Have you ever felt like giving up, that sometimes it’s just all too hard? Whether it be working conditions, parenting or life in general, I’m sure most of us have experienced a time like this. And it often helps to look at the bigger picture to put things in perspective.

Sam Bailey is visiting our school on a Friday 23 October to share his story with our students, staff and any other members of our community who would like to attend. Sam is a farmer, pilot, husband and best-selling author and has achieved all of this from a wheelchair, following a car accident when he was 19 that left him a quadriplegic.

Sam relates how he beat the odds to fulfil his life-long dream to be a farmer, learning to ride a four-wheel bike, devising a hoist to climb aboard farm machinery and ultimately learning to fly an ultralight aircraft.

Sam’s story captures the great Australian spirit of ‘having a go’ and how to beat the odds with persistence, determination and self-belief.

Sam is also an uncle to some of our students and will be sharing his story and answering questions in our hall from 10am on Friday 23 October. His presentation will run for about 30 minutes and you are most welcome to join us.

Years 2-6 BYOD - iPad

We had some very healthy discussion around the Years 2-6 BYOD - iPad proposal at the P&C meeting last night. It is very important that everyone is informed about the details. Please see the latest on the proposal in Mrs Lewis’ column.

ICAS - English

Congratulations to Sophie H who will be receiving a medal for achieving the highest score in Queensland on Year 2 ICAS-English. This is an outstanding achievement and I look forward to attending the medal ceremony to be held later in the year.

ICAS Mathematics

84 students across Years 2-6 participated in ICAS - Mathematics. Overall, we received 27 Participation Certificates, 12 Merit Certificates, 29 Credit Certificates, 14 Distinction Certificates and 1 High Distinction Certificate. Those students who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction will receive their certificate on assembly this week. Congratulations to all students who participated in this challenging competition.

Distinction Certificates awarded to: Emily B, Sophie H (Year 2), Ben M, Lachlan O, Connor F, Heine VW, Christopher Y (Year 3), Kelly E (Year 4), Holly B, Sophie M, Brian Mc, Matthew W, Nicola D (Year 5), Lachlan A (Year 6).


Thought for the Week

Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.

Bill Bradley

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed
From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Junior Assembly

Now that Footsteps Dance Lessons are finished, Junior Assembly will return to a start time of 1:50pm every Thursday afternoon. This start time allows us to complete all of our awards presentations (and include some class items) and be finished before the end of day bell. We appreciate your flexibility with this start time this term.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

We are starting “Spotyas” this term. 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.

Prep Interviews for 2016 – REMINDER

Prep Interviews are on this coming MONDAY 19 October, 2015. Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early to enable us to keep to our scheduled times on the day, thank you.

Duration: 15 minute interview
Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm
Where: Resource Centre (Library)
Bring: Your child’s favourite book

The Prep team member who conducts your interview will not necessarily be the teacher who has your child next year. Our Prep teachers work well as a team to share information from the interviews, this is used to help us create our classes for 2016.

If you were unable to make the interviews on Monday 19 October, you will be contacted by the school to arrange an alternative appointment time. If you aren’t contacted by the school regarding an appointment, please contact us either by email or phone to ensure you don’t miss out on this important element of your child’s transition to Prep at Brookfield.

If you have any queries please contact: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 3374 7333.

Pre Service Teachers

Practical teaching experiences are an integral part of a Pre Service Teacher’s degree. Brookfield supports Pre Service teachers from QUT throughout their degree by offering practicum placements in classrooms. During Term 4, we will have a range of Pre Service Teachers working in our classrooms:

- Stephanie Webb
  - With Michele Higgins and Prep A
- Linda Beale
  - With Melinda Kienzle and Prep D
- Deana Hamwood
  - With Bev Wilson, Robin Kerr and 1B
- Megan Brodie
  - With Lisa McKay, Kirsty Cunnington and 2A
- Abby Lanham
  - With Fiona Ryan, Bec Moore and 3C

Please make these Pre Service Teachers feel welcome at Brookfield and be sure to talk with your child’s teacher should you have any queries about their role in the classroom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Angus E  
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Cooper L  
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Alexander B  
Meg S  
Sarah W  
Kristian F  
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SATURDAY 11am-12pm
SUNDAY 12pm-3pm

Training Times: 4pm - 6pm
Thurs: 6.30pm -6.30pm (Beginners) | 6pm - 7.30pm (Advanced)
BYOD iPads in 2016

Our proposal for 2016 is to maintain a bank of iPads in Prep and Year 1 and introduce BYOD iPads for every class from Years 2-6. This does not mean that your child will need an iPad, but they will be utilised if the device is available.

The next stage of the proposal is to gain a clear indication of the number of Years 2 - 6 students intending to bring an iPad in 2016. This "Notification of Intent" will be circulated shortly to all students in Years 1 - 5 in 2015 with results being tabulated and shared at the School Council Meeting on 03 November and a final decision being made at the P&C Meeting on 10 November.

We are providing BYOD iPad Open Classrooms to provide parents with the opportunity to visit and see how iPads are used on a daily basis to support and enhance learning at Brookfield.

These open classroom sessions will be for any interested parents (students and staff) to come and visit, see students at work and ask any questions they may have. Please RSVP to admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au regarding your attendance to any of the below open classrooms.

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To provide parents with further information, we will be holding a BYOD Parent Information Session. This session will provide parents with the opportunity to meet current teachers of BYOD iPad classes, learn more about how the iPad will be used in the classroom on a daily basis and ask any questions they may have. The Parent Information Session will be held as follows:

When: Wednesday 21 October, 2015
Time: 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Where: School Hall
RSVP: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or (07) 3374 7333

For more information, refer to the BeLearning BYOD Information Pack available at the school office or on the school website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Swimming Lessons – Years 2 and 3

This term, all students in Year 2 and Year 3 will attend swimming lessons. These lessons will be held on Fridays. Students will travel by seat belted bus to Bellbowrie Pool. The cost will be $44.00 and will be included on your Term 4 Statement.

Please fill out and return the permission slip for swimming by Friday 16 October.

Booklists

Have you ordered your books yet??

Be sure to place your order by Friday 06 November to enjoy free delivery.

Booklists will be delivered between Sunday, 06 December 2015 and Sunday, 13 December 2015, for orders received by Friday, 06 November 2015. Please note there will be NO deliveries to the school.

For more information, please contact Peta Wilson (our Stationery Coordinator via the school office).

Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

Book Fair – Week 3!

We are excited at the arrival on Wednesday 21 October of the Scholastic Book Fair to Brookfield State School! There will be a wide variety of popular titles of fiction and non-fiction books for sale until the following Wednesday 28 October.

Book Fair Selling Times

- Wednesday 21st Oct 3:00 - 3:30
- Thursday 22nd Oct 8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
- Monday 26th Oct 8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
- Tuesday 27th Oct 8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
- Wednesday 28th Oct 8:15 - 8:45

New Series Release This Week!

Non-Fiction Chapter Books
- Horsing Around (4) Hard Nuts of History (5)

Kids Classics Section
- Graffex series (8) Graffic novels of Hunchback of Notre Dame (Victor Hugo), Dracula ( Bram Stoker), Frankenstein ( Mary Shelley) Huckleberry Fin etc

Fiction
- Stuff Happens ( 5 new books)
- 65 Storey Treehouse(2)
- Trickstar Ponies(6)
- Rascal - Dog series (3)
- Famous Five (5) by Enid Blyton
- Maisie Hitchins (5) Detective Mysteries
- Kaboom Kid (4) Cricket series by David Warner
- Izzy Folau(3) Rugby Union series

Junior Chapter Books
- Katie Woo (4), Rocky and Daisy (3), Marvel Origin Stories (6)

Read and get excited
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

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Year 6 Graduation Celebration

Year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with their family and friends on Wednesday 09 December in the school hall.

Tickets will cost $25/person and can be purchased on the Flexi Schools website from Friday 16 October. You will need to purchase a ticket for your child in Year 6 as well as others attending. As we are restricted by space, it would be greatly appreciated if the number of attendees were kept to a minimum where possible.

The price of each ticket covers catering, hire of equipment, graduation cake and the DJ for Year 6 Disco immediately following the ceremony.

The dress for Graduation is smart casual.

To finalise catering, the deadline for purchasing your tickets will be Wednesday 16 November 2015.

We look forward to celebrating this event with you and wishing students the very best in their future schooling years.

Graduation Committee

Music News

Mark Wednesday November 11 into your diaries as a date not to miss! On this night, every child involved in Music at our school will be performing at our end of year concert. It is a wonderful celebration of everything that we have achieved throughout the year, and a great showcase for our talented children. All involved families should have received an email over the weekend with this information. If you have a child in any of our musical groups and you did not receive this, please contact Melissa McMillan (mmcmil10@eq.edu.au) to make sure that you receive updates as the date approaches.

All Senior Band and Senior Strings students should have received emails from Ms Hemmings and Mr Lougheed with details for their upcoming Brisbane Bands competition on October 24. Remember, every ensemble member is vital to the group, and in music there are no "reserves" to take your place if you are away. If you did not receive these details, please contact the Jen, Damon or Melissa as soon as possible.

Instrumental Program 2016

Letters were sent home to all Year 2 and 3 students last week asking for expressions of interest in being considered for our program in 2016. These are due back THIS FRIDAY, OCT 16. If you did not receive your copy of the letter, please see the lovely ladies in the Office or Melissa McMillan for a copy. We need to wrap up the selection process by the end of Week 7 this term, so please make sure that all notes are returned by the due date. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact our Music Staff.

Thank you
Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 orders are due Friday 23rd October please. Go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order or use the LOOP app for iPad/iPhone or Android. If you have any questions please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thanks!
Nicola Hile
**Tuckshop News**

Last term we submitted our menu to QAST for a "health check" and I am very happy to report that we received 4 stars (out of 5), with 71% of our menu green and 28% amber.

They commented "a large selection of GREEN choices available in each section with plenty of made on site meals ... Nicely presented menu also".

Thank you to all of you volunteers, who, with your enthusiasm, willingness and commitment, have contributed massively to achieving this rating and have made our tuckshop an absolute pleasure to work in.

*Susan Sansbury*
*Tuckshop Convenor*

**PCYC News**

Hi everyone!

Our service has undergone our Assessment and Rating process with the Department this week. We look forward to receive our ranking and will be sure to share that when we receive it.

At Brookfield PCYC we have also 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 Ari Atzeni and Ella Caruso- Well done!

It is our coordinator’s birthday this week so we will be celebrating with party games on Friday morning. If you’d like to join the festivities, please book your child in.

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*

**Friday Soccer (Prep-Year 3)**

A reminder that Friday Soccer will go ahead as usual every Friday starting at 8am throughout this term. Please keep an eye on the school Facebook page for any last minute cancellations.

*Thank you,*
*Shameem Khan and Peter Aston*

**Trivia Night - This Friday**

"Where is my mind"...I forgot to book my ticket for the 80s Trivia night! If you’re ‘Footloose’ on Friday 16 Oct, don’t go crying no ‘Teardrops’, ‘Jump’ up and book your seat or table at www.flexischools.com.au. This is a ‘Once in A Lifetime’ trivia night. Tickets are only $25 each.

It’s an 80s themed night - so ‘Express Yourself’ in your fabulous 80s costume. There’ll be ‘Atmosphere’ music ‘ Everywhere’. ‘Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now’ cause we’re ready to party! But don’t go bringing no ‘Bizarre Love Triangle’, even though
the 'Temptation' on the night will be too great. Don't get 'Under Pressure' if you're not on a table, just 'Relax', book your ticket and we'll place you on a fabulous, fun and funky table. We promise you'll remember 'Every Breath You Take'.

But don't go being a 'Maniac' as you 'Flashdance' your way around the dancefloor in your 80s gear. You could even put together a class mums' table to 'Bust a Move', cause 'Girls just Wanna Have Fun'.

There's a cash bar for your 'Red Red Wine'. And if you're 'Hungry Like the Wolf' bring a plate of food for your table to share, cause you'll be having fun 'All Night Long'. You won't be 'Dancing in the Dark' cause our 'Funkytown' DJ will be 'This Charming Man', but he won't be 'Pretty in Pink' in his 'Little Red Corvette' wearing his 'Raspberry Beret'. You'll 'Bop Till You Drop' with his tunes.

Then at the end of the night, as you think 'Should I Stay or Should I Go Now', turn to your partner with 'The Look of Love' and say 'I Need you Tonight'. You might even sneak a little 'French Kiss'. You'll go home thinking this was a 'House of Fun'.

So book your babysitter 'Jack and Diane' or 'Jessie's Girl', then 'Beat It' to our school's major fundraising event. It's 'True', all proceeds are channelled back into your school.

Drinks start at 6pm, trivia fun starts at 6.30pm. Join us as we 'Pump up the Volume'. Book today so you don't have a 'Blue Monday'. We'll have some fun 'With or Without You'. Be a trivia night 'Survivor', go home singing 'What A Feeling' and make some 'Sweet Dreams'.

The 'Final Countdown' is on. 'Only You' can grab a friend, book your ticket, have some 'Faith' it'll be a fun night...and remember you can decorate your table to give it that 80s 'Midas Touch'.

For more information 'Call Me' at bsspc_fundraising@hotmail.com cause we're 'Gonna Have A Funky Good Time'.

Volunteers and Raffle / Trivia Tickets

We still require some helpers on the night. Please visit www.volunteerlocal.com to see where you can help out. Raffle and trivia tickets are on sale in the mornings and afternoons all this week near the year 1 classrooms and near the Tuckshop.

Fundraising Committee

The Bellbowrie Community Church is running the Light Party again this year! The Light Party is a fun, positive alternative to Halloween, where kids (and parents) can dress up as their favourite animals, super heroes or other positive characters to celebrate Jesus - 'The Light of the World' - on the 31st of October from 3PM to 7PM. There'll be games of all styles, jumping castles, a chair-o-plane, a petting zoo, our famous lolly-man chase and the ever-popular dunk'em machine. We'll have displays from emergency services including Officer Dan (maybe he'll bring his speed gun and see how fast you can throw!) We'll have our traditional sausage sizzle and supper, along with a coffee van and maybe even some wood-fired pizzas, for parents to catch up while the kids (and parents) get stuck into the fun. We'll also have the toddler's crèche, face painting and hopefully a Fire Poi display, and there'll be a fashion parade for the best-dressed characters with the band playing various songs before a special guest professor shares some science tricks with the kids in the hall. And above all, we'll have all the lollies any kid could ask for in a safe, positive location.