From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Congratulations to our running club members who have experienced some terrific success recently. Our Brookfield Cross Country team were the West Akuna District champions again and almost 60 students ran at the All Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday winning the primary girls, primary boys and primary school trophies.

Success breeds success and what is truly great about this achievement is the team spirit and encouragement our students give each other no matter what their level of fitness or ability. We are the envy of many schools when it comes to distance running and it wouldn't happen without the support and dedication of our wonderful band of coaches and volunteers. Well done and thank you!

Magical Moment

I was delighted to share in a teacher's excitement about the progress of a student's reading level. The teacher must remain anonymous so as to not embarrass her, but you should know that some staff get pretty excited about student achievement.

This particular teacher was ignoring workplace, health and safety procedures by flapping and waving a reading record about in a public space. The grin on her face and the passion in her voice were testament to the satisfaction she was feeling about the distance travelled by this particular student. The teacher was also quick to point out the team approach to success; explicit teaching, intervention and support from home. You have to love it when a plan comes together!

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have successfully completed the Language conventions, Writing and Reading components of NAPLAN. They will complete Numeracy tomorrow.

NAPLAN is only part of our annual assessment schedule and should not create unnecessary anxiety for students or parents. Reports will be available online by the end of July, followed by a NAPLAN student report in Term 3.

Road Safety

I appreciate the different drop-off and pick-up points that we have around the school but please exercise more caution when you are parked where your child has to cross the road. It only takes a few seconds to get out of your vehicle to meet your child on the school-side of the road and then...
cross together, especially when students are moving out from between parked cars.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility. Please make sure you are vigilant at all times and help to keep our students safe.

**IPS - School Council**

Rachel Beitzel has nominated as our IPS returning officer. A public notice will appear in the Banter next week with the key dates for nominations and elections. Nomination forms will be made available with the public notice.

**A Fridge Challenge**

Our tuckshop requires a new fridge. If you are able to get the best price on an ALL fridge (minimum capacity 430L) please email me the details (brobe66@eq.edu.au). Please include delivery fees in the price.

**Thought for the Week**

*Look in the mirror,*
*That’s your competition.*

Anonymous

**Enjoy your week**
**Bruce**

brobe66@eq.edu.au

**Belong - Strive - Succeed**

**From the Deputy - Katie Lewis**

**Brookfield Show Visits**

This Friday 15 May, classes will walk over to the Brookfield Showgrounds to visit the Brookfield Show.

The purpose of this visit is to allow the students to look at the artwork, visit some of the pavilions and watch some show horse jumping (please see you class teacher for more information on what your child’s class will be doing).

Students will not need any money as they will not be going on any rides or buying food or other items. They will need to make sure they bring their hat and are wearing covered shoes.

Students are already excited about their visits to the show this Friday!

**Driving, Stop/Kiss/Go and Car Park Safety**

Please remember to be alert at all times when driving in and around the school. Children can be unpredictable and it is important that drivers are aware and able to respond appropriately whilst on the road and in the car park areas.

Further, please ensure that you follow the guidelines when using the car park, particularly ensuring that you reverse park in approved parking areas. Signage for this area will be increased in the coming weeks to assist drivers to be aware of and follow our car park rules.

Finally, it is essential that Stop, Kiss and Go zones are safe drop off areas. For these areas to function effectively, it is important that drivers are considerate of the rules and of others when using these zones.
Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

The Most Respectful Class on assembly this week went to Year 1A. Students in Year 1A showed respect by being on time to assembly, sitting with their legs crossed and paying attention to the speakers. Well done Mrs Dixon, Mrs Cathcart and Year 1A students.

Brookie Bears and Brumbies

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible through Brookie Bears (P-3) and Brookie Brumbies (Years 4-6). Students will receive “Brookie Bears” or “Brookie Brumbies” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Brookie Bear and Brookie Brumbies recipients will be drawn on assembly and one class per week will have the privilege of having Brookie in their room to acknowledge their quality choices.

Brookie Bear will spend the week with 1A – congratulations 1A! We can’t wait to hear what Brookie got up to with you during the week!

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

Resource Centre News

New Book Section

Non-Fiction Chapter Books
Built for Students with Big Ideas!
Books: chapter book size in the loud blue section on the shelves.
Topics: any non-fiction topic - science, history, animals, geography, maths and more. Factual information communicated with humour or as a narrative.

It contains existing favourites of this genre like Horrible Histories, Dead Famous, Murderous Maths with additional brand new series like Horse Breeds Roundup, The World’s Fastest... Legends of League, The Unexplained, Jackie French’s Fair Dinkum Histories and more!

Student Leadership Focus

We are highlighting leadership qualities students can show in the playground, in class, everywhere and getting to know what our Year 6 School Leaders look like by their photos on the pin board. Students can write a great idea to the leaders and post it in the box for them to take back to the next Student Council meetings!

Poetry Competition Reminder

Competitions give students the opportunity to practice their skills and be recognised and rewarded for their talents. Here is a wonderful competition for our school-full of writers and readers to enthusiastically participate!

Students should see Mrs Allison in the Resource Centre to submit their work and fill in the entry forms. Good luck!

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2015

Individual, Class and group poems on any subject are accepted
• Limits: up to 3 poems per student; poems no longer than 80 lines; no illustrations, graphics or decorations included

OUR SPONSORS:
Prizes:

LOWER PRIMARY YEARS Prep - 3
Winner: $300, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $150 and prize pack

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS 4, 5, 6
Winner: $400, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $200 and prize pack

LEARNING ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIMARY
Winner: $400, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $200 and prize pack

Entries to be submitted by the teacher, only students on IEP or STLaN programs or with English as a second language are eligible to enter.

The competition closes on Friday 30 June 2015

Queensland All Schools Cross Country

Well done to all the athletes who competed in the Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships last Saturday. Brookfield State School won all three trophies on offer: best primary girls, best primary boys and overall winners. Our athletes competed against large fields with 60 to 100 competitors in each race for the older (under 9’s and above) age groups.

Of the seven age groups, our girls won gold in five of the races. Ava K. (6 yrs), Zara M. (7 yrs), Georgie G. (9 yrs), Miranda Mc. (10 yrs) and Keira M. (11 yrs) and Amelia H. (silver in 10 yrs). In the teams events the girls won six of the possible seven races (6 yrs, 7 yrs, 8 yrs, 9 yrs, 10 yrs and 11 yrs). The boys won two gold, a silver and a bronze in the individual races. Liam N. (6 yrs), Alfie B. (7 yrs), Scotty M. (silver in 6 yrs) and Ben M. (bronze in 8 yrs). In the teams events the boys won two gold (6 yrs and 7 years) and one silver (8 yrs). Full results can be found at qldathletics.org.au

Great running everybody!
District Cross Country

It was a great day last Thursday as many of our students ran in the West Akuna District Cross Country. Everyone put a fantastic effort in and they all made us so proud to be part of Brookfield State School. We came first overall.

Thanks to Lizel Moore and the many parents who have helped train our kids.

Congratulations to the following students who will progress on to the regional trials:

10yrs girls - Amelia H (1), Miranda M (2), Sophie M (3)
10yrs boys - Jake HR (1), Will P (3)
11yrs girls - Keira m (1), Rachael B (4)
11yrs boys - Jarrod R (4), Rourke S (6)
12yrs girls - Sarah LW (1)
12 yrs boys - Jack M (2)

Music News

Senior Choir permission notes for Fanfare are due back today. If you haven’t yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible so that we can finalise our numbers for the competition. Letters with information about the St Peters Sing Together Festival will be emailed home next week, so keep an eye on your inbox.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

String News

Beginner Strings

A reminder that your workshop at Kenmore South State School is NEXT Tuesday 19th May. Please make sure everything you take is named and don’t forget your instruments, stands (if you have one), lunch, hat and water bottles.

All permission forms were due Tuesday this week, so please return any outstanding forms ASAP.

Intermediate Strings

I will be away at the Beginner String workshop next Tuesday 19th of May, so there will NO rehearsal or lessons that day. Please bring your instruments on Wednesday 20th May instead, and you will have your lesson sometime that day.

Senior Strings

Well done on your performance at assembly last Wednesday. We will hope fully have another performance before the end of term.

On Wednesday 27th of May, I will be at another Beginner String workshop with my Mt Crosby students, so there will be NO lessons or rehearsal that day. I will be coming to Brookfield on MONDAY 25th MAY instead for lessons and there will be a rehearsal at 8am in the Hall. I will put another reminder about the day change in next week’s Banter too.

Keep up the great work Stringies!

Jennifer Hemmings
Strings Instructor
Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to those who ordered from Issue 3! Now look out for Issue 4 arriving next week. Also, if anyone is interested, there is an upcoming Scholastic Children’s Book Warehouse sale with 50-90% off on 10 & 11 June from 8am - 6pm. Address is: 2/350 Lytton Rd, Morningside.

Thank you!
Nicola Hile

More than $8,000 in raffle prizes - thank you to our supporters

The P&Cs fundraising team wants to sincerely thank all the amazing individuals and businesses who have generously donated so many fabulous products for this year's cake stall raffle.

So far, there's more than $8,000 in prizes donated by local businesses - and more supporters are coming on board every day. Attached is a list of Gold, Silver and Bronze supporters - thank you so much for your fabulous support!!

Families have also been donating some amazing gifts to include in the raffle - there's wine, gift vouchers, homewares - such an exciting list of items to win. But you have to be in it, to win it!!!

Thanks again to all the families and businesses who have donated. You are making a difference!!!

Fundraising Committee

The new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Books are coming soon!

Order your new Entertainment ™ Membership now and receive up to $195 Value in Early Bird Offers!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contain over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2016. PLUS Brookfield State School P & C Association retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising.


Tamara Hamilton

The Brisbane Kokoda Challenge

The Brisbane Kokoda Challenge is at Brookfield Sunday 31 May. Each year Brookfield State School provides access to school facilities for this event. It is a bit late to start training now but certainly worth putting a team together for next year's event. The school receives free entry for a team. The 30 km distance, coupled with wide open fire trails, makes this the perfect event for beginners or runners having a hit out. Teams of two, three and four will find the course is not without toils, as you descend down to a creek bed you encounter a sharp turn onto a narrow trail aptly named 'hell hole' - ensuring that you don't forget the meaning of endurance before arriving at the finish line.

If you want to test your fitness or make sure that your training is on track for the 96 km Kokoda Challenge, this event is for you!

Want to have a go but not sure about 30 km - then give the 15 km course a go! Starting at the Brookfield Showgrounds, walk into the beautiful forest to Checkpoint 1 before retracing your steps back to the Showgrounds.
The Kokoda Challenge Brisbane event is definitely one to mark in the school calendar. In a break from traditional school sports where teachers are barracking from the sidelines, the Kokoda Challenge Brisbane event requires teachers to join as a member of the five person team to complete either the 30 km or 15 km Challenge for the younger competitors. Whilst training for and during the event, students are both physically and emotionally fatigued and their leaders must develop new strategies to motivate and keep their group going. But there is nothing to beat the feeling of satisfaction that comes from setting a goal and achieving that goal against all odds.

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

We at PCYC are very excited for the Brooky show as we are entering some cakes into the cake decorating competition!

We are also beginning our Life Skills program on Thursday week we will start with how to read a menu, order food, set a table and how to be a waiter. If you are interested in attending our Life Skills program, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 to discuss enrolling today!

Please see our menu below - this changes weekly

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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 brookfield-soc@pcyc.org.au

Have a great week!

Kristy Nuttall
Nominated Supervisor