Say No to Bullying

The ‘National Day against Bullying and Violence’ is this Friday, 18 March. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange or an orange accessory to show their support for stamping out bullying.

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying is bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.

Research suggests a person may engage in bullying behaviour because they:

• don’t like a person;
• find bullying fun;
• like to feel tough and strong, in control; and
• think it will make them popular.

Bullying behaviour can arise from distrust, fear, a misunderstanding, and lack of knowledge or jealousy. Bullying can also result because the bully receives a reaction they like.

The Bounce Back program addresses bullying and helps students to develop skills and attitudes to respond adaptively to being bullied or put down. The program emphasizes that bullying is never acceptable and it’s everyone’s problem because it spoils things for all of us.

The skills developed in Bounce Back include:

• accepting that if you have self-respect, then you self-protect;
• saving face when being harassed;
• asking for support and help; and
• verbal and non-verbal assertiveness.

The Bullying - No Way! website has information for all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence. Visit this excellent resource at [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/).

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS is a skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12. The assessments include Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. These are highly valued tests and results can be used for entry into scholarship, gifted and talented and learning extension programs.

ICAS assessments are offered by the University of New South Wales and have taken place annually for over thirty years. The assessments are conducted at school through a supervised 30-60 minute test. Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:

- High Distinction (top 1%)
- Distinction (next 10%)
- Credit (next 25%)
- Merit (next 10%)
- Participation (all other students)

If you would like for your child to participate in these tests, a registration form is available from your child’s teacher or from the office. Registration and payment must be received by Wednesday 23 March.
Please check the dates of each test before submitting a registration form.

More information is available at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about)

**Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Parent-teacher meetings are currently underway. It’s an excellent opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress to date. We highly value these face-to-face interactions to be able to share data and information that focus on the strengths and areas for development with your child.

**School Council Meeting**

Our School Council will meet on Monday 21 March at 7pm in the Professional Collaborative Learning Centre (PCLC/B Block) to consider the core strategic priorities for 2016. I look forward to meeting with members of the council to share our strategic improvement agenda.

**Thought for the Week**

I am not a product of my circumstances.
I am a product of my decisions.

-Stephen Covey

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

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**From the Deputy - Katie Lewis**

**Intervention and Support in the Early Years**

Each year, our school receives funding from the Department of Education, Training and Employment entitled “Investing for Success”. Our school devises a plan for targeting the use of these funds. At Brookfield, this includes an investment in our Early Years (Prep - Year 3) in the form of support and intervention programs for students who have been identified as benefiting from extra support in Literacy or Numeracy (based around our year level targets). Our targets for these year levels are in line with achievement in the Upper Two Bands (U2B) in NAPLAN testing in Years 3 and 5.

We see this as a wonderful opportunity to provide individuals and small groups with targeted teaching to support them to reach their individual goals. We are able to employ a strong team of teachers (including those already working as classroom teachers in the Early Years) and teacher aides, all of whom are trained to deliver the programs of intervention and support. The intervention programs are monitored by our Support Teacher, Mrs Anna Vella. Students work either individually or in small groups with a teacher or teacher aide for 30 minute sessions up to three times each week.

Students who are accessing these programs have taken home a letter this week informing you of their involvement. Should you have any questions, or you would like more information, please contact your child’s classroom teacher, myself or Mrs Anna Vella (avell22@eq.edu.au).

**National Say No to Bullying Day**

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to
‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond. Help deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay by wearing orange on Friday 18 March. This can be an orange item of clothing or an orange accessory (hair band, ribbon, wrist band, socks).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students in Years 5 and 6 will need to bring their sports uniforms to change into for Interschool Sport.

For more information, see: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the last two weeks of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2. These formal interviews provide an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in key learning areas and goals for the term ahead.

You are encouraged to schedule an interview with your child’s teacher using the following link: [https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/)

Interviews will be conducted in classrooms and are between 10-15 minutes. For further information please see the table below.

| Term 2 Interviews | 
|-------------------|---|
| Event Code | bdmuk |
| Bookings close | Thursday 24 March at 3:00pm |
| Mrs Kirsty Cunnington | 2A |
| Mrs Lisa McKay & Mrs Jemima May | 2B |
| Mrs Alicia Nembach | 2C |
| Miss Sian Priest | 4A |
| Mrs Tracy Findlay | 4B |

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

**Music News**

Next week, we have 16 band and string students auditioning for the WestCent District Music camp. We wish them all good luck for the day, and hope that all that extra practice pays off.

Ms Hemmings is required to attend the auditions for the whole day, and there will be NO STRINGS LESSONS OR 8 am ENSEMBLE NEXT WEDNESDAY (MARCH 23).

*Ms McMillan*

**Resource Centre News**

**Student Leadership Display**

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.

*Have a great week,*

*Katie*

*klew114@eq.edu.au*
For a week, students have the opportunity to write a great idea for school improvement to their school leaders and post it in the Spotty Box at the back for them to take back to the next Student Council meetings!

New Girls Fiction Series Released Last Week

These are still on display:
Ella’s Diaries and Thoroughbred (Horse Series) together with visiting author Aleesah Darlison’s Totally Twins and Unicorn Riders fantasy series.

Cross Country Carnival 2016

The Cross Country is scheduled for the last Tuesday of this term, 22 March. We will commence at 9am sharp starting with the Preps followed by 12yr olds. More detailed order of events below.

Bring/Wear - sun screen, sports house shirt (no singlets) and school sports shorts or plain coloured bike pants only (no fluro shorts/skins), hat and water bottle. Any assistance would be appreciated to set up tents on the oval from 8am.

The order of events will be as follows:

9am - Preps
12yrs (born 2004)
   Year 1
11yrs (born 2005)
   Year 2
9yrs (born 2007) and Yr 3 (born 2008)
10yrs (born 2006)

Queensland All Schools Cross Country 30 April

We would like to see as many students as possible participate in these championships. They are open to all students. We are the defending champions for the boys, girls and combined trophies. There are individual medals as well as team medals. Teams are made up of the students’ finishing orders and are not nominated before the race. Last year Brookfield State School managed to have two teams on the podium in three categories. Note: these races start around 11am for the younger age groups.

To enter please put an envelope with $12 in the all returns box, with your child’s name, date of birth and an email contact by 15 April.

Late entry is possible on the day for an additional $5.

Queensland State All Schools Relay Championships

16 April, Rivermount College, Yatala

Relay teams are made up of three runners. In some age groups we will most likely have more than one team per age group.
The teams will be sorted into A/B/C teams depending on results from school cross country as well as from time trials to be held on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at school running. If your child is unable to make these trials, please email me and we can arrange to do it on another day. It is usually possible to play morning sport in the younger age groups, as races do not start until 12:30pm. Please check availability well before the date, as it can be difficult to find replacements. Entry fee is $12 per athlete. At this stage please only notify me if you are interested in the relays, as we may not be able to accommodate all students.

Lizel Moore

Congratulations

Congratulations to Angus B 3A who competed in the 2016 Brisbane Junior Championships at Chandler Pool over the weekend. Angus won a bronze medal in the boys 8 years 50 mtrs breaststroke event.

A special congratulations to all the Brookfield students who competed at the Junior Championships over the weekend.

Admin Staff

BUSH DANCE THIS FRIDAY NIGHT  Doors Open at 5:30pm

This is it! Last chance to buy tickets for the Bush Dance. Early Bird ticket sales close tomorrow (Thursday) at 5pm.

Remember to enter your spot to volunteer some time to help out on the night via 'Volunteer Local'.

Sales have been fantastic, the atmosphere is electric, and the community have stepped up with offers for help, donations and support.

Thank you to everyone that has made this year’s Bush Dance a huge success! See you there.

Nerolee Huxham neroleeh@yahoo.com.au

Cross Country Cup Cake Stall

The cross country is on Tuesday 22 March from 9am. Cupcakes and juice poppers will cost $2 each and can be bought by students and parents throughout the morning. Please bring your homemade cup cakes or muffins or juice poppers to the Tuckshop before 9am on Tuesday or directly to the stall on the oval after 9am.

Volunteers for setting up and selling cakes on the stall would be very welcome on the day. Please email frantrip@yahoo.com to register your interest.

Thank you.

Grade 2 reps

The Drink Fundraiser

Thank you Brookfield State School for your generosity, the drink fundraiser was a huge success.

Thank you to each and every family whom donated drinks to the school, it is much appreciated.

Congratulations to the families whom won the tickets to the Bush Dance. We hope you have a fabulous time!
The Winters family, the Cugola Family and the Vague Family. Also a special congratulations to the family whom will win in this weeks special draw!

Again thank you to one and all for making the drink fundraiser a huge success once more!

Monica Jones
Tuckshop News

Next week Thursday (last day of term) the Tuckshop will be selling Easter themed Cupcakes and Chocolate Crackle Nests at $1.50 each. These are for pre-order on flexischools only. Orders will be open from Monday 21st and will close at 11am, Wednesday 23rd March.

Susan Sansbury
Tuckshop Convenor

School Banking

The last School Banking deposits for Term 1 will be this Friday 18th March. School Banking will resume in Week 1 of Term 2.

A special thankyou to Fiona Himstedt and Louise Rae for being the voluntary School Banking Coordinators for the last two years.

Susan Sansbury
Tuckshop Convenor

P&C Update

What a fabulous turn-out we had at our AGM meeting and general meeting last Tuesday. Was fantastic to see so many new, enthusiastic faces to start our new year. Victoria Brown summarised a fantastic year in her president’s annual report.

Income was earned through successful Tuckshop and Uniform Shop operations, fundraising events and voluntary contributions yielding $83,000 exceeding the target by $8,000.

The Association contributed significant funds to the school. A $40,000 donation was made in two instalments to support the major school project of upgrading WIFI. The P&C continued to support classroom air conditioning of $14,711, reading eggs and mathletics subscriptions of $8,699, plaques were also secured to acknowledge local artist Carolyn Parsons who has led senior artwork projects at the school since 2009. Graduation awards were established and sponsored and other support provided, including the purchase of an additional marimba for the music program, cyber safety sessions for students and parents, and a new dishwasher for Tuckshop.

In 2015 we continued to support the school’s beautification projects and provided support to major grounds projects and hosted a working bee. The Association successfully gained a $5000 NRMA grant to revegetate the area above the tennis courts and this work was completed.

Special thanks was given to outgoing members for their enormous efforts over many years, especially to Petra Bamford and Roanne Lemmon-Warde.

All positions were filled at the AGM and the roles stand as follows:

President – Graeme Knox
Vice President – Lauren Urquhart
Secretary – Bec Harrison
Treasurer – Fiona Dent
Assistant Treasurer – Accounts Payable - Rone Coltham
Assistant Treasurer – Accounts Receivable – Aneta Zielinski

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Monica Jones

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Following the AGM we held our general meeting for March.  

The Bush Dance committee are well underway to a successful night this Friday.  

Another successful drinks fundraising was held over the last 2 weeks and this may be run again later in the year. Thanks for all the support from the school community.  

Tuckshop has been especially busy this year so far and expenditure was approved for a new KitchenAid mixer.  

We received a fantastic commission from the Brodies Bookstore for the purchases of this year’s stationery. Funds raised were $7719.46.  

Approval was given to the purchase of Honour Boards to be erected in the hall marking annual achievements recognised at the year 6 graduation ceremony.  

We are all looking forward to another fantastic year supporting our school. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Bush Dance on Friday night.  

Our next meeting is on 12 April in B Block so please come along.

Rebecca Harrison
P&C Secretary
rebeccah@travelmanagers.com.au

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

Vacation Care

Our Vacation Care program is out and we have lots of exciting days planned including an excursion to Jamie Oliver’s Italian restaurant in the city, go karting, rock climbing, Easter activities and an invention day! We also have some chicks and fertilised eggs coming so we can watch hatch over the first week of holidays and take care of! Our Vacation Care program and booking form is attached, please get them back as soon as possible before we book out!

Healthy Meals

At PCYC we are always encouraging healthy and nutritious breakfast and afternoon teas. Next term we will be creating our very own PCYC Recipe Book! Over the term we will fill it with our favourite meals to have for breakfast and afternoon tea. If you have any recipe or food ideas that your children love, please let us know!

Homework Club

Monday afternoons we have Homework club! We allocate 30 minutes of time for your chil-
dren 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.

**PCYC Fees**

Next term our fees will be increased to $13 for Before School Care and $17 for After School Care. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to ask Liz.

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

- Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm – our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service
- Life skills programs- cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly
- Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader
- Art and craft

Please come visit us, call 3374 2107 or email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au for more information. We would love to meet you!

**Thanks**

Liz Gordon-Brown

**Brookfield Show Cake Stall**

It’s almost that time of the year again, and planning is already underway for the Brookfield State School’s annual cake stall at the Brookfield Show (13-15 May).

Last year’s jams were a fabulous success! We sold every single jar of jam at our school’s cake stall, and this year we’d love your help again.

If you have favourite jam recipe you’d like to make over the Easter holidays, we’ll collect your donated jams early in Term 2.

Or if you have any spare jars at home, we’d love to take them off your hands for others to use. If you need some inspiration, contact Sophie Weitemeyer for some delicious jam recipes at brookfieldschoolcakestall@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your help, and happy jam making!

**Urgent Call For Help - Tuatua Village, Koro Island Fiji**

A special call out for help for the smaller Islands in Fiji destroyed by Cyclone Winston.

Clothing, household and camping Donations needed. A container leaves on the 22 March please help me fill it and help some amazingly beautiful people in urgent need.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or 221 Chapel Hill Road, Chapel Hill.

Please see more information attached to today’s Banter email.

**Thank you**

Nadia De Giuseppe

OUR SPONSORS:
Brookfield Tennis Centre

Easter Holidays Tennis Clinic

With the Easter Holidays almost upon us we are now taking registrations for the holiday clinic that will run in the second week of the holiday.

When: Tues 05 April – Thur 07 April from 8:00am – 12:00pm so drop your kids for a full morning of tennis.

Classes open for online registration at www.brookfieldtennis.com.au/kids or call Brookfield Tennis Centre on 07 3374 1046.

Lessons will be run for Red Ball, Orange Ball and Green / Yellow Ball. Registrations are limited to 30 kids so best to hurry. Cost $180.

Brookfield Tennis Centre

WHIZ KIDZ – Science

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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!

SUPER SCIENCE CLUB PROGRAM
Fortnightly on Tuesdays
Time – 3.00 – 4.15pm

CONCEPTS (Term 2)
1. PENDULUM OF DEATH – Things that swing are constantly converting energy. Is there a volunteer for the Pendulum of Death?
2. BURIED TREASURE (crystals) – There are thousands of different crystals, everything from salt to diamonds. Grow the crystals of your choice for fun and enter them for judging in the crystal growing competition - if you dare!
3. TOTAL RECALL – Brain work - remembering to remember and remembering to forget!
4. WEATHER WATCH – The atmosphere’s movement and how it creates the Earth’s constantly changing weather.
5. HILLARY HAMBURGER – Without plants all animals on Earth would die. The digestion of foods is linked to the chemistry of foods.

WHO – Years 2 - 6
WHEN – Fortnightly from Tuesday 19 April
WHERE – Hall Foyer
FEE – $125 (normal term) (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

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