Wednesday 15 July 2015      Issue 21

From The Principal   - Bruce Robertson

Welcome back! The Antarctic Vortex has ensured a fresh start to the new semester, but it's great to see the cooler weather hasn't dampened the spirit for learning. I visited my parents on their property at Boonoo Boonoo (between Stanthorpe and Tenterfield) last week and was reminiscing about being snowed in as kid back in 1984. I still vividly remember trying to steer my motorbike through the snow as the front wheel compacted the snow to ice and made it impossible to turn. Those were the days!

In AFL lingo (well in Carlton at least), the third quarter is known as the premiership term. It was a tactic pioneered in the 70's and 80's to come out after halftime with guns blazing to build a demoralising lead over the opposition.

Our school has laid a solid foundation in Semester One with a relentless focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes. This term we plan to capitalise on our achievements by focusing on areas for improvement based on evidence from a variety of data sets. Teachers will be establishing new goals with students in reading, writing and numeracy that will lead to further achievement.

Brookfield provides great opportunities for students to thrive in many facets of life. I look forward to seeing students take advantage of these opportunities and build on their work from last semester.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between now and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well and how we can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students today. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. The online survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. To access the survey you will need to type the web address into the computer's browser and use the two access codes provided.

If you haven't received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact our administration team on telephone 3374 7333 or email admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

State Cross Country

We wish our cross country athletes all the best at the State Championships in Runaway Bay. It's a wonderful achievement to be competing at this level so embrace and enjoy the moment. Thank you to Lizel Moore and her band of volunteers who have been instrumental in providing the training for these students.

District Athletics

We have over 40 students competing in the District Athletics Carnival over two days (Tuesday and Thursday) next week. We wish our school team all the best in their respective events.
Service Learning

Over 40 responses were received for consideration for the Service Learning at the Tarry Brae Hostel. I will be meeting with Mrs Roumiana Clarke next week to finalise details and am pleased to advise that all students who nominated will be able to participate.

The activity students will participate in (reading, knitting, gardening, games and music) is being arranged with teachers to ensure the groupings are acceptable.

Service Learning will begin on Tuesday 04 August. Consent and permission forms, along with further details, will be forwarded over the next couple of weeks.

ICAS – Digital Technologies

The first of the ICAS suite of Test Certificates has arrived. 31 students participated in the 2015 Digital Technologies competition. We received 10 Participation Certificates, 4 Merit Certificates, 13 Credit Certificates and 4 Distinction Certificates.

I congratulate all students who entered this challenging test. Luke B, Jonahven M, Cooper G and Adam C received their Distinction Certificate on assembly today.

NAPLAN

The preliminary NAPLAN reports have been released through the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). These reports are helpful to look at the test items on which students experienced difficulty and reflect on the curriculum and teaching for further action to address identified issues.

Individual student reports will arrive in schools to coincide with the release by ACARA of the National Summary Report on Friday 31 July. These will be distributed to students once they are received.

Finalised class and school reports will be published online immediately after the release of the national data.

School Council Elections

Thank you to those of you who voted in the recent School Council Election. I am pleased to announce the makeup of the school council as:

Bruce Robertson (Principal)
Victoria Brown (P&C President)
Katie Lewis (Staff)
Melinda Kienzle (Staff)
Kieron Skehan (Staff)
Sarah O’Donoghue (Parent)
Jeff Hunt (Parent)
Greg Hall (Parent)

The council will meet for the first time later this term.

Design a mascot for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

It’s time to create history! The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Mascot Design Competition is now open to all ages, and there are some great prizes to be won.

The nationwide competition asks you to design a uniquely Australian mascot to help promote the Games and to play an important role in key GC2018 programs and events. Draw your mascot, give it a name, write its background story, and enter this once-in-a-lifetime competition before entries close, 27 July.
Thought for the Week

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things.

Anon.

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Footsteps Dance

Footsteps Dance Company is providing dance lessons for all students in Term 3 this year. Students will participate in a 40 minute dance lesson on Thursdays during Term 3. 9 dance lessons will run on Thursdays from TOMORROW (Thursday 16 July) through until week 10 (Thursday 17 September), with the exception of week 9 (Thursday 10 September). The dance lessons will culminate with a lunchtime disco on Thursday 07 September for Prep to Year 2 students and Thursday 17 September for Years 3 - 6. Students will learn popular dances and dance moves to present and perform at their final disco in September.

When: Weekly Lessons (Thursday 16 July - Thursday 17 September with the exception of Thursday 10 September)
Where: School Hall
Cost: $20.00 per student (included in Term Statement)

Prep to Year 3 Assembly - Change of Time

Due to Footsteps Dance lessons occurring on Thursdays, we will be changing our assembly time to 2:30pm every Thursday. We love having parents there to join in our assembly, please make note of this change of times in your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there!

Attention Prep Parents: Support-a-Reader Workshop

At Brookfield, we promote reading as a fundamental skill for the life-long learning of every child. As such we would like to extend an invitation to all Prep parents and carers who would like to learn more about how best to support their child’s reading.

Date: Monday 20 July
Time: 1:45pm registration (for 2:00pm start)
Duration: 30 minutes
Place: B Block (Meeting Room)
RSVP: Monday 20 July 10:00am
Presenters: Tracey Campbell (Master Teacher), Anna Vella (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) and Leah Cathcart (Intervention Teacher)

Prep Orientation Morning

DATE CHANGE - Please make sure you note the amended date!

When: Friday 21 August, 2015
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: School Hall
RSVP: By 14 August, 2015
Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 3374 7333

OUR SPONSORS:

1. Brookfield General Store and Cafe
   - Coffee - Great Country Service
   - Breakfast - Lunch - Wood Fired Pizza
   - Located on the corner of Goodwin and Hope Streets, Kenmore
   - Open 7 days from 6am
   - Phone: 3374 1741
   - “Meet you at the Shop”

2. SNAP Fitness
   - In March & Pay $0 JOINING FEE
   - 90 Day Trial
   - 24/7 Open
   - Indooroopilly Ph 3720 0011
   - numberworkonwords.com
   - Self Defence Jujitsu
   - Little Warriors (5-6m)
   - Kickboxing
   - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
   - Mixed Martial Arts
   - maqd.com info@maqd.com 1300 766 634

3. The construction zone
   - building contractors
   - jason richardson
   - Lic No: 74591
   - mobile: 0409 698 580
   - phone: 3374 6971
   - fax: 3374 4972
   - email: lczone@bigpond.net.au
Uniform reminder
As the weather cools off, we have noticed that students are wearing non-uniform jumpers. Brookfield State School jumpers are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop, and are lovely and warm! Please endeavour to provide your child with a school uniform jumper for the winter months.

We are also finding a LOT of jumpers ending up in the Lost Property area, many of these are unnamed, please be sure to name your child’s uniform so we can help with the return of these items to their correct owners.

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning between 8.00am and 9.00am during school terms (except the last Monday in term 4). If you are unable to make it to the shop or prefer the convenience of online shopping you can order online through our FlexiSchools system (www.flexischools.com.au).

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful
We are starting “Gotchas” this term. Students will receive a “Gotcha” when they are displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Gotchas” go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly “Gotcha” draw will take place on assembly.

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

Time to Smile!
School photos are in week 3 this term, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July. Individually named photo envelopes were sent home this week. We ask that students return envelopes/payment to their class teacher or the office BEFORE photo day.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Parents can order and pay online through the MSP website (msp.com.au). Instructions are included on the back of the envelopes. On completion of an online order, the website will display an order reference code which should be written on the back of the envelope, in the box provided. Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day. Cash, cheque, credit and Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa are also accepted.

Spare envelopes and family (sibling) envelopes are available from the office.

Thank you
Tracey Walsh

Resource Centre News
Fantastic News! It’s the Book Week Term!

Week 4 Author Visit - Pat Flynn

Week 6 & 7 Book Week Festival August 18 - 22. This year’s theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. More to come later!

Week 8 Premier’s Reading Challenge Forms due to school by August 27.

New Book Release this Week

New Series include:
Girls Rock & Boys Rule - Ever popular Junior Chapter Book Series
Lily the Littlest Angel – Amelia’s wonderful adventures at the Angel Academy.
Stuff Happens -  ‘Stuff happens sometimes. Everyday stuff. At school, at home, with sport, with mates’
Juliette nearly a Vet – Popular series about ten-year old vet-to-be assisting in animal emergencies everywhere.
The Anti-Princess Club -  ‘An exciting fiction series for girls that shows them there’s more to life than wearing a tiara. “We don’t need rescuing!”
Spirit Animals – Four young heroes with special gifts of their legendary spirit animals have the power to defeat an evil takeover to save the world.
Time Soldiers - Six neighbourhood kids discover a time portal in the woods and are flung back in time to survive dangerous adventures in history.
Billy Slater Presents - NRL football adventures
Ghost Buddy – Billy Broccoli has his own personal teenage ghost with a major attitude and big plans for Billy! Written by Henry Winkler
Wings of Fire - Best-Selling dragon tribe epic saga-The Dragonet Prophecy.
Do You Dare - Hugely popular historical adventure series- bushrangers (1841), prison escapes in Tassie(1836), horse races, rebellions and more!
The George Series – Lucy and Stephen Hawking’s new series of three books. ‘Like Dr Who’. Top-secret, talking super computer Cosmos helps George with intergalactic treasure hunts, deep space, sinister rebel scientists, deadly bombs and more!

Read and Be Swept Away
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

Music Date Claimers
Welcome back to another term! We have a couple of music events booked so far, so take a look and mark any that will involve your child in your diary.

Wed July 22 - Red and Orange marimba groups on assembly
Wed Aug 26 - Senior Citizens’ Concert (All Senior Ensembles and Junior Choir)
Sat Sept 12 - Junior and Intermediate Choirs at Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets
Tues Sept 15 - Musica Viva in Schools visit (all classes)

Our Intermediate Choir will also be performing on an assembly early in the term. Remember that all of our groups are always looking for opportunities to perform in public, so if you have a suggestion, we would love to hear from you.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Sport News

Welcome back to Term 3. This term in PE we will be doing Hot Shots Tennis and then later in the term, Ball Games leading up to the Ball Games Carnival.

All the best to all the children attending the District Athletics Meet next week. A program for District Athletics is attached to today’s newsletter email.

Libby Wark
PE Teacher
Tuckshop Invoice Reminder

On occasion when a student has forgotten their lunch and tuckshop is open, the tuckshop ladies have provided food.

If your child has received a backup lunch an invoice is sent home from the Tuckshop. Unfortunately a number of invoices remain unpaid. If you did not receive an invoice for a backup lunch please check with your child, or contact Susan in the Tuckshop.

Thank you, it would be nice to continue to provide this service when the occasion arises.

Susan Sansbury
Tuckshop Convenor

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 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.

There will be a class on Tuesday, August 11, to replace the missing class on August 12 (the Exhibition public holiday), but no other classes on Tuesday.

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

Thank you
Patrick Byrom

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 has arrived! All orders need to be done by Friday 31st July please. If you don’t already know, Brookfield SS uses the Linked Online Ordering Platform (LOOP) to order from the catalogues so go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and follow the prompts or download the LOOP app for iPad/iPhone or Android. No need to return any forms to the office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Book Club Coordinator

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We hope your children had an exciting and restful holiday. We had a blast during vacation care with the highlights being our crime scene investigation, going to Sizzler for a yummy lunch, robotics day where we had over 40 robots brought in for us to play with and a beautiful day trip to Maleny.

This term we are excited to be introducing sewing lessons to children as well as continuing to decorate our service to be welcoming and entertaining for children.

Our coordinator, Kristy, is currently on leave so if you have any queries or would like a tour or to enrol in the services, please contact Ashleigh on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Have a great week!
Ashleigh
WHIZ KIDZ – Science
HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTING = LEARNING THAT’S FUN
Is your child driven by curiosity? Does your child love science? Does your child ask lots of questions? Your child will have fun and enjoy learning about the world and how it works!

Fortnightly on Tuesdays Time: 3.00 – 4.15pm

CONCEPTS (Term 3)
1. A SHOCKING EXPERIENCE (current electricity) – Electricity and the modern world go hand in hand but how does it all work?
2. IT’S A BUGS WORLD – Insects are everywhere. They bite and sting but they also pollinate and clean up the planet.
3. STRENGTH of MATERIALS – Different materials behave differently. This influences and also limits the way they are used in designing structures.
4. HOT ROCKS – Rocks and soil are the raw materials of the Earth. Every rock is a clue to the Earth’s history and our lives depend on them.
5. Oobleck – Experimenting with the weird and wonderful Oobleck is always a surprise.

WHO          Years 2 - 6
WHEN          Fortnightly on Tuesdays from the 14th July
WHERE          Hall Foyer
FEE            $125 (Cash or cheque payable to D. Bennett)
Enrollment     Your child must be properly enrolled to be accepted.
                For the enrollment package and a full program - contact Donna Bennett before Session 1 - see below.

Donna Bennett: Email – scedau@optusnet.com.au or Mobile - 0427 644 490

Sculpting Club

We are hoping to continue our Sculpting Club this term for Year’s 1 - 6 on Tuesday’s and Prep’s Wednesday from week 1, both lessons during 1st break, with Ceramic Artist is Hugo J. Vesara, member of Australian Ceramic Assoc. and contractor for 15 years with Brisbane City Council.

This is one of the most popular fun & design activity where students learn how to make sculptures, pots, cartoon figurines and design them.

The cost would be approx. $170 for 10 weeks in term 3 for students in grade (P-6). The cost includes firing in the kiln, clay, glazes, underglaze and all tools. We are planning to start Tuesday lunch time 11:00 – 11:45 for Years 1 - 6 and Wednesday 11 - 11.30 for Preps, both lessons outside the hall.

Please register your interest by emailing jvesara@yahoo.com or phoning 0401 911 475.

Hugo J. Vesara
Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten in 2016. Secure your child’s place today! If you are interested in a place for your child and would like to visit our centre, please contact us.

Please join us at our Open Day on Saturday 18 July 9am – 12pm

Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten
27 Fawkner Street, Chapel Hill, 4069. Phone: (07) 3378 2008
Email: chapelhillkindy@optusnet.com.au Website: www.chapelhillkindy.com.au

Bazil Grumble

Drama Classes

Held in the Music Room from 3:10 — 4:15pm every Thursday from 23 July to 17 September.

Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination.
Practical presentation and public speaking skills.

Classes for Prep to Year 6.
A junior and senior class will be offered if numbers permit.

ENROL NOW ONLINE!
LIMITED PLACES
www.drama.bazilgrumble.com.au

Kids Movie from 6:30pm

Brooky Bite Nite
Brookfield Showground
Friday 17th July from 5pm

Food Trucks / Vendors Attending

Mangia

Feed the Kids
Pizza Slices $2.50
Popcorn & Lollies Available

Proudly brought to you by the Brookfield Show Society

Disney Planes: Fire & Rescue
NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now!
Where: Brookfield State School oval
When: First session is on Wednesday 29th July 2015
Time: 3:15 – 4:15
Length of program: 7 Weeks**
Cost: $70 – Participants receive own football, Backpack, Hat, Pump and much more!

Register & Pay online by Sunday 26th July, to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at The Gabba. *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

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Fun Computer Programming Course

Learn complex computer science and software programming in a fun way
The software programs that we teach are stepping-stones toward professional-level tools

Students learn to program in a fun environment
First session on the 17th July ’15
Classes run on Thursday 3:15 pm after school
Course runs for 10 weeks
45 minute – Course information provided
Small classes
Registration is NOW OPEN
Course fee $250 + annual $40 registration fee

Now teaching at Brookfield State School

Register today at www.jnrengineers.com
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Or contact Ron: 07-37009053, admin@jnrengineers.com

In today’s digital world, technology skills are as important as reading, writing, and maths.
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY INCLUDING YOUR DOGS!

2015 DOGGIE FUN DAY

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME 😊

When: Sunday 9th August 2015
Where: Brookfield Showgrounds, Brookfield
Time: Nominate from 8.30am, games start at 9am until approximately 12noon.
Cost: $15 per dog (multiple handlers allowed)
Prizes: Prizes to 3rd overall, Ribbons to 6th in each event
(Prizes kindly donated by WestVets and Brookfield Produce Pavilion)

- Snakes and Ladders
- Bondfield Bounce
- Scudda Ho
- Running Tee
- Drum & Peg
- Bending
- Barrels
- Moggill Muddle
- Obstacle Course

Groups are based on the size of the dog and the age of the handler!
Small Dogs Under 35cm, Medium Dog 35-55cm and Large Dog over 55cm

FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES AVAILABLE with the best Bacon & Egg Burgers around from 8.30am
CAR PARKING in the Brookfield Cemetery Car park opposite Brookfield Showgrounds on Brookfield Rd

All Enquiries should be directed to Ros Macdonald 0407 606 492

Disclaimer: The Brookfield Horse & Pony Club accepts no liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to Dog, Owner or Spectator or any person or property whatsoever. PLEASE BRING SOCIAL, FRIENDLY DOGS ONLY. DOGS ON LEAD AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PLASTIC WASTE BAGS AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG. STEWARDS MAY ASK UNRULY DOGS TO LEAVE THE ARENA.

PROCEEDS BEING DONATED TO McINTYRE CENTRE, RIDING FOR DISABLED Inc. TO SPONSOR ONE OF THEIR VERY SPECIAL HORSES, SPRINKLES
JOIN IN THE FUN and GET FIT!
Meets are held on Friday nights from 5.45pm till 8.30pm. Season starts 28 August and runs until end of March 2016. Training is on Wednesday evenings for U7 to U17 from 6pm-7pm.

FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW
@ THE GAP LITTLE ATHLETICS
www.thegaplittleathletics.org.au

FEES
Tiny Tots - $60
($40 with family registration)
Under 6 - $90
1st child (U7 - U17) - $110
2nd child (U7 - U17) - $100
Family (more than 2) - $250

Family levy - $50*
* Included in Online Registration fees
* Refundable—conditions apply

Uniform @ extra cost

Season Information / Uniform Purchase / Registration Pack Collection
WHEN:
15th August 2015 from 2 - 4 pm
WHERE:
The Gap State High School Oval
1020 Waterworks Road, The Gap

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Ph: 0416 866 395
thegapla@gmail.com
www.thegaplittleathletics.org.au

Register/Renew Online:
www.thegaplittleathletics.org.au
Or by payment at the clubhouse by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS

Proof of age is required, bring Birth Certificate or extract.