From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers

Feedback

Bill Gates believes feedback in any form provides opportunities for us to improve. In many respects he is right, but feedback in an anonymous survey doesn’t always allow you to dig deeper into the specifics of the subject matter. I grew up in a feedback environment as part of an Academy of Sport program. In those days performance reviews were carried out regularly, probably as much to justify the coaching staff positions rather than improve the athlete’s performance. The meetings were often very confrontational and one-sided, being told quite bluntly what needed to be done to maintain your position in the program. My feedback preference is a rich conversation, where both parties can delve deeply into the topic or subject.

But times have changed and most organisations have refined their performance review and feedback practices. Professor John Hattie in his book ‘Visible Learning’ (2009) believes feedback is among the most powerful influences on achievement. But the most powerful feedback in a school context, is when students feedback to teachers.

Over 70 families responded to our Survey Monkey to gain further information for our Quadrennial School Review (QSR). This information has been collated and will be shared and analysed with staff as part of our Student Free Day program. Your feedback and the data we have from the past four years will guide our Strategic Plan for 2015-2018.

Student Free Day

Monday 20 October is a Student Free Day. Our staff will be involved in:

- Quadrennial School Review
- Strategic Plan 2015-2018
- Discipline Audit recommendations and changes to Responsible Behaviour Plan
- CPR & Anaphylaxis training
- Performance Conversations

Personal and Social Development Education

Jenny Mason from Life - Work in Progress is delivering Personal and Social Development Program.

Over 70 students and parents attended the Year 4/5 presentation on Monday evening.

The Year 6/7 presentation takes place tonight, Wednesday 15 October, beginning at 7pm in the music room opposite the administration block.

Enrolments/Classes 2015

Please note the process for appointing teachers and forming classes for next year is as follows:
1. We will continue to regularly monitor predicted enrolments
2. Collect the Expression of Interests (EOIs) for BYOD iPad classes
3. Nominate iPad teachers and classes based on the BYOD iPad class EOIs
4. Allocate teachers to year levels considering predicted enrolments and future plans
5. Form class groupings

Your child’s teachers will work collaboratively with our administration to form classes.

**Thought for the Week**

*The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same.*

Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.

Don Williams Jr

*Have a great week!*

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

BeLearning - BYOD iPad Classes in 2015

**Expression of Interest - 2015**

An Expression of Interest was sent home on **Tuesday 07 October** for BYOD iPad classes at Brookfield in 2015. We will be offering BYOD iPad classes in **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6** in 2015.

The Expression of Interest Form went to existing BYOD iPad students AND all other students in years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in 2014.

Expressions of Interest will be due for return to the Brookfield State School Office from **8:00am on Friday 17 October, 2014**. Please note: Positions will be allocated in order of receipt of Expression of Interest forms and in consideration of establishing a balanced class within the school.

Returning an Expression of Interest enables your child to be considered for a position in an iPad class, it does not guarantee them a place. It is essential for us to collect numbers from this Expression of Interest to enable us to create our classes for 2015 effectively. At this stage, we are yet to confirm the teaching staff who will be taking our BYOD iPad classes in 2015.

To help you make an informed decision regarding participation in a BYOD iPad class in 2015, we are providing **BYOD iPad Open Classrooms**:

- Mrs Deb Minczanowski, Mrs Bec Moore and Mrs Steph Weigel and the students of Year 3A and 4A will open their classroom for parents to visit and see how iPads are used on a daily basis to support and enhance student learning. 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. This would be an ideal opportunity for parents considering being part of the BYOD iPad classes in 2015.

Thanks to those parents who have already attended Open Classrooms this week, the remaining two sessions are as outlined below. PLEASE NOTE the change in time for the 4A Open Classroom, it was advertised as 9-10 originally, however, due to a clash with another commitment, this Open Classroom will now be from 10-11am on Thursday.
When:   Week 2, Term 4

RSVP: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

Thanks to these teachers and students for opening their classroom to share their learnings with iPads.

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.

Prep in 2015

Prep Interviews are on this coming MONDAY 20 October, 2014. 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: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Where: Resource Centre (Library)
Bring: Your child’s favourite book

If you were unable to make the interviews on Monday 20 October, you will be contacted by the school to arrange an alternative appointment time on Wednesday 05 November. 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.

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

Swimming Lessons 2014

This term, all students in Year 2 and Year 3 will attend swimming lessons. These lessons will be held on Fridays as follows:
- 17 October
- 24 October
- 31 October
- 07 November
- 21 November

Please note that the dates on the letter home were incorrect. There are five swimming lessons and the last swimming lesson will be on Friday 21 November.

Students will travel by seat belted bus to Bellbowrie Pool. The cost will be $41.00 and will be included on your Term 4 Statement.

A permission slip has been sent home with your child. Please fill out and return the attached this by Wednesday 15 October.

Mandy Salisbury
Deputy Principal
Swimming Carnival – Tuesday December 2nd 2014

The Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday of week 9 at the Kenmore State School pool. It will involve children from Years 3-7. The format will include 50m and 25m events of all strokes as per usual, with 50m event points going to age championships. Other details are still to be finalised and will be communicated closer to the event.

Keep up the swimming.

State Athletics Carnival

Well done to Nikita M, Lachlan G, Sarah LW and Keira M who competed at the State Athletics Carnival this week.

Keira won gold for 800m and Lachlan won silver for 800m. Both are off to Tasmania for the Australian Championships. Congratulations Keira and Lachlan!

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Resource Centre News

Book Fair!

We are getting excited about the arrival on Wednesday October 22 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 29 of October. The Library will be not open for first break lunchtime activities during the Book Fair.

Book Fair Selling Times

- Wednesday 22 Oct 3:00 - 3:30
- Thursday 23 Oct 8:15 - 8:45 and 1st break,
- Monday 27 Oct 8:15 - 8:45 and 1st break,
- Tuesday 28 Oct 8:15 - 8:45 and 1st break,
- Wednesday 29 Oct 8:15 - 8:45

Science Week

We are highlighting our exciting Science books this week and students have been enjoying lunchtime experiments performed on the Resource Centre verandah.

ICT

Classes are continuing their Cybersmart training in the Resource Centre computer lab and enjoying accessing the Science links on the student intranet such as planet-science.com

Fiona Allison
Brookfield Science Day!
(Prep – Yr 4)

We will be celebrating the Sciences this Thursday 16th October 2014. To kick start the event we will showcase scientist costumes at 9am on our Junior Assembly. During the day we will be conducting a Science experiment in class and moving to other classes in our year level to experience different demonstrations. We are encouraging all students (and teachers) to dress up as scientists. The possibilities are endless! Here are a few ideas to inspire you:

Zoologist: Stuffed toy with plastic stethoscope
Marine Biologist: Marine stuffed animal with a towel
Paleontologist: Dinosaur toy with a shovel
Researcher: Clipboard and some books
Chemist: Plastic cup and some tubing
Entomologist: Plastic bugs and a magnifying glass
Astronomer: Play telescope and a picture of the stars and planets
Botanist: Small plant and a water bottle

Create your own by cutting a large white t-shirt down the middle.

Thank you for your support with Brookfield Science Day! Let’s find the spark in Science!

Steph Weigel
P & C News

Burger Bar

A huge thank you to Narelle Fagermo for coordinating a successful BB during the school holidays with 4C. Thank you to the families who supported 4C and the school by attending and enjoying burgers and sausages. Together you raised $351.95. This will benefit our children greatly.

Please put Friday 7 Nov into your diaries, as this is the LAST Burger Bar for the year and the last one for many of our Year 6 and 7 families moving onto high school. We are hoping for a mega turnout! More information will be out soon.

Trivia Night - Friday 24 October

It’s looking to be another excellent night with many fun dress-up ideas being planned. Don’t miss out. You can secure a table through Deb Minczanowski. If you have anything lying around that would make an excellent raffle prize or auction item, please send it to the office as soon as possible.

Graduation and End of Year Celebration for Year 6 and Year 7

The Year 6 Graduation is on Tuesday 9 December and the Year 7 Graduation is on Wednesday 10 December. Information will be sent home soon for ticket purchases.

The End of Year Celebration is combined for Year 6 and Year 7 and will be held at QCCC Brookfield on Thursday 11 December. More information will be sent home soon with your child.
ICYPOLES: The Year 6 and 7's need to fundraise for their celebrations and are going to be selling icypoles at the Tuckshop on Fridays at 11.15 (when released by staff from eating). Please support this event by sending 50c with your child to purchase an icypole as of this Friday 17 October.

Busy Bee Sunday 02 November. We need your help to continue to beautify our school and make it a safe place for our children to attend. Please put this date into your diary. More information will follow. Remember that many hands make light work!

P & C Items

After every P&C function, many helpful volunteers take things home to be cleaned or stored until they are needed for the following event. The P&C is now bringing all of these items together, so that that are easily located in the Library Kitchen and the Coordinator of each event can use the stock and top up as needed. Therefore, if you have anything at home belonging to the P&C, could you please send it to the Office or place it on a bench top in the Library Kitchen as soon as possible? It might be things like aprons, tea towels, clipboards, pens, raffle books, wrapping or packaging. Thank you for looking after these items and returning them promptly, so this central location of items can be organised.

Covering of Library/Reading Books

Thank you to the many parents who have spent time covering our books. All of our children are benefitting from your help. This is an ongoing task, as more and more books are being purchased all the time. If you have spare time, please drop into the Library and either cover a few books while waiting to pick up your children or take some home to do when the children are at school or in bed. The quicker the books are covered, the quicker our children get to read them. The contact is precut to size, which makes it easier for you. If you can wrap a present, you can cover a book, it is that easy.

Thank you,
Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 has been distributed this week and is due back no later than Friday 24th October. No late entries or cash please - I will not be able to accept them.

Thank you,
Nicola
bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

Welcome back to school banking for Term 4.

1. There are two new rewards this term - Projector cup (it lights up) and Sea streamers (pool toy).

2. There is a prize draw for regular savers where you could win
   - one of 40 GoPro cameras or
   - one of 150 Slip 'N Slides.

For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period (20 October - 30 November), the student will receive one entry (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more you save, the more chances you have to win.
3. The Commonwealth Bank are launching a Search for Australia’s Smart School Savers. If you know of a student with savings smarts, they want to hear about it. School children can simply visit the bank’s blog and write in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to save their money to achieve it. There are some awesome prizes.

- Six regional winners will receive an iPad for themselves and one for their school
- One talented national winner will be selected from this group to receive $1,000 to go towards their savings goal

The search is open until 5pm on Friday 31 October 2014. Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers.

Thank you.
Louise Rae and Fiona Himstedt

The countdown’s started to the Brookfield Fun Run/Walk

Check out the new countdown clock for the BrookieFunRun on Facebook.

It will tell you to the minute how long you’ve got to get ready for the 2014 Brookfield Fun Run/Walk on Saturday 6 December from the Brookfield General Store and Café.

It’s a flat easy course to Huntington and back along Rafting Ground Road, but you should still be thinking about putting in some training now.

More info in next week’s newsletter.

Cheers
Jan Martin

Trivia Night 2014

We are looking forward to an amazing night... Bring on Friday 24th October!

We could still possibly squeeze in an extra table if you haven’t booked yours yet - but please let me know asap!

Just a couple of details to mention before the BIG night!

- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD: We will not be serving any food so please bring plenty of nibbles, etc. There will be breaks at around 8.30pm and 9.40pm if you would like to organise for any food deliveries (pizza, etc)

- WE WILL HAVE A FULL BAR: Serving beer, wine, spirits and soft drink. Prices range from $5 - $7.5 per drink, with bottles from $20. Please do not bring your own drinks

- THE HALL WILL BE OPEN FROM 3PM ON FRIDAY THE 24TH: allowing you access to decorate your tables.

- WE WILL BE STARTING PROMPTLY AT 7PM: so don’t be late!!

- BRING ALONG SOME GOLD COINS: We will be running a couple of games in which you will need a gold coin to participate so don’t forget to bring them along with you.

- Your amazing children have been working on some FABULOUS PIECES OF ART THAT WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ON THE NIGHT. They should be on display in
the classrooms from Monday, so if you get the chance, pop in and check them out!

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on either 0409924608 or at debmmobile@bigpond.com.

Many thanks for all your support this year. We have had an amazing response and are looking forward to a fabulous evening!

Deb Minczanowski

Car Park Incident
If anyone knows of a vehicle, possibly white or grey, which hit the front right side of a maroon Ford Focus yesterday (14 October) or possibly on Monday (13 October) in the top staff car park, can you please contact Mr Stephens. My driver’s side indicator has been knocked off.

Grant Stephens

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Book in now and get ready for summer and the school swimming carnival.
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What is Nude Food?

**Nude Food** is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

**To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:**
- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

**Try to avoid:**
- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

**Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:**
- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own vegie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.