Welcome back to Term 3!

As communicated in an earlier newsletter, Mr. Robertson is on long service leave this week. Hopefully he is enjoying the crisp winter weather down south and more importantly, time with his family. Mr. Robertson will return next week in Week 2 of the term.

Thank you for the very warm welcome that I have received at Brookfield State School. I have had the opportunity to meet all classes and the staff at this great school. Here are some of the observations that I have made as I have spent time in classrooms and the school environment.

- Very happy and engaged students in every classroom who are getting along together and enjoying learning
- Welcoming staff who are proud of their school and giving 100% to achieve the best outcome for all students
- A peaceful and natural setting that is quite clearly well cared for and a pleasure to drive in to every morning
- Staff, parents and students who are respectful and polite to each other - a great foundation for a school that can give energy to the most important reason we gather and that is the students.

I also attended a P&C meeting and was impressed with the hard work and commitment to the students. Please consider being involved in some way - at fund raising events, helping out for an hour or two in the tuckshop or in a way that suits you. It’s a good way to get to know other parents and be involved in your child’s educational setting.

What a beautiful school you have here - a lot to be grateful for!

School Choir

I was fortunate enough to attend a full school assembly when I was visiting in the last week of Term 2. The junior school choir made its debut performance at the assembly. I was very impressed with the quality of the item and the obvious enjoyment for both those performing and the audience. Well done to Mrs. McMillian and the children involved.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week was celebrated over the school holidays during the week of 3-10 July. The theme for this year was ‘Songlines: The living narrative of our nation’. Perhaps you had an opportunity to join in a celebration and support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community?

More information can be found at www.naidoc.org.au

QParents

Brookfield will be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. This web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with the school to access and manage student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information

UNIFORM SHOP

Mon: 8 - 9am

Uniform Shop Convenor
Susan Sansbury: 0449 115 888
robinandsusan8@bigpond.com

TUCKSHOP

Wednesday, Thursday
(Both breaks)

Tuckshop Convenor
Susan Sansbury: 0449 115 888
robinandsusan8@bigpond.com

Order Online: http://www.flexischools.com.au

Help Desk: 1300 361 769

BOOKCLUB

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Nicola Hile: 0413 443 632
bookclub@brookfieldsse.eq.edu.au
• Academic report cards
• Class timetables
• Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
• Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
• Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents next term. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us. More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell

Hello Parents and Guardians. I trust you had a safe and relaxing break, and everyone has had the opportunity to recharge the batteries ready for our busy term ahead.

Term 3 has always been my favourite part of the school year; students are well and truly settled into the routines of the classroom and they tend to really blossom academically and socially over the upcoming weeks. They have grown that little bit more and things feel a lot less daunting by this stage of the year. I can’t wait to see what the students of Brookfield achieve as the term rolls on. I have already had the pleasure of viewing some very full holiday reading logs!

Election Day BBQ

The P&C run Election Day BBQ was a huge success; more than a fundraiser it was an opportunity to meet and greet those in the wider community as they arrived to vote throughout the day.

We had several families from the Brookfield School Community that volunteered their time and the day ran smoothly as a result.

Thank you to all those that made the day possible. It was a wonderful addition to the P&C list of events.

Footsteps Dance

Footsteps Dance lessons begin this coming Thursday 14 July, 2016. These lessons are run for all students in Prep to Year 6. Over the course of this term, students will learn popular dances and dance moves.

Permission slips went home last term, if you have not already done so, please ensure the slip is returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. The cost will be included in the family statement to be sent home in Week 3 of this term.
High 5 to Bullying

At Brookfield State School we will continue to work with students around the ‘High 5 to Bullying’ strategy. The aim is for students to follow a simple process to handle students they perceive to be bullying them. It is important that all our students feel empowered with proactive strategies when dealing with conflict. Staff and students remain committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Junior Assembly

Our Junior Assembly is cancelled this week as we are joining with the senior school for a Whole School Assembly. This is to be held from 2:15 pm on Wednesday 13, July.

Junior Assembly for the remainder of term 3 will be held on Thursdays from 2:30pm as we have our Footsteps Dance lessons being held in the hall until this time.

Music News

Welcome back to another term. Our Senior Choir is starting the ball rolling for us by singing on our whole school assembly this week. Assembly starts at 2:15 in the hall and I hope that some of you will be able to come and hear us.

There are a couple of upcoming dates for your diaries as well. Our Senior Citizens’ Concert will be held on Tuesday August 30 in our school hall, starting at 10am. We have invited residents from several retirement facilities around the area and would like to encourage you to invite family and friends to come along as well. A letter with details and information about how you can help to make the morning a success will be sent home to involved students in a couple of weeks.

Our Intermediate and Junior Choirs have been invited to sing at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on Saturday Sept 10. Again, details will be sent home closer to the date.

Musica Viva in Schools

Our annual Music Viva concert will be held for all students next Monday (July 18) in our school hall. This year’s group is called Pastance and they will be presenting a range of Celtic songs and pieces to our students. All classes have been becoming familiar with some of these songs and instruments during their class music lessons and are really looking forward to seeing the live performance. Cost for this event will be included on your Term 3 account.

District Athletics

The District Athletics Carnival will be held over two days, Tuesday 19 July and Thursday 21 July. Participating students were notified Monday this week. Private transport is required for students to participate in the carnival at the State Athletics Centre, Nathan. Good luck and all the best!
State Cross Country this Weekend

Good luck to our 10 students competing at state cross country this weekend. They are Erica M, Alex B, Will P, Georgina G, Emma N, Miranda M, Sarah W, Jarrod R, Sophie M, and Amelia H.

Athletics Training

Due to district athletics, there will be no running on Tuesday and Thursday morning next week.

Resource Centre News

New Series Release – Books requiring covering for next week

We have some excellent new series we hope to release next week! We are only waiting for some wonderful parents to kindly cover them for the students (contact already cut). Please drop in to the Library if you are able to help, even if you’re only able to cover a few books. The students will just love to read them!

New Series that are proving to be very popular with other Brisbane primary schools at the moment which will also be released here next week include:

- Ever After High (9 books)
- Minecrafters Adventures (7 books)
- Seaquest (4)
- Benji Franklin Kid Zillionaire (4)
- Silver Shoes (8)
- Netball Gems (3)
- Sandy Lane Stables (3)
- Pine Valley Stables (3)

These belong to the reading genres of sports fiction, adventure, animals, fantasy, mystery and humour.

Which genre does your child like to read?

If students can explicitly identify their favoured genres, then they can use this knowledge to select new series/titles and maintain a reading flow from one series to the next. This can avoid an occasional reading slump which some students may fall into between favourite series and authors. It can also broaden their choices to know what other kind of books and are on offer that they might be drawn to and later include within their favourite genres core group.

Below are the reading genres we use in our library.

- Kids Classics (red spot)
- Non-Fiction Chapter Books (blue spot)
- Graphic Novel section (pink square)

We have 3 additional sections from which students can select reading for pleasure books:

Happy Reading
Fiona Allison
Teacher-Librarian
Uniform Shop

New house sports shirts have arrived and will be on sale from next week Monday for $20.

I am desperately looking for more volunteers in the Tuckshop - please phone or email me if you have a couple of hours to spare once a month.

Susan Sansbury
Uniform Shop Convenor

School Banking

We will have a special guest from the Commonwealth Bank visiting our two Assemblies next week, Wednesday 20 July at 2:30pm & Thursday 21 July at 1:50pm, to talk to the children and parents about School Banking.

The School Banking Programme encourage regular savings behaviour, through consistency rather than amount banked & offers an exciting Rewards Programme.

Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they receive a special GOLD token which they can redeem for a reward.

The rewards currently available are:

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The Mud Splat Handball and the Flying Snake Tail are out of stock.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

We will have a bank account opening session on Friday 29 July morning outside the Library at 8am – 8:45am.

Please just bring a drivers licence, or a CBA account card if you have one.

Children can be Identified through the school! If you join up your child on this day, your child will receive a special gift.
If you aren’t able to be there on this day, all you need to get involved in the School Banking programme is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. To open an account for your child, you can visit your local branch.

All you need to bring is your current ID as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account for your child online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is each Friday. Each week you need to hand in your deposit book to your teacher or the office.

Kim Bristow
School Banking Coordinator

K-Ching K-Ching K-Ching - 5c FUNDRAISER!!!

Calling all years to compete in the 5c fundraising challenge!

For the month of July jars will be located in the front office, one for each year, for the collection of 5c coins. The year with the most coins WINS the prize.

Either drop your coins in when walking past or hand them in to your teacher. A leaderboard update will be released in the banter each week. GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY 5c COLLECTING!

P&C Fundraising

Chess Club

Term 3 is a Coaching Term for chess players at Brookfield SS! But there will still be plenty of time to play chess. 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.

There will be a class on Tuesday, August 9, to replace the missing class on August 10 (the Exhibition public holiday), but no other classes on Tuesday.

Parents should enroll their students for these classes at the Office.

Patrick Byrom
Chess Coach

Friday Morning Soccer

Just a reminder about Friday morning before school soccer. Currently the only children that are able to participate in the general games are yr 3-6 students. Normally the yr3-4 will play a game and the yr5-6 will play a separate game. We have volunteer parents on the oval supervising these games. The only other children that should be training Friday morning are those who are part of a local club soccer team and who’s coach is also present to take the session.

Unfortunately at this stage we can’t accept any other Prep-2 children to play on these mornings.

Thank you
Shameem Khan
PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

Welcome back to term 3! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday. At PCYC during the holidays, we were very busy filling our days with plenty of activities including an excursion to Serendipity Farm and Event Cinemas to see ‘Ice Age’. We also had a visit from Professor JellyBean who made some gooey and slimy science experiments with us.

If you have any ideas for the next vacation care program, please let us know! We love getting feedback from children and parents.

PCYC Menu

We are currently giving our menu a makeover! We would love to collect some suggestions from parents and children on what breakfast and afternoon tea snacks we could serve at PCYC. Please write your ideas in our program book located on the program desk or let the staff know your ideas. We now have a microwave/conventional oven so we can create more variety of foods. Thanks Kelly E for the suggestion of healthy mini pizzas!

Facebook

Did you know that PCYC School Age Care is on Facebook? We post regularly about what your kids have been up to at Brookfield as well as posting some important information. Like us on the page - PCYC School Age Care.

Homework

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. If you would like your child/ren to do homework on other days of the week, please let the staff know and we can arrange it!

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

Thanks!

Liz Gordon-Brown
......calling all competitors to this year’s......

BROOKFIELD
OLYMPIC RIO TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 29th July 2016
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

Stretch your hamstrings and Sprint to register your Table Teams of 8–12!
Nominate a Table Team Captain, a Country, a Team Anthem (song)
then Get Ready, Set, Go, to www.flexischools.com.au
to book the best seats in the stadium. ($25 per person)

TRIVIA
You’ll be testing your Trivia abilities with your team mates and representing your country
with only your self belief and stamina standing in the way of victory.

BAR & SNACKS
Bring some money to raise the “Bar” and Dive in for all your rehydration needs.
And keep up your stamina with team-supplied protein powered snacks for your table.

MUSIC & DANCING
Go the distance listening to all your favourite national anthems throughout the night!
We’ll be judging Bob’s Sleighing and your Figure Skating around the
dance floor and you may even want to Tri Athl On with some Freestyle moves.

Represent your country and dress in team colours for
Summer or Winter Olympic sport.

Don’t Wrestle for placement!
Claim Podium Position NOW!

MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!