From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

It’s NAPLAN week and there will be a spotlight on Literacy and Numeracy in some media outlets, but I want to focus on the wonderful achievement of our cross country team who just won the District Cross Country for the sixth year in a row. This is quite an achievement in the West Akuna District.

I remember a conversation I had with Lizel Moore and a number of other parents several years ago, who wanted to volunteer their time before school so students could participate in physical activity. Today we have over one hundred students who regularly participate in before school fitness related activities. It just goes to show you what hard work and a sense of enjoyment can do!

It’s not an elite group of athletes but a strong foundational group that enjoy burning up a bit of energy and participating with their friends. This is our strength, great depth where students can aspire to do a little better each time they participate.

The District Cross Country only includes 10-12 year olds, but the younger runners had the opportunity to show off their talents at the Queensland Athletics All Schools Cross Country and the Queensland Athletics All School Cross Country Relay Championships. Brookfield comprehensively won these competitions and there is more silverware in the office at the moment than what we have space for.

Congratulations to the students who competed in these events and thank you to the parents and staff who make these opportunities possible.

The District Cross Country results are tabled below. The top six placings in each age group will go through to the Regional Cross Country on 02 June. Congratulations to our team!

### 10 Years Girls
- 2000m:
  1. Georgina G
  2. Erica M
  3. Sarah W

### 11 Years Girls
- 3000m:
  1. Amelia H
  2. Miranda McP
  3. Emma N
  4. Sophie M
  5. Tehila O

### 12 Years Girls
- 3000m:
  1. Rachael B
  2. Holly B
  3. Kate McG

### 10 Years Boys
- 2000m:
  1. Alexander B
  2. Ben P
  3. Kristian F

### 11 Years Boys
- 3000m:
  1. Will P
  2. Jake HR
  3. Zac S

### 12 Years Boys
- 3000m:
  1. Jarrod R
  2. Matson McA
  3. William T

Australian Curriculum: Technologies

David Willis, Metropolitan Region’s STEM Champion, is delivering an overview of the Australian Curriculum: Technologies learning area this week, in preparation for its implementation at Brookfield.

David has worked with staff at our school previously when the ‘Science Spark’ initiative was released. Since then our school has gone on to accomplish great things in Science including winning every category at the esteemed STEM Convention hosted by the University of Queensland for students in years 6-9.

The Australian Curriculum - Technologies describes two distinct but related subjects:
1. Design and Technologies, in which students use design thinking and technologies to generate and produce designed solutions for authentic needs and opportunities; and
2. Digital Technologies, in which students use computational thinking and information systems to define, design and implement digital solutions.
Teachers are looking forward to David's presentation and the implementation of Technologies into the curriculum.

**Brookfield Show**

It's almost upon us again. The excitement is building as the final preparations continue this week. We have a wonderful relationship with the Show Society and our classes will visit the showgrounds throughout Friday, however, no rides in sideshow alley will be allowed. Please ensure you have signed the permission slip and returned it to your child's teacher along with any volunteers who wish to help with supervision.

**It's a Girl!**

Congratulations to Katie and Bryce who are pleased to announce the arrival of Zoe Kate Lewis. She was born on Friday 06 May weighing in at 2720g and measuring 48cm. Ari is one very proud brother. Katie and Zoe arrived home from hospital on Monday and are doing well.

**ICAS - Digital Technologies**

Teachers have been notified of the students who nominated for the ICAS Digital Technologies competition. It will take place on Tuesday 17 May between 9-11am in B Block under my supervision. Students will require a 2B pencil and eraser. Dictionaries and calculators are not required. The time allowed to complete the test is 30 mins for Years 3&4 and 35 mins for Years 5&6. Results should be returned to the school approximately 6 weeks from when the test papers are received by the EAA.

**Disruptions to Learning**

We will not be phoning classrooms with messages for students unless it is an emergency. The convenience of sending messages through to classrooms is out of control and seriously interrupts teaching and learning. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Thought for the Week**

*Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.*

Swami Sivananda

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

**From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell**

Hello Parents.

In recent times, I came across an inspirational quote that I have come to appreciate more now that I am working at Brookfield State School. The quote reads, "The highest and most beautiful things in life are not heard about, nor read about, nor seen but, if one will, are to be lived" (Soren Kierkegaard). This implies, that for life to be fully embraced it needs to be experienced for oneself. Here at Brookfield our students get to do that. They are actively engaged in their learning, whether it is a school-based curriculum opportunity or extra-curricular activity, they are encouraged to fully participate in their knowledge building. We want them to have a sense of their purpose of learning as well as the pleasure of growing in understanding and reaching their personal best.
It was a special moment for me this week when I got to acknowledge some of our early year’s students for achieving some personal bests.

Some of our hard working Year 1’s proudly displaying their great work.

**Class-based Assessment**

In several of our classrooms, our students are currently undertaking school-based assessment tasks to demonstrate what they know and can do in the various subject areas. The assessment program includes an assortment and balance of assessment instruments across year levels and subjects. Once assessments are completed our teachers will be involved in year level moderation meetings to develop a shared understanding of the qualities that distinguish achievement levels: what constitutes a C, and what separates an A from a B and a C from a D in student work.

Assessment time is a positive time for our students as it an opportunity for them to display their growth in learning.

I look forward to reading some of the fabulous works our students produce!

**Cluster Collaboration**

Last week, the Leadership Team and Year Level representatives joined with several other schools from our cluster in a half-day meeting to discuss and plan for Systematic Curriculum Delivery. This process was aimed at ensuring all schools in our cluster have a clear line-of-sight about how the Australian Curriculum is being implemented across schools.

This meeting was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the high quality work being done here at Brookfield State School as well as to take a deeper look at where we can improve in our delivery. The staff continue to be devoted to professional development opportunities like this that will help ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

**Mother’s Day Morning Tea**

The invitation to our mums (or Grandmas or special friends) went out to attend the Mother’s Day Breakfast here at school on Friday 6 May and it was wonderful to see so many take up the opportunity, where possible, to celebrate our amazing and talented mums.
Some happy snaps taken at our Mother's Day Breakfast

Literacy Planet

The school has recently chosen to move from Literacy Eggs to Literacy Planet. Teachers have all received a class set of login and passwords. A newsletter aimed at the home use of Literacy Planet is accompanying this week’s Banter; we hope you enjoy exploring with your child the large range of interactive exercises, activities and games over the coming year.

Junior Assembly

As in previous weeks, Prep - Year 3 assembly will be held Thursday from 1:50 – 2:30pm.

On assembly last week we were heartened by the lovely pictures and accompanying text 1C created for Mothers Day; we look forward to seeing what 1B has to share with us this week.

We also got to hear from a representative from Kenmore Library about the Little Stars and Gold Star Reading Clubs. Our students were encouraged to join up and be rewarded for reading!
What a treat it was last week to have our Junior School Choir perform on assembly. They did an incredible job and we look forward to many more performances from them over the course of this year. A special thanks to Mrs Melinda Kienzle for all the extra time and effort she puts into developing her little song birds.

Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to Prep B—congratulations for being such a great example to all the big kids!

The class that received the most brookie bears over the course of last week was Year 2B, I am sure you are all looking forward to hearing about some of the exciting adventures Brookie Bear had in 2B this week during our assembly.

Resource Centre News

World Book Online Encyclopaedia

World Book Online – Our first click for facts fast!

Brookfield State School subscribes to World Book Online Students and Kids.

This gives our students 24/7 access from school, home and mobile to the latest high quality information at a primary school reading level. The website also has many special features for students including videos, learning centres and educational games.

‘Kids’ is tailored to a younger reading level and ‘Students’ is for older readers. Here’s how to logon:

1. Go to http://www.worldbookonline.com
2. Login: bss9
3. Password: b4069
4. Click on the balloon for the ‘Kids’ database
5. Click on the pencil for the ‘Student’ database

The BSS Tech Crew will be in the Resource Centre Lab at first breaks to assist students to logon and learn more about how to use special features of this excellent website. During our 2 week promotion students who log on to World Book Online at lunchtimes in the Resource Centre Lab receive a Brumby or Brookie Bear.

Read and be amazed
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Past Student’s Success

I had the honour of attending the 2016 Principal’s awards ceremony at Kenmore High School this week. The awards are given to the students from years 7, 8 & 9 who have been awarded an ‘Excellent’ or ‘A’ standard grade for homework, behaviour and effort across all of their subjects. The presenter described the award recipients as being children who have embraced a growth mindset. They are not limited by a fixed understanding of their abilities (as they were certainly not all ‘straight A’ students) but they had all given 100% to everything they had done to achieve the best possible results.

I swelled with pride as I recognised that so many of the award recipients were past Brookfield Students. The upper school here at Brookfield is constantly encouraging our students to take risks, to challenge themselves and to be active participants in their learning. As teachers we embody a growth mindset and we make it our priority to pass this on to our students. It was
very rewarding to see that we are clearly succeeding at this. Our positive approach to constant-
ly trying to learn and improve ourselves is staying with our Brookfield students well into high
school and will hopefully stay with them forever.

Deb Minczanowski
Year level Coordinator Year 5 & 6

No Instrumental Lessons Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, 17 May there will be no Instrumental lessons with Mr Lougheed, as he is attend-
ing a Professional Development Day. I will see the Tuesday students next on 24 May.

Damon Lougheed
Instrumental Music Teacher

Cake Stall - We Really Need Your Help!

BAKING - Helpers have already started baking the hundreds of cakes, biscuits, slices, muffins, fudge, banana breads and cupcakes we need for the cake stall. But we really would love some more to sell! We’re running the cake stall on Friday this year, so we’d love some delicious savoury treats to sell that day. Things like cheese muffins, flavoured scones and scrolls, tarts etc… and we can even provide you with some savoury recipes. And because we always run out of cakes by Sunday, we’re asking parents in years 4 and 5 to bake something extra for Sunday’s session. Please drop your baked goodies to the school hall Thursday or Friday and we’ll pack and label them for you, or directly to the cake stall (Friday-Sunday). Note - if you have some baking, but can’t drop off late Saturday or Sunday to the stall, you can drop off to a local home, email Brookfieldschoolcakestall@hotmail.com for details.

SELLING - Can you please spare just an hour or so to help sell cakes this weekend? There are almost 170 volunteer timeslots available during Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, but we still have more than 100 spots to fill. Just log onto http://vols.pt/AxArsh and select a time that works for you…then come along and help sell our delicious cakes at the stall. It’s that easy!!

PACKAGING - We have heaps of plastic and cardboard containers, as well as labels, for your cakes etc.. Just collect what packaging you need from the tuckshop and pack at home…or drop your cakes back to us in the school hall Thursday or Friday (9am-3pm) and we’ll package them for you. If you have some spare time, we’d love some help packing all the cakes.

RAFFLE TICKETS - there’s more than $11,000 worth of donated gifts in this year’s raffle ham-
pers…but you have to be in it, to win it!! Tickets went home in school backpacks, or you can buy more from the office. Tickets are $2 each, 3 for $5, or 6 for $10. Just write your name/contact number on each stub and return to the "All returns" box in the office by Friday afternoon.

COLOURING COMPETITION - Don’t forget, we’re still accepting entries to the colouring com-
petition. It’s just $1/entry and all entries are being posted on the library wall. Well-known and
loved long-time local Brookfield artist Diane Kelly of ‘Brushstrokes’ will be this year’s expert
judge of the children’s creative entries. You can collect cartoon entries at the office or download one from the school Facebook page. Submit all entries to the office by this Friday.

Any questions, just email Sophie Weitemeyer and her team at Brookfieldschool-cakestall@hotmail.com.

Sophie Weitemeyer

PCYC News

Happy Mother’s day to all the Mums for Sunday! We hope you had a lovely day being spoilt.

This week at PCYC we are making some biscuits to enter in the Brookfield Show. We will be making these on Wednesday afternoon. We’re looking forward to getting creative to decorate them! Make sure to look out for them at the show.

Homework Club - Monday afternoons we have Homework club! We allocate 30 minutes of time for your children to sit quietly inside with a carer to do some homework. If you would like your child to join Homework club you can sign up in the PCYC room or see one of the staff.

Cancellations - If you require cancelling a previously made booking, please ensure you give staff 48 hours’ notice so you are not charged. You can do this by emailing Liz at brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au, writing in the bookings and cancellations booklet at the service or calling 3374 2107 (leaving a message is fine).

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldspacecdirectory.myhubworks.com.au or by visiting us (we are in A block under the music room). We love to see new faces at PCYC! Here are a few things we offer:

• Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm - our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service
• Life skills programs- cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly
• Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader
• Art and craft

Please come visit us, call 3374 2107 or email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au for more information. We would love to meet you! Thanks!

Liz Gordon-Brown

The Brookfield Show

13, 14, 15 May 2016

Is your child nifty with a needle and thread? Creative in carving wood? Enjoys working with leather? Loves all things art or even pottering around in the garden?

Do you have a budding Nigella Lawson or Adriano Zumbo ready to wow the judges with their best cakes, cookies, and cupcakes?

There are so many wonderful opportunities for children of all ages to be part of this year’s Brookfield Show. Go to the website www.brookfieldshowground.com.au for more competition information.

Join by May 31st & receive over $250 worth of value

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T&C’s apply, access card fee may apply, only valid at Snap Fitness Kenmore.

OUR SPONSORS:
It’s Show time!

The annual Brookfield Show is on again this weekend and has something for everyone in the family.

There’s plenty of free activities for the kids – face painting & balloon twisting, rock climbing, the venomous snake show and reptile displays, camel rides, pony rides, pig petting, pig races, a farm animals petting zoo, baby animals feeding time, dog displays, a sheep shearing show, and clowns.

Check out the prize-winning entries in the art, photography, needlework, cookery, horticulture, poultry, woodwork...there’s even guinea pig competitions.

Friday night’s Rodeo involves both bulls and broncs this year.

Aussie FMX motocross is returning to the Showground on Saturday afternoon.

Sideshow Alley is open from 9am til late.

For the big kids there’s live music Friday night with ‘Birdman Randy & the Ivory Street Preachers’, and Saturday night the ‘Good Ole Boys Band’ will get the crowd jumping in the Happy Hour Bar. Or sit back Saturday afternoon and listen to tunes from ‘Beefa’s Bush Band’.

The Brookfield sky will light up with Fireworks Saturday and Sunday nights.

The fun just continues all weekend!

Where: Brookfield Showground, 550 Brookfield Road, Brookfield.
When: Friday 13th – Sunday 15th May
Gates open 9am each day.
Cost: Adults $20, children $10 (under 18), students $10, free under 5 years.
Tickets at the gate (Eftpos and cash)
More info: www.brookfieldshowground.com.au