From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

The energy in the room for the P&C AGM last night was incredible. Thank you to those who came along, accepted positions and most importantly, contributed to the discussion on important aspects of the P&C’s functions in working with and supporting our school.

Did you know that research proves that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement? This involvement is linked to learning, attendance and behaviour, which in turn has an enormous impact on student achievement.

The benefits for students when their parents are actively engaged in their learning include a positive self-esteem, increased motivation, a positive attitude and improved academic results.

The good news for parents is that it’s what happens at home that really counts. Research suggests that parents have the most influence on the educational outcomes of their child when they have high expectations, show interest in their learning and development, talk about things that interest them and discuss educational and career aspirations.

In the Robertson household, the seven of us sit around the table in the dining room every evening and it proves an interesting exercise to hear your children’s perspectives on their experiences from the day. My wife and I use our magical parenting powers to influence the outcome of these conversations, sometimes successfully and sometimes not so successfully. But with a household of 5 kids ranging from 10 to almost 20 years (2 boys and 3 girls), we are guaranteed a reasonable level of entertainment, especially when the youngest is giving advice to the oldest.

I am also fortunate that both my wife and I work in education and are able to subsidise and support our children in their learning and development. There are a number of measures in place to help keep you abreast of what your child is learning. These include class newsletters, emails, homework sheets and face-to-face meetings.

Shortly, you will be receiving an invitation to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress throughout the term. I strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher as a productive working relationship promotes motivation and learning engagement.

Parking - Student Safety

Patience, common sense and caution are required at all times when parking in and around the school. Children can easily be distracted and will act illogically and impulsively at times. No child should be left unattended in a car when you are picking up other siblings. Please avoid making three-point turns in Boscombe Road when traffic congestion is at its peak, so with this in mind, please drive and park responsibly.

The ‘sardine parking’ in the top car park (northern end) requires cars parked at the rear to remain there patiently until those at the front have moved away. If you need to move quickly after collecting your child, please consider parking in another location. Signage in the top car park will be addressed shortly but all cars should reverse park and students should only move through the area along the perimeter fencing.
Please also be very mindful of students crossing on Boscombe Road (heading to the Tennis Centre) and Brookfield Road (near the shop). Younger students in particular should be supervised when crossing the road. We will continue to look at ways of improving student safety and seek assistance from all levels of government.

**Tuckshop for Years 5&6 on Friday (Interschool Sport)**

Students in Years 5&6 should not order from the tuckshop menu on days when they are participating in interschool sport. Students leave the classroom at 10:30am on the Friday and this is problematic for preparing and serving food at this time. If your child has ordered this week, it will be processed, but please do not order when interschool sport is being played. Over the counter purchases can still be made between 10:30-10:40am. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Thought for the Week**

Remember the difference between a boss and a leader;

A boss says, "Go!"

A leader says, "Let's go!"

*E M Kelly*

Have a great week!

**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**BYOD iPad Update**

Please be aware that students are NOT to use their iPads in the school grounds before or after school. We should NOT see students using their iPads in the school grounds (unless under the supervision of a teacher).

If a student is identified to be using their iPad in the school grounds, this will result in a "STRIKE" on their iPad licence as it is a violation of the agreements they have signed. If a student receives 3 "STRIKES" they will not be able to use their iPad for a minimum period of one week.

We encourage parents of BYOD iPad students to please remind them of this important rule, thank you for your support on this.

**Uniform Policy**

Our Uniform Shop operates out of A Block. Please find a copy of our Uniform Policy attached for your perusal.

**Life Education**

The Life Education team and Harold the Giraffe arrived yesterday! Be sure to ask your child what they learn from their visit to the Life Education Van.

You will notice the Life Education Van is parked in the office car park. Parents who drop off and collect their children from outside school hours care are encouraged to be cautious of the van as it protrudes slightly in the path of the entrance to outside school hours care.
Belong, Strive, Succeed - Art Competition

Entries have started to flood in for this very exciting art competition. What an honour it would be to have your work on display in the school over the coming years!

Competition Guidelines:

1. Three categories:
   a. Prep to Year 2
   b. Year 3 and Year 4
   c. Year 5 and Year 6
2. Art work is to be completed on A3 size paper.
3. Art work is to be completed at home.
4. Entry is optional.
5. Entries are due Friday 20 March, 2015 to the office.
6. Ensure you include your child’s name and class on the back of the entry.

QSchools app

The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters. In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates.

Find out more on the DETE website, or download the app for your device.

Values Vouchers

This term, we will promote the Values for Australian Schooling and our Brookfield State School qualities of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible through Values Vouchers. Students will receive “Values Vouchers” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Values Vouchers recipients will be drawn on assembly and will receive a prize to acknowledge their quality choices.

Our value for the week was ‘Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion’. Mrs Cathcart spoke about this week’s value, highlighting the importance of celebrating difference and encouraging students to be inclusive of others at school and at home.

Our Values Vouchers winners for the week were Matthew H (2C) and Grace A (2B) - well done! Matthew and Grace receive a voucher for an ice block from the tuckshop. The Most Respectful Class on assembly this week went to Year 3B. Students in Year 3B showed respect by being on time to assembly, sitting with their legs crossed and paying attention to the speakers. Year 3B students also did a wonderful job of conducting assembly last week, well done Miss Koerper and Year 3B students.

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

Expression of Interest
Temporary Library Teacher Aide
12 hrs p/week + ADO

Brookfield State School is seeking a motivated Teacher Aide to support our Teacher Librarian, Administration and Teaching Teams. The position is Temporary Part-Time 12hrs per week plus ADO, to 26 June, 2015 with the possibility of extension.
Position Description:
Contribute to the provision of quality educational service by assisting and supporting the Teacher Librarian with administration tasks and acquisition of resources and assisting students with borrowing and OneSchool data entry. This position requires a team player with high level interpersonal skills. Data entry experience is essential. The successful applicant must have, or be prepared to undertake, professional development to upskill for the position.

Responsibilities include:
• Open library and maintain circulation desk and library area so it is presentable and tidy
• Undertake shelving of returned books and perform shelf checking and tidying
• Data entry of material into OneSchool
• Assist Teacher Librarian with collection management and overdue book collections
• Support students with password and login issues
• Basic computer and printer assistance for students
• First Aid duty (as per Playground Roster)
• Other duties as directed by Teacher Librarian and Administration

Skills required:
• Experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint and Outlook
• Proven ability to work independently, achieving quality work outcomes
• Preference will be given to anyone with prior Library experience, eg. Use of Oliver Software

To submit an Expression of Interest for the above position please submit a brief resume (2 pages), including contact details for a referee and a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role addressing the following selection criteria.
• Demonstrated capacity to fulfil the position description
• Proven ability to work independently, achieving quality work outcomes
• Support productive working relationships and demonstrated capacity to work in a team

Applications close: COB Monday 23 March 2015.
Please forward applications via email BSM@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

Music News

String Changes Tuesday 17th March
I will be away next Tuesday 17th March at the Westcent Audition day at Kenmore State School. There will be no Intermediate String rehearsal before school or lessons in the morning session....however, I will fit the students into a time slot on Wednesday, 18th March, so please bring instruments! There will be only be a lesson next week (Wednesday 18th) but no rehearsal.

Rehearsal and lessons will be back to normal the following week.

Thanks,
Jen Hemmings
Sport News

Interschool sport is on again this Friday. Buses will depart school at 11am and return by 2:55pm. Please ensure that your child has the correct gear as well as a hat and a water bottle. The sports are at the following venues:

Netball - Chapel Hill State School
Touch - Akuna Oval
Soccer - Girls Grammar Playing Field and at the Bellbowrie Sport and Recreation Club

West Akuna Hockey Trials

Any student interested in trying out for the either the boys or girls Met West Hockey Teams please see Mr Skehan by this Friday to receive your nomination pack. Please note that students have to play club hockey to be considered for selection.

School and District Cross Country - Tuesday March 31

The School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 31 March (last week of the term). Races will start at 9am on the oval. The School Cross Country Championships is the main selection race for the team to compete at the West Akuna trials on the 07 of May. If your child is going to be away from school on this day, and would like to be considered for selection in the school team, you need to contact Ms Wark as soon as possible. If your child is sick on the day, and would like to be considered, you need to email me by 9am on 31 March. Brookfield can select up to three boys and three girls born 2005, 2004 and 2003. First across the line will be automatic selection, with the subsequent places being subject to a run off in the event of students being away, sick or injured.

State All Schools Cross Country and State All Schools Relay Championships

We are the defending champions for the girls, boys and combined trophies for both these events. It is a great day that gives younger students the opportunity to represent their school. The P&C has purchased more singlets this year for students to borrow for these events.

2nd May State All Schools Championships: Held at Kedron State High School. We need as many students as possible to compete in these Championships. The 2008 and 2009 students are run as a combined age group, with all other races run as single years. Students playing U8 soccer at Kenmore your game usually clashes with your race time so please book in the date with your team ASAP.

9th May State All Schools Relay Championships: Held at Rivermount College, Yatala. These teams will be selected based on results from the School Cross Country and time trials held at school. In the younger age groups (as the distance is 1km), time trial results will be used to select teams. We can enter as many teams as we wish, so everyone is welcome. Events usually begin around 1pm.

Girls born 2006 last year won the Gold and Silver teams medals!

For more information email lizelmoore@gmail.com
Cross Country Training

Next Tuesday morning I will set up the school cross country course to give students a chance to run over the course at training. Training continues on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 8am. All welcome. Thank you to all the helpers this term.

Lizel Moore

Resource Centre News

Year 1 Home Readers Book Covering- The Last 400

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have taken home books to cover in the past 2 weeks. We now have about 400 excellent new Year 1 home readers with contact already cut to size awaiting covering. If you'd like to swell the ranks of our small but dedicated band please drop in to the Library! The quicker they can be done the sooner they will go home with students!

Students enjoyed the Poetry Festival last week with eager students in the queue for the microphone to share a poem, paper plate poems and Song Lyrics = Cool Poetry for senior students. Poem-in-your-Pocket Tuesday saw every student receive a poem to share with others in the day.

Read and be amazed
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 orders will close this Friday 13th March. Brookfield State School now uses Scholastic’s LOOP system for its orders so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order and pay or download the app for iPhone or iPad. No cash please and no need to return any order forms to the office. For any questions or help, please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.qld.edu.au or 0413443632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Fundraising News

1. Cross Country Cupcake Stall

Start dusting off your Mixmaster, it’s almost time to release you inner Betty Crocker for the annual Cross Country Cupcake stall on Tuesday, 31 March. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help us sell the cupcakes throughout the morning. More details will follow in coming weeks but please contact us in the meantime if you’d like to help out.

2. Easter Hot Cross Bun Drive

Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!
If you have no daughters,
give them to your sons.
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

Early next week, an envelope order form will be sent home with your eldest child for our Inaugural Hot Cross Bun Drive. Bakers Delight Kenmore are kindly donating $2 from every 6 pack sold to our school. With your choice of traditional, fruitless and choc chip Hot Cross Buns, this is set to be a delicious fundraiser!

Make sure you don’t miss out!

3. Fundraising 2015

2015 is shaping up to be a productive and busy year for Brookfield State School. We have a FUN year planned, packed with all the great events you’ve grown to love and hopefully a few new ones.

We would like to thank everyone who has already volunteered their skills, knowledge, time and ideas. We rely on you, the community to assist us in making these events successful and raising much needed money for our children’s school and education. If you have any suggestions, feedback or special skills please contact us via email or catch us in the school grounds around the grade 1 classrooms.

We feel excited to take on the role of P & C Fundraising coordinators for 2015 and look forward to the many fun times ahead.

Aneta Zielinski and Louisa Wijacha
aneta.zielinski@gmail.com
louisa_danaher@hotmail.com

Bush Dance

DRINKS DONATIONS - final donations received Thursday 19 March

Thank you so much to those that have already donated to this fundraiser. We have already had two winners from the draw win free tickets to the bush dance. This week’s winner is Ava from 1B! Ava will be presented with a certificate at next week’s Junior Assembly. There is still time to leave your donations at the resource centre. If you’re thinking which option to bring in, we could do with some more water donations however we are grateful to receive anything you can manage.
BUSH DANCE - Friday 27 March

Has your Friday night sport started? Wondering if you can come to the bush dance late? ABSO-LUTELY!!! The band shall be commencing around 6.30 pm and will be playing for 2 hours so even if you can’t make it till 7 pm, there will be plenty of food, drinks and fun still to be had.

VOLUNTEERS for the Bush Dance

Wondering how you can help out on the night? Your class reps are in the process of emailing a new online rostering system we are using to make it easier for you to see where you can help out.

Monica Jones

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We are pleased to announce that our vacation care program has been released! It has been attached for you. If you would like to book in or have any queries please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or via email at brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au. You would be surprised how affordable our service is and we would love to see lots of new faces!

A new week means a new menu. Please see below for this week's menu of healthy and fun food.

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If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au

Have a great week!

Kristy Nuttall
OSHC Coordinator

Annual Brookfield State School Tennis Tournament - 2015

We will be holding our annual Brookfield State School Tennis Tournament over the next two weeks.

FORMAT: HOT SHOTS - Tennis Australia recommended format - Red ball (Round Robin) Orange and Green Ball (Knock out)
**Red Ball** Championship for girls and boys individually (Prep to Year 2)
**DATE:** Sunday 15th MARCH at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 8:30am (Round Robin Format)

**Orange Ball** Championship for girls and boys individually (Years 3 and 4)
**DATE:** Friday 20th March at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7:15am (Knockout)

**Green Ball** Championship for girls and boys individually (Years 5 and 6)
**DATE:** Friday 13th March at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7:15am (Knockout)

Any uncompleted matches on these days will be scheduled for the following Monday afternoon.

**COST:** $10 per player
- entries restricted to one division only per player
- can elect to play up a division but not down

**ENTER VIA EMAIL:** tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au include: your child’s name, division entered & your home / mobile number

**CLOSING DATE:** Wednesday 11th March 8pm!

**LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED** as draws need to be done.

If you require further information please phone me on 0434 909 392.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

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**INDIRO TOURS**

- Receive information
- Talk to students and teachers
- See our school in action

**WHEN:**
- Monday 16 March
  - 9.30am-11.00am
- Tuesday 26 May
  - 1.30pm-3.00pm

**WHERE:** The Peter Doherty Theatre (car parking available at Ward Street entrance)

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**YEAR 7 SPECIAL PROGRAMS EVENING**

Come along and receive in-depth information about our innovative Year 7 programs:
- Maths and Engineering Acceleration, Spanish Immersion, Chinese Acceleration and Arts XLR8.
- Talk with current students and parents about their experiences.

**WHEN:**
- Monday 23 March
  - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Tuesday 2 June
  - 6.00pm-7.30pm

**WHERE:** The Peter Doherty Theatre (car parking available at Ward Street entrance)

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