overdue Library books at the moment. We aim to develop a sense of responsibility in students however some students may need parental assistance to return school Library books on time.

Premier's Reading Challenge – now closed

Well done to all entrants! Thank you to parents for supporting your child’s reading for pleasure.

Book Week Festival Reading Chains by Students - 125 metres long!
Thank you Miss Noonan and 2B.

Disclaimer: Inclusion of an advertisement for a product or service in the "Brookfield Banter" is not to be considered as an endorsement or recommendation by Brookfield State School.
Many Thanks for Book Covering

A very big thank you needs to go to Arlene Aitcheson who has covered a huge box of new reading resources and has been instrumental in getting the call out to parents! We are also very grateful to the following wonderful parents who have taken new Year 6 and 7 reading books home to cover: Marisa Graetz, Nicole Davidson, Vicki Schweitzer, Shanaaz Wilson, Mel McArdle, Kym Doyle, Megan Bye, Julie Kingston and Keryn Hunt. We appreciate your time in these busy days.

We are now processing many new Year 2 Reading Books for classroom lessons and would love any help from Year 2 parents who could take some home with pre-cut contact.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Year 5 “Living Legends” Writing Group – a surprise visit from Eric Sydney Whittle Kay!

Last Thursday our Year 5 “Living legends” writing group were very excited to learn that Eric Kay, our group’s subject for their biographies, was coming to Brookfield State School for a follow up interview. This amazing group of students had developed an extensive list of questions to ask Eric and were thrilled with the opportunity to meet with him again. Eric was also very pleased with the children’s level of interest and was only too happy to share his memories. For over 45 minutes Eric shared further details about his history including his family life, his time in World War II and the work he became involved in after the war. Eric was very impressed with some of the questions that the children were asking and the time went very quickly. Before he left Eric, passed around his medals and posed with the students for a photo. He then passed his medals over to us to keep in the school for a period of time. The children felt very honoured. We hope to have Eric back in Term 4 when the finished products will be shared with the community.

Eric Sydney Whittle Kay with the Year 5 “Living Legends” writing group:
Seated: Ria S, Sammi C, Sam R, Imi G

Mrs Bullock and Mrs Salisbury

Music News

Congratulations to all of our students who performed in our Senior Citizen’s Concert yesterday. They did a great job with their music, but also represented our school beautifully. I had numerous guests comment how mature and friendly the children were, as well as what a wonderful standard of entertainment they presented. Also, special thanks must go to Liz Terry and her merry band of kitchenhands who stayed cool under the pressure of providing many, many cups of tea. Well done everyone.

Last week an email was sent home to Senior Band and Senior String students enquiring about a weekend date (Oct 25-26) on which we would like to enter a competition. Given the high entry fees associated with this competition, we are reluctant to participate if we are unable to play at full strength. Please check your calendar and let us know if your child is not available so that we can get our entry forms in this week.
Our Intermediate and Junior Choirs are singing at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on Saturday. Please arrive at 8:40 am, wearing free dress. Look for Mrs McMillan and Mrs Kienzle outside the church hall. This is a lovely casual event, so come along and have a great family morning.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Internet Banking Transaction

The school has had transferred into the general account a $37.00 deposit with an unfamiliar reference on 18 August. If you have recently transferred this amount for payment of your debtor statement could you please call the office (Ph 33747333) so that we can update your account.

Year 6 and 7 Canberra Trip Reminder

The second payment of $490 for this trip is due on 15 September. Please advise the office if your child is not going or if you have any issues with meeting the payment date.

Sport Singlets

If you have borrowed a Brookfield green and yellow sports singlet, please remember to return to the office, washed, ASAP after your sports event. An invoice will be sent home to anyone who has lost their singlet.

Thank you
Janet Sale

Sport News

Ball Games Carnival – 9am Tuesday September 16

The Ball Games Carnival is fast approaching. It will start at 9am with the Preps, followed by the 1’s, 2’s and so on. Students will be in their year levels to compete. They should all wear their sports house shirts, hat and apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Sports Results Week 8

FlagTag
Yr5 Broncos defeated Pullenvale 2-1
Yr 5 Titans defeated Pullenvale 6-2
Yr 5 Cowboys - BYE
Yr 6 Boys defeated Jindalee 4-2
Yr 6 Girls won by forfeit
Yr 7 Boys lost to GNL 5-0
Yr 7 Girls drew 2-2 with Jindalee

Basketball
Yr 5 Red – defeated JHSS 24-2
Yr 5 White – lost to MPSS 24-4
Yr 5 Blue – lost to JHSS 32-2
Yr 6 Boys defeated Pullenvale 22-2
Yr 7 Boys lost to JHSS 14-2
Yr 6/7 Girls lost to Jindalee 32-12
Softball
Yr 5 1 defeated KSSS 42-5
Yr 5 2 lost to KSSS 26-25
Yr 6/7 -Bye

Science Fair Date Claimer

The Brookfield SS Science Fair is on Wednesday 17 September in the school hall. The Science Fair is open to parents to visit from 10:00 - 11:00 and from 11:45 - 1:15. So come along and see some great science in action!

Kieron Skehan

Orienteering

Due to low numbers in the older group, a decision has been made to stop the orienteering for the Yr 3 - 7 group the remaining two weeks of term. We will commence with it at the beginning of Term 4.

However, orienteering for the younger ones will continue till the end of term on a Thursday morning at 8am.

Megan Bye

P&C Fundraising Thank You's

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to Sarah Stefanaras and Shelley McGregor who coordinated an extremely successful Father's Day Stall, along with their team of Mums from the Year 1 classes and you the parents sending money with your child. Together you raised $1,975.45, which will benefit our children greatly.

Father's Day Morning Tea

Thank you to all of the the wonderful people who baked, donated milk, set up, served, sold raffle tickets and cleaned up, you were amazing and made the morning an enjoyable one for all. Thank you to the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and special friends, all 111 of you, who supported your child and the school in this special event. It was lovely having you all in our school. Together we raised $1,006.05. Our hamper was put together by Hamper Me - Helen Orr, with prizes donated by Loenhide, Nextra Kenmore Village, the Guthrie Family and the Lemmon-Warde Family. It was won by Scott Echberg.

Burger Bar

Thank you to Philip Blacker and Gregg Warren who coordinate the Burger Bar each month. Special thanks to 5B who hosted a successful night and to all who attended. Together you raised $721.30. Thank you to Bronwyn and Richard Toft from Brookfield Veterinary Surgery, who donate the prize for the raffle each month.

Book Covering

Thank you to the Years 6 and 7 parents who have been covering reading reading books for their children to be able to enjoy soon. We're just waiting on the last few to be returned and then they'll be in the classrooms. Your help has made this process so much quicker.

Parents in Year 2, we will be sending an email through your class rep soon, to ask for your help in covering reading books, followed by the Year 5s. If we work together on this, our children will be able to enjoy the new reading resources so much quicker.
Thank you Malcolm, his helpers and the Admin Team for your endless assistance in getting notes out, things moved and anything else we’ve asked of you for our fundraising ventures. We can’t do it without this wonderful teamwork that happens, which makes our events the success they are. All of the money raised in our last activities has gone towards purchasing items on the wish list for the school, which benefits many learning areas of the classrooms’ daily programs. We hope you all enjoy the things we’ve worked hard to achieve.

Next

Prep Orientation Morning Tea

Friday 12 September 10.30 - 11.00, we will host 70 Families on the Library Verandah. We will buy the food, but need a little help with setting up, serving and clearing away. If you have a little time, please let Roanne Lemmon-Warde, the office or myself know - many hands make light work.

Thank you,
Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator

WHIZ KIDZ – Science Club

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 Mondays, 3 - 4.15pm

CONCEPTS (Term 4)

UNDER PRESSURE - Air pressure is exerted by the movement of molecules of air. It’s not a good idea to mess with air pressure - it can squash metal and break timber. Understand high and low pressure and how they relate to our everyday world.

MIGHTY MAGNETS - Magnetic energy is one of Earth’s invisible forces. Understanding the change and interaction of energy forms is vital to our existence and to our quality of life.

CANDLE CHEMISTRY - Solid wax does not burn, so why is it used in candles? Science Club will investigate how candles combust and prepare some candles for Xmas.

HIGHLIGHTS AND FAVOURITES - The ‘best’ experiments followed by a breakup party and final awards.

WHO - Years 2 - 5

WHEN - Fortnightly from Monday 20th October

WHERE - N Block (Lote room)

FEE - $100 (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

Donna Bennett
Email - scedau@optusnet.com.au
Mobile - 0427 644 490
BSS Trivia & Games Night 2014
Friday 24th October, 6.30pm for a 7pm start

Release your inner child!

The theme for this year’s Trivia & Games night is: Children’s TV & Movies

As usual this will be an amazingly fun night. You do not need to be a trivia genius - you just need to bring your sense of humour and willingness to have a great time!

You have time to think up what you and your friends will come as, with tickets not going on sale until the morning of Monday 25th August.

Get your group ready to book your table and secure your theme on the 25th, as there can be only one of each theme on the night!

Tables of 6-10 people, $20 per person
Alcohol on Sale, BYO Food/Nibbles
Decorate your table

If you require any further info regarding the night, please feel free to contact me on either debmmobile@bigpond.com or 0409924608.

Deb Minczanowski

Gan Gani Kindy Fig Tree Pocket – 2015 Enrolments Available

Gan Gani Kindergarten (affiliated with The Gowrie Qld) is a Queensland Government Approved Kindergarten Program Provider. Located in semi-rural, leafy, quiet Fig Tree Pocket, our single unit kindy offers a 5 day fortnight program from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Outside School Hours Care is now also available. We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities, passionate Early Years Educators and the recent refurbishments are completed including new sandpit area, playground fort, front entrance, ramp, fencing and painting.

Kindergarten Play & Learn for 3 to 5 year olds. Limited vacancies are available for 2015 or waitlist for further years. All families are welcome. Contact us and come for a visit.

Tickets to the 2014

Brookfield Spring Ball
13 September are now on sale at www.brookfieldshowground.com.au

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