From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

"He's lovely! He's so helpful! He's been wonderful!" These are the sentiments expressed about Mr Leaman who will take extended leave from the end of this week and eventually resign to be closer to family in Tasmania.

Malcolm has been the school's officer (groundsman) at Brookfield going on eight years. At times, I'm sure he wishes the school had been built on flat ground, but no job has been too great and he's always gone about his work with a smile on his face.

This Thursday during our P-6 assembly (beginning at 1:45pm), we will farewell Mr Leaman and thank him for the tireless hours he has contributed to maintaining our grounds and facilities to such a high standard.

Malcolm tells me he loves working at Brookfield and will miss his interactions with students, staff and parents. We will sorely miss Malcolm too, and wish him the very best with his move back to his home state.

BYOD iPad Proposal

There was some further healthy discussion around the BYOD iPad proposal for Years 3-6 at the P&C meeting last night. Our final decision will be communicated this week to provide some clarity around our expectations. Please be mindful that we do not expect every student in Years 3-6 to have an iPad and no student will be disadvantaged if they do not purchase a device.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the discussion over the last month as it will guide our final decision.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our school's submission was successful for the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support/ Positive Behaviour for Learning (SWPBS/PBL). PBL is a framework for designing and implementing proactive and preventative interventions.

Rachel Beitzel has been identified to train as the school's internal coach and will work alongside a regional coach over a two-year period to implement the necessary changes to our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan.

The framework will include a wellbeing and resilience program. Bounce Back has been selected as the most appropriate program for our circumstances. It is a cognitive and positive psychology program that identifies practical strategies and life skills to equip students for challenges and adversity they may experience.

Staff will undertake professional development in Bounce Back for full implementation in 2016.

National School Chaplaincy Program

The on-line application has been submitted and a response should be provided by the cross-sector committee shortly. The employment of chaplains in schools supports the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader community through providing pastoral care services and strategies.

Service Learning

49 students have participated in Service Learning throughout 2015. Each student has visited the residents of Tarry Brae Hostel on at least 3 occasions. Activities have included knitting, gardening, reading, drawing, music and games.
The final visit for this year will be on 24 November. Group C students will participate in a variety of games and then hand each resident at Tarry Brae Hostel a gift that all service learning students have contributed towards.

I will be meeting with Roumiana Clark (Blue Care volunteer) and Sandy Ryerson (Therapist) during November to discuss the Service Learning arrangement for 2016.

2016 Student Leadership Positions

The process for electing School Captains will begin this week. They will be announced during the last week of school. The Environmental, Music and House Captains will be elected at the beginning of 2016 as students in Years 4-6 vote on some of these positions.

Canberra Tour - Year 6

72 students, 4 staff members and 7 parents will be travelling to Canberra next week to explore the attractions of our national capital. This is a highlight for students in the final year of primary school. The lower house is sitting next week so our visit to Parliament House on Wednesday will be exciting. You can follow our tour on the school’s Facebook page. All students need to be at school and ready to load and board the bus by 6am on Monday 16 November. The final details of our tour have been provided to students today.

Drifting Down the Darling by Tony Pritchard

Former Brookfield teacher, Tony Pritchard, is launching his first book on Friday 11 December beginning at 6pm in our school hall.

"In 1976, I drifted over a thousand miles down the Darling River in western New South Wales in a ten-foot boat. I had no motor or oars, and the trip took around eighteen months. I went fishing and birdwatching, I stopped at towns, did a bit of station work, met some of Australia’s finest people and all the while looked for adventure and answers to life’s question about where I belonged."

You are invited to come and share Tony’s book launch of 'Drifting Down the Darling' on the last Friday of our school year. Tony will reveal the answers to life’s questions while you enjoy some light refreshments. More information is available by phoning Tony on 0411 566 413.

Thought for the Week

Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I’ll miss you,
until we meet again.

Anon.

Have a great week!

Bruce
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Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

BYOD iPads in Year 4B

4B have been getting creative by using and manipulating natural materials to create a beautiful piece of artwork, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They have presented their projects, digitally (using their iPads) to advertise their “art show”. Here are some samples of their work:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Daniel F
Rourke S
Matilda G
India B
Emma W
Adelaide W
Gifted Education

This term, our students have been fortunate enough to work with Mrs Sarah O’Donoghue, our Gifted Education Facilitator. Sarah works with individuals and small groups of students to support and extend their thinking skills and learning in identified subject areas. Sarah is a great asset to our staff and students have thoroughly enjoyed working with her this term. Here are some photos of students in Year 1 who have been working on identifying the textual features of a poem and using these in their own writing.
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

For Term 4, students will receive a "Spotya" when they are "spotted" displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 "Spotyas" go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly "Spotya" draw will take place on assembly. Last week's winner was Atticus and Year 1B - well done!

The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week Prep C were our Most Respectful Class - well done Mrs Beitzel and Prep C students.

Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

THE BIG BOOK SWAP returns next week!

We know many students have great quality books that would not to be read again at home. We also know many students have an insatiable appetite to devour new books! This popular event is back to solve all these problems.

Next week students can bring in books to the Resource Centre to receive one token for each book to swap for another book they like - for free!

How it works:
1. Bring books
2. Get 1 token for each book
3. Swap for different Book Swap books

Where: Resource Centre verandah.
What: Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction.
Opening Times: Week 7 - Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th November, 8:30-8:50 and 1st Breaks

We are unable to accept pre-school/toddler level books. Books need to be appropriate for primary school reading levels and in good condition (undamaged).

* students can bring along tokens from the last Big Book Swap in this Book Swap!

300 Year 1-3 Classroom Readers - Covering Needed Urgently

New readers are urgently required in the classrooms so we are hoping some of our wonderful parents could take some home to cover for us (contact already cut). Please come on down to the Resource Centre if you're able to help.

Read and get excited!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

Tonight’s the big night! Our annual end of year concert goes off tonight with a bang. We start on the dot of 6:30, with all involved children asked to arrive at 6:10. Senior groups have been asked to wear performance uniform, whilst all others are to wear normal school uniform. At a run through this afternoon, all students will be told where to assemble for their various groups. Come along and be entertained by the awesome talent of your children! We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Intermediate and Senior Choirs have been invited to sing at the Brookfield Bush Christ-
mas on Friday, Dec 4. We will be performing at 5:30pm at the Showgrounds. This is a lovely community event that many of our school families attend every year. It is also a Burger Bar night, so come along and support the school while having a great time. Emails will be sent out to all involved choir families as soon as we have information to pass on.

Instrumental Program 2016

All families who have been offered places for beginner students in 2016 are reminded to make sure that their responses have been returned to the Office by this Friday (Nov 13). Even if you choose not to accept your offer, please return the note so that we are able to confirm our beginner numbers with confidence. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact any of our Music Staff.

Thank you  
Melissa McMillan  
Classroom Music Teacher

Junior Choir Rehearsals Finished for 2015

I am so proud of the Junior Choir and looking forward to their final performance for 2015 at the Music Concert tonight. Please meet Mrs Kienzle at 6.10pm in Prep A classroom (near the library) for our warm up. As this is our last performance for the year we won’t be having any more rehearsals until 2016.

Thank you so much to all of the Junior Choir parents who have brought their children to rehearsals every Thursday morning. See you next year!

Melinda Kienzle  
Junior Choir Instructor

Swimming Carnival 2015

The Swimming carnival is fast approaching and locked in for Monday, Dec 7th (Week 10).

The carnival will be for all children from year 3-6. This year we are inviting Yr 2 students who are born in 2007 to compete in the carnival if they can show times from a recognised swimming meet that are on par with district qualifying times, shown below. This is because they are able to be selected for districts in 2016.

All children will need to choose whether they swim 25m or 50m for each of the 4 strokes prior to the carnival. Only the 50m events will be timed and the results will be used for district qualification and age champions. At this stage we plan to have an open age 100m freestyle and 100m medley event for more experienced swimmers. Prior to entering this event students need to show evidence of their capability in the form of club swimming meet results emailed to me by November 23rd.

Libby Wark  
PE Teacher

Religious Instruction (RI) Christmas Assemblies

The Christian RI teachers will holding be this year’s Christmas assemblies on Tuesday 24th November as follows:

11.45am Grades 1 - 3 and 12.45pm Grades 4 - 6

Parents, younger siblings and others from our community are very welcome to attend.

Each year the RI teachers encourage the school community to support a different charity in the lead up to Christmas. Last year the school community was very generous in their support
of a food hamper drive for The Salvation Army.

This year we are seeking support for the Buy A Bale charity. This group is helping our farmers to get through the current ongoing drought. Further details are available at www.buyabale.com.au. So on Tuesday 24th November, the day of the RI Christmas assemblies, all students will be encouraged to give a gold coin to support Buy A Bale. In return, the students will be allowed to wear a Christmas-themed accessory to school eg antler ears, Santa hat, tinsel etc. For each $20 donated, one bale of hay will be donated to a farming family in need.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Nativity Play

Kenmore Anglican Church will once again bring their very popular Nativity Play to our school at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd December. The wider school community is also welcome to attend.

All students from Grades 1-6 who participate in the RI program will be attending. Prep students and other students are also welcome to attend if they bring in a signed permission note from home.

Karen Grenning
RI Co-Ordinator
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Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 is out this week and is the final issue for the year. Orders are due Friday 27th November please and should be delivered to school the following week. To order, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app for iPad, iPhone or Android. If you would like an alternative pickup arrangement to avoid spoiling present surprises, then please contact me on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

There are also some Warehouse sales coming up at Morningside, Bracken Ridge and Springfield. Here is the link to check times and locations:

Thank you,
Nicola Hile

PCYC News

We have some very exciting news! We recently had our assessment and rating audit and we received an EXCEEDING National Quality Standards Rating. We are so very pleased with the result and would like to thank our parents and the school for their continued support and growth of our service.

To give you a quick breakdown of the audit it was the conducted by the Department of Early Childhood Education and Care to assess the quality of care we provide to children. It is assessed against our framework; the National Quality Framework. This Framework is divided into seven quality areas and each area is given a rating (Does Not Meet Standards, Working Towards Standards, Meeting Standards, Exceeding Standards or Excellent)

＞Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice- EXCEEDING
Quality Area 2: Children’s Health and Safety- MEETING
Quality Area 3: Physical Environment- EXCEEDING
Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements- EXCEEDING
Quality Area 5: Relationships with Children- MEETING
Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities- MEETING
Quality Area 7: Leadership and Service Management- EXCEEDING

At PCYC we have implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children doing our rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Ryan Bashirzadeh and Giulia Crema for following the rules of the service. Well done!

We have just switched direct debit companies so if you haven’t yet updated your details, please login to the parent portal or contact Kristy to arrange this as soon as possible please!

Thank you to everyone who attended the disco on Friday night- we hope you had fun! 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

Brookfield School Tennis

On Sunday morning our seven Brookfield Tennis Teams competed in the third round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield School courts. Our teams played exceptionally well and did Brookfield School proud again! Below are the results:

Red Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Brookfield C
Brookfield B Beat Moggill

Orange Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Pullenvale
Brookfield B beat Brookfield C by one game!

Green Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Brookfield C
Brookfield B Beat Kenmore State School

Well done teams, good luck for your fourth round of matches on Sunday.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde
please come and share the book launch of

DRIFTING DOWN THE DARLING

by Tony Pritchard

“I drifted over a thousand miles down the Darling River in western NSW in a ten-foot boat with no motor or oars...”

11 December 2015
Brookfield State School
Boscombe Road
Brookfield, Brisbane 4069
6pm start

Enjoy a glass of wine & finger food
After half an hour of absolute truth and out of focus 1970’s photos, all questions will be answered, even the tricky ones like, ‘What did you do each day?’

More info 0411 566 413
Art Exhibition
Saturday 14th of November
Wine tasting with Summit Wines

Showcasing artist Tay Dall and photographer Caroline Gibello.

Great offers on the night! From 2pm until late!
Join us at Brookfield Hall, 548 Brookfield Road,
Brookfield, Queensland.

We are very pleased to have Summit Estate Wines joining us for the exhibition.
Come and join us for free tasting of their wonderful wines.

Posthouse Art Gallery will be showcasing original fine art which will be available for purchase on the night at special prices. Light canapes will be served from 5pm. To see more of Tay and Carolines work visit the posthouseartgallery.com.au

For further information contact Jules on 0419026666.
posthouseartgallery.com.au

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