From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather over the Easter period. I’ve heard many positive stories about the activities and adventures from numerous students. Camping was clearly a favourite, along with day trips and catching up with family and friends.

I enjoyed a drive through Dorrigo and Armidale and visiting my parents on their property outside of Tenterfield before spending a few days at Coolangatta with my family. The water temperature was absolutely beautiful and it was great to relax and refresh in preparation for the term ahead.

Our students have settled back into the school routine quickly. This is a credit to their attitude and the quality teaching and learning in classrooms. There are 11 weeks in the term ahead. Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN in week 5 and all students will receive a Semester One Report in week 11, outlining their achievement in learning areas for the first half of the year.

Many of you have met with your child’s teacher, or will be, and I encourage you to work in partnership to create the best possible environment for your child to progress and succeed. I look forward to overseeing the improved learning outcomes throughout the term.

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The first of the ICAS competition papers is Digital Technologies to be held on Tuesday 17 May. 30 students across years 3-6 have nominated to participate in this test. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

Specific preparation for ICAS tests is not required as the assessments are skills-based. However, to support students, a suite of practice materials is available at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation).

STEM

Science, technology, mathematics and engineering are important areas of study and we are fortunate to have an incredible resource at our doorstep. ‘The Cube’, one of the world’s largest digital interactive learning and display places, at the Queensland University of Technology is open to the public and encourages everybody to become a ‘citizen scientist’ and to explore real-life challenges of the 21st century.

You might like to explore ‘The Cube’ and you can gain more information at [http://www.thecube.qut.edu.au/](http://www.thecube.qut.edu.au/).

ANZAC Ceremony

Our school’s ANZAC Service will be held on Friday 22 April in the hall at 9:15am. Lieutenant Colonel Richard Maher will address our students and share an amazing story about a young soldier who was awarded the Victoria Cross. All parents and extended family members are welcome to attend our service.

Students are also invited to attend the Kenmore-Moggill ANZAC march on Monday 25 April, beginning at OLR and finishing at the Kenmore Village carpark. Students are to wear school uniform and bring a hat. Further details will be included in next week’s Banter.

ANZAC badges will be available for sale for $1 from next week.

Senior Band Practice

Mrs McMillan will be taking rehearsals for the next 2 weeks on Thursdays at 8am in the hall. All Senior Band students will also have a lesson with their instrumental group on Thursday so please have your instrument and band folder at school.
From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the first two weeks of Term 2. These formal interviews provide an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in key learning areas and goals for the term ahead.

Term 2 Interviews will occur with:
- Mrs Kirsty Cunnington (2A)
- Mrs Lisa McKay and Mrs Jemima May (2B)
- Mrs Alicia Nembach (2C)
- Miss Sian Priest (4A)
- Mrs Tracy Findlay (4B)

Interviews will be conducted in classrooms and are between 10-15 minutes. For further information please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Prep Intervention

During Term 2 and 3, identified students in Prep will receive additional support through the Prep Metalinguistics Program. This program is being implemented by Mrs Sarah O’Donoghue and Mrs Angie Henderson. The goal of the program is to improve student’s progress towards developing their language skills. Students who have been identified to participate in this program will receive a letter informing parents of their involvement.

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly will resume in Week 2 - every Thursday from 1:50pm. We love having parents join us for assembly.

Music News

All Senior Band parents should have received an email with information about the changes to band rehearsals due to Damon Lougheed’s absence. Special ANZAC Day rehearsals will be held this Thursday at 8am in the hall. If you didn’t receive your email, please contact me (mmcm10@eq.edu.au) so that I can add your name to our contacts list.

As notified earlier in the year, all Senior Choir and Senior Band students will require a performance uniform for next Friday’s ANZAC Day ceremony. Shirts and trousers are available from the uniform shop, and we will distribute neck ties and cummerbunds on the day. Senior Strings students will also require a uniform for the upcoming Fanfare competition in May. If you have any queries about the uniform, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher
Attention Prep Parents

You are invited to attend a Prep Parent Education Session focused around “Support-A-Learner”.

Topics to be covered include:

• Supporting Emergent and Beginning readers
• Supporting Emergent and Beginning Maths Concepts
• Explaining Brookfield State School based intervention programs

This session will be run by Anna Vella (STLaN), Leah Cathcart (Year 1/Literacy support), Margie Dixon (Year 1/Maths support) and Tracey Spies (Prep Teacher).

Date: 26th April, 2016
Time: 2pm—3pm
Venue: B Block

We hope to see you there.

Tracey Campbell
Master Teacher

Sport News

Top 3 runners aged 10—12 years from last term’s Cross Country Carnival will progress through to districts which will be held on 05 May. More details to come next week.

Congratulations to all the students who have been working hard on their fitness on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A big thank you to all the helpers.

Cross Country Key Dates 2016

• 16 April Queensland All Schools Relay Championships
• 30 April Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships (all students welcome)
• 05 May District Cross Country (selected students born 2006 or earlier)
• 02 June Regional Cross Country (top 6 from districts)

Queensland All Schools Cross Country 30 April

We would like to see as many students as possible participate in these championships. They are open to all students. We are the defending champions for the boys, girls and combined trophies. There are individual medals as well as team medals. Teams are made up of the student’s finishing orders and are not nominated before the race. Last year Brookfield State School managed to have two teams on the podium in three categories. Note these races start around 11am for the younger age groups.

To enter please put an envelope with $15 in the all returns box, with your child’s date of birth and an email contact by 25 of April. Late entry is possible on the day for an additional $5. For more information and timetable go http://qldathletics.org.au/Competition/Calendar-of-Events/34th-qa-all-schools-cross-country-championships

Lizel Moore
Lizelmoore@gmail.com

Lost iPad

One of our students has misplaced their iPad. It is named and in a black case. If found, please return to the office.

Office Staff
Scholastic Book Club

It’s term 2 and Issue 3 will be out this week. Orders are due on Friday 29 April. Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order or use the Android or App Store LOOP app. Please feel free to contact me by email bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thank you
Nicola Hile

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!
Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and kids are refreshed for an exciting new term. We had a very successful Vacation care over the holidays and participated in lots of fun activities. One of our favourite excursions was going to lunch at Jamie’s Italian Restaurant in the city. Kids enjoyed learning how they make pasta and attempting to make the longest piece of pasta from their machine! We all enjoyed watching the head chef cook some spaghetti bolognese before eating some ourselves.

We were also lucky enough to have Henny Penny chicks for Vacation care. We got to watch the chicks hatch over the first week and look after them for the holidays. Some were even adopted!

Next Vacation Care - June/July

That’s right. One vacation care finishes and we are already onto planning fun activities for next holidays! If you have any suggestions for excursions, incursions or activities during the day at PCYC Vacation Care, we would love to hear from you!

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.

PCYC Fees

Next term our fees will be increased to $13 for Before School Care and $17 for After School Care. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to ask Liz.

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://brookfieldsppcy.hubworks.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!

Liz Gordon-Brown

Chess Club

Term 2 is a Coaching Term for chessplayers at Brookfield SS! But there will still be plenty of time to play chess after coaching is finished, and an informal competition will also be run this term.

Starting in the second week of the term, both Seniors (Grades 4 to 6) and Juniors (Grades 1 to 3) will learn about the mysteries of chess on Wednesdays from 11.00am (the start of big lunch) until 12.00pm (children are allowed to stay after the bell). Children should wait outside the chess room until the teacher arrives. Parents should enrol their students for these classes at the Office.

Patrick Byrom

Science Club

Science Club starts on Tuesday 19 April.

Donna Bennett

Ceramics Club

Ceramics Club will start again next week. Cost is $170 for the term and takes place outside the hall every Tuesday 11am. Please enrol each term by contacting Hugo Vesara at jve-sara@yahoo.com or 0401 911 475.

Hugo Vesara

It's That Time of Year Again...

The Children’s Art Exhibition at the 2016 Brookfield Show is coming up, 13th, 14th and 15th May. This is a chance for children aged 18 months through to Year 12 to enter their art work and possibly win some fantastic prizes. It’s also a great opportunity for budding artists to display their work in an art exhibition.

**Cut off entry dates are Saturday 07th May 09 - 11am and Monday 9th May 8 - 10am at the Brookfield Showgrounds.

More information is available at: www.brookfieldshowground.com.au or contact Prue Cooper-White Chief Steward of Children’s Art thedromoworkshop@yahoo.com.au and www.brookfieldshowground.com.au

Prue Cooper-White

Raffle items for the cake stall - can you help?
The Brookfield Show is almost here!! Each year our school runs a fabulous cake stall and it’s one of the P&C’s biggest annual fundraisers...but to make it a success, we need your help!

The cake stall’s raffle has amazing prizes all donated by local businesses and parents from the school community. We’re after donated gourmet food items, bottles of wine, cordials, quality tea and coffee blends, gourmet jams, biscuits, condiments, confectionary, kitchenware, homewares, toiletries, books, sporting equipment, toys, unwanted gifts and gift vouchers...and more. We’re also asking last year’s sponsors to support our cake stall again - but you have to be in it, to win it. Please leave any donated items in the large tubs at the school office, and they’ll be collated into fabulous gift hampers.

If you really can’t bake, perhaps you could donate tins of condensed milk and choc chips, as well as the usual flour, sugar, eggs etc. so these can be turned into fabulous cakes to sell.

How else can you help? Over the coming weeks there’ll be notes out asking for your help with baking cakes, biscuits, muffins, jams and slices for the stall, helping sell cakes and raffle tickets during the Show, or joining in the fudge making day. Our fudge sells like...hot cakes! Every little bit of your time and effort helps raise P&C funds that are then channelled back into our school.

Any questions, contact Sophie Weitemeyer at brookfieldcakestall@hotmail.com

**PLAYBALL FOR SALE** – Are you a sporty person who enjoys working with kids? Thinking about returning to work but need flexible school hours? If so, perhaps owning an established kids sports business is the right fit for you! For an information pack, please contact John Messenger on 0412 004 603, or john@playball.com.au.

**Open Day**

**Wednesday 27 April, 1pm - 3pm**

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