Our Year 6 students had a marvellous time in Canberra last week. We were in Parliament House meeting with our federal member, Jane Prentice MP, when the President Elect for the USA was announced and then witnessed a Queensland Senator toasting Donald Trump’s success outside the main entrance as we were departing. It’s possible that some of you may have seen footage on the ABC News and the Today Show of one of our parents in close proximity.

During our visit of the Governor General’s residence on Friday morning, his Excellency took time to meet with our group and outline some of his work commitments along with answering numerous questions from our students. We lined the street outside the Governor General’s residence and waved to his motorcade as he made his way to the Remembrance Day Commemoration at the Australian War Memorial. His Excellency waved through the window and wished us all the best as he passed.

Apart from many of the iconic attractions, students also participated in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was taken off the cost for students at the outset. We are grateful to the Australian Government for this assistance.
Year 5 students are having a fabulous time in Mapleton, stepping outside of their comfort zone and challenging themselves along with developing team work skills. I spent Tuesday with students and teachers and saw them participating in archery, wall climbing, canoeing, raft building and riding on the giant swing. They were all very enthusiastic.

There are a number of photos on our school’s Facebook page if you are interested in seeing some of the activities.

The QCCC at Mapleton display their mantra clearly around the campsite with courage displayed in the centre of a handprint and written on each finger the words:

• Be an encourager;
• Be humble;
• Be respectful;
• Be generous; and
• Be a team

These are perfect for constant referral as students rotate through various activities with trained instructors.

I’m sure students will come away from camp with renewed confidence and practical skills for working with one another.

School Tennis Team

Congratulations to our Red, Orange and Green ball divisions who won the Inter Schools Tennis Challenge recently.

The Red Ball team will now represent MetWest at the Brisbane International State Championship in January, going for our fourth state title.

Our school has been nominated for the Newcombe Medal to be presented at the Australian Tennis Awards in Melbourne later this month. This is an outstanding achievement for a school of our size and a reflection of the programs within the curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities, along with strong performances by our school teams and the pathways to further success. Congratulations to our partners, the Brookfield Tennis Centre, and Libby Wark for successfully implementing HotShots in the PE curriculum. We will have a representative attending the awards and hopefully win the prestigious medal.

Moto X

Max has recently finished the SE QLD junior series, which was held over 4 rounds on MX tracks from Kilcoy to Chinchilla. The series saw competitors from Port Macquarie to Bundaberg vying for the 7-9yr 50cc title.

Max held 3rd place for most of the series until one huge crash in Chinchilla saw him slip back to
5th, where he finished the series. His 5th place overall was an excellent achievement considering he is still one of the youngest racing in this class. On the club front, Max was named Chinchilla 50cc Club champion, and 2nd in the club championship in Toowoomba for the year.

His strong finish to the second half of the season resulted in Max picking up numerous sponsors who will assist him to progress and represent them in 2017.

Max’s goals for next year, will be to go top 3 in QLD in the 50cc division and represent the State at the MX Junior Nationals in Horsham VIC.

Senior Artwork Sausage Sizzle - Next Tuesday 22 November

Next Tuesday on First Break there will be a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for the 2016 Senior Art Project that has been led by Carolyn Parsons.

You cannot place orders on Flexischools, this is cash only - $2 sausage and bread. Please support this fundraiser that allows us to provide another wonderful gift in the school grounds from our seniors.

Thought for the Week

The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

Chinese Proverb

Have a great week.
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell

Warmer Weather

We have been hit with a belt of hot weather over the past week that seems to have eased this week thank goodness. Just a gentle reminder though that students need to come to school equipped for the hot weather.

When it is hot, we are encouraging the students to stay hydrated by drinking water throughout the day, by not running around at break times when it is a humid and hot day, and to stay in the shade or access our supervised indoor areas at break times. The library is open at lunch times Monday to Thursday during break. Students can go inside and read, play board games or access craft equipment. Out on the veranda of the library, students can lounge on the couch and catch up with friends at the outdoor tables.

For the Junior School, the refurbished playground offers a lot of shady spots, and for the Senior School, the covered areas can be used for handball or again, for sitting to chat with friends.

Please assist us is reminding your children to bring their water bottle each day, to drink often and fill up. Thank you for your assistance.
Welcome back to Katie Lewis

Next week, on Monday 21st November, we welcome back Katie Lewis, Deputy Principal of Brookfield State School. It has been an absolute please to step in as Acting Deputy Principal whilst Katie has been on maternity leave. It is however, wonderful to have her back, and to hand over to her as she and Bruce continue to work together to lead Brookfield State School into the New Year.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students of the school that have made my time in this role so very rewarding. I will continue to be a part of the Brookfield team as Mater Teacher. I look forward to working in this capacity next year.

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly will be held at 1:50pm this coming Thursday. If you are able to attend, we look forward to seeing you there.

Resource Centre News

Last Class Borrowing – this week

This week is the last week for student borrowing from the Resource Centre. This means all library books are due back at the end of the two week loan period in Week 9.

The Big Book Swap

In just four days a whopping 600 books have been swapped and students are having a lot of fun in the process! We hope all students enjoy reading their new books.

Prep - Year 3 Computer Coding PlayLab: Tuesdays

Prep - Year 3 students can come to the Resource Centre Lab on Tuesdays at first break to learn to code. The Tech Crew join with Mrs Allison to assist students to code in various playlabs.

Hour of Code Event - Week 9

On Tuesday 29 November all year levels will participate in an Hour of Code™ event.

What is the Hour of Code™? It is a one-hour introduction to computer science. Students and teachers can choose from a variety of activities for prep and up. Activities work on any modern browser, ipad, or even with no computer at all.

The Hour of Code™ is a global movement reaching over 100 million students in over 180 countries. It is a worldwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week [csedweek.org] and Code.org[代码.org] to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

Why computer science? Computer science and coding is foundational. Every 21st century student should have the opportunity to learn how to create technology. Computer science is changing every industry on the planet.
Premier’s Reading Challenge Celebration

This week we are celebrating the wonderful achievement of 104 students in receiving their Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates from the Premier of Queensland. Well done to all!

Read and get excited!

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

Thanks to all of our new music parents for 2017 who joined our music staff at our parent information night on Tuesday. Please remember that all responses regarding participation in the program for next year are due back to the Office by Friday November 25.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Christmas Assemblies

There will be 2 special Christmas assemblies at Brookfield SS in the coming fortnight.

At 11.50am on Tuesday 22 November, Quiz Worx will be presenting a special assembly on the story of Christmas as recorded in the Bible. This special presentation will involve puppets, music, colourful visuals and storytelling. This is the same group who gave a special Easter presentation in Term 1. Further details can be found at www.quizworx.com.

At 9.30am on Thursday 01 December, Kenmore Anglican Church will be presenting their Nativity Play involving the retelling of the Christmas story as found in the Bible. This play involves colourful costumes and a real baby! The play will also involve the singing of a number of traditional and modern Christmas carols.

Students opted into RI (Years 1-6) who bring in the signed permission note (handed out today) to classroom teachers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that the signed permission note is returned by this coming Friday, 18 November.

Prep students who have permission for the Nativity Play are welcome to attend.

Karen Grenning

Tuckshop Closed Week 10

The Tuckshop will be closed during the last week of this term, week 10.

Susan Sansbury

Lost Property Reminder

Please check lost property for any missing items or even those you hadn’t realized were lost! There is a basket full of un-named jumpers, various drink bottles, a tennis racquet and plain clothes.

Thank you
Lost property volunteer

Swimming Carnival Lunch Packs

Lunch packs will be prepared for the swimming carnival this year and can be pre-ordered through Flexischools. The pack will include – Sausage in bread, Popper juice, watermelon or banana, a homemade biscuit and a packet of chips.

Packs can be ordered at a price of $7. Orders can be made now and will close on the 24 Nov. Further fruit, zooper doopers and limited snacks will also be able to be purchased on the day.

Bec Harrison
Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 is the final issue for the year and orders are due Friday 18th November. It is a great way to get some Christmas presents and if you want to avoid spoiling surprises then let me know if you'd prefer to pick up your order from the office. To order, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app. Prep classes are at the bottom of the list. Contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413443632 with any questions.

There is also a Children’s Warehouse Book Sale with 50-90% off at Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road, Morningside on Friday 18th November: 8am-6pm and Saturday 19 November: 8am-2pm.

Environmental Captain News

We, Zac B and Kei W, your 2016 Environmental Captains, have decided to introduce an environmental section in the banter, to inform students, teachers and parents what environmental news is happening around the school. Each week we will be focusing on different topics to save the school and the environment.

This week we will be looking at students packing away their lunchboxes and picking up rubbish. Students taking part will be given a spatcha for their class. Each fortnight the Environmental Captains will be delivering Environmental Certificates to the class who has the tidiest area outside their classroom. These certificates show that your child or class is environmentally friendly.

As you may already know, at the oval there has been a new playground built. Please ensure everyone is playing respectfully and being careful when playing at the playground, as it can be a danger zone. If you see someone being disrespectful please inform the teacher or ask them nicely to stop.

Did you know? A nationally significant koala population could be wiped out within a couple of decades.

Kei and Zac

EZ Covers

Do you hate spending hours covering school books with contact? Why not spend a fraction of the time and support your school at the same time. EZ Covers have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Their unique covers are made in a range of funky designs with sizes that fit all school books. The covers are made to fit precisely, no more adhesive covers that bubble and stick! All covers are only $1.40 each and if you enter Brookfield State School AND the code EZ15, they will contribute 15c from every cover sold. Simply order online. www.ezcovers.com/au

Tamara Hamilton

You're invited - Official opening of the Brookfield Members’ Bar

Do you have Saturday 26th November in your diary? That’s the new Brookfield Members’ Bar opening night cocktail party!!

Hundreds of twinkling lights will light up the Showgrounds, there’ll be champagne on arrival, with delicious catering from Wine & Dine’m throughout the evening, plus sweets and tea/coffee (all included). Funky Latino jazz duo Dos Guitarras will play, followed by sensational covers band First Summer who will rock the night away with all your favourite classic and mod-
ern party songs.

Book your tickets online (they’re selling fast) by this Monday 21st November at: brookfieldshowground.com.au and come and party under the stars.

This opening night cocktail party will replace the annual Spring Ball this year. The party starts at 6.30pm...and is a child-free evening! So book your babysitter, grab your cocktail dress, and join the Brookfield community at this special event. But hurry, ticket sales close on Monday!

Any questions email: bar@brookfieldshow.com

This event is proudly brought to you by the Brookfield Show Society.

PCYC News

Hi all and welcome to another week at Brookfield OSHC.

Our children have really enjoyed outside play this week. When outside the children are playing on the climbing equipment, using their imaginations or play ball games on the oval.

When indoors the children are helping out in a cooking activity once a week in after school care. This week the children with the help of the carers are making mini pizzas for afternoon tea.

There has been a lot of new activity in the rooms as well, with new furniture and resources bought. We are teaching the children to respect the new resources and the environment that they have, both in and outdoors.

Over the next week I will be going through the re enrolment process for 2017. We will get to talk to each family about their 2017 intentions.

If you have any suggestions or ideas please let our awesome staff know.

Have a great week and take care,
Andrew and the team at Brookfield PCYC