"Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"

Our school is blessed with many volunteers in many capacities and once again this was evidenced with the turn out for the working bee on Sunday.

It was a small group but they worked enthusiastically, clearing and revegetating the slope north of the tennis courts. Thank you to the children, parents and staff who came along and worked tirelessly. The P&C were terrific in providing a sausage sizzle and cold drinks to maintain energy levels and great team spirit.

The revegetated area compliments the achievements from our previous working bee and has added significant natural beauty to the area. Thank you Ori and Peta for your leadership on this project.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

I attended a meeting the other day (father’s cap on) with my notebook in hand to record some key points for the term ahead. It was also very useful to talk with the teacher about curriculum expectations and standards. I am certainly well positioned to be able support my child’s schooling, but the most powerful conversation my wife and I will have is going to be establishing the new timetable with our youngest son for the final term of 2015.

The use of the iPad, homework schedule, including assignments, reading and mathletics, balanced with sport, music, chores and other commitments will all feature in this conversation. Goals will be revised and new targets set.

Sounds easy enough! But the real work will be to stick to the plan and maintain the schedule for the duration of the term. I imagine many of you will be having similar conversations with your child/ren following parent-teacher meetings.

ICAS - Writing

The writing assessment results have been returned to the school and distributed to students this week.

5 Distinction Certificates were presented on assembly today to students in Years 4 and 5; Robert R, Melissa M, Abigail H, Lucy H and Breseya C. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

I have seen the final results on-line for ICAS - English and the preliminary results for ICAS - Mathematics and eagerly await the return of these reports and certificates to our school.

iPad Class Proposal

Please see the information Mrs Lewis has provided in relation to the iPad Classes across Years 2-6 from 2016. Open classrooms and an information session have been arranged.

Best Wishes Mrs Weigel (2B)

We wish Steph and Aaron Weigel all the very best with the birth of their first child. Mrs Weigel will take maternity leave from the end of this week with their baby due later in October. Mrs Satter will teach 2B (Monday-Thursday) with Mrs Cunnington (Friday).
Labour Day Holiday

Monday 05 October is a public holiday. I hope you all have a relaxing Spring break and look forward to students (and staff) returning on Tuesday 06 October.

School Council Position

Our School Council is seeking expressions of interest from a member of our community who would be interested in an infrastructure advisory role to help progress facilities and associated works.

If you are interested, please contact me by 09 October 2015 to discuss this position. Our Council Meeting in Term 4 is scheduled for Tuesday 03 November.

Thought for the Week

Leave a little sparkle wherever you go

Anon

Have a great spring break!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

BYOD iPads in 2016

As shared by Bruce in last week’s Banter, 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.

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@brookfields.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.

**Science Day Celebrations**

Prep to Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed Science Day last week! A great opportunity to participate in some hands on science experiments and enjoy a spectacular show by Magic Glen. Thanks Mrs Weigel and the Science Committee for organising a wonderful day.
Uniform Shop
Make sure you take advantage of some of the sale items in the Uniform Shop (in line with our stock reduction and refinement processes).

- **Girls Dresses:**
  - Stock will be sold at half price
  - Remaining stock will be donated to a charity identified by the P&C
  - No more dresses will be ordered

- **Culottes:**
  - Stock will be sold out at $28
  - No more culottes will be ordered (skorts will be the only item stocked)

- **Cargo Shorts:**
  - Stock will be sold out at $16
  - No more cargo shorts will be ordered (shorts will be the only item stocked)

Be sure to pop into the Uniform Shop on a Monday from 8:00-9:00am to take advantage of these great bargains, or order online through FlexiSchools.

Swimming Lessons
Next term, all students in Year 2 and Year 3 will attend swimming lessons. These lessons will be held on Fridays as follows:

- 30 October
- 06 November
- 13 November
- 20 November
- 27 November
- 04 December

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

A permission slip will be sent home early in Term 4. Please fill out and return by **Friday 16 October**.

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

Resource Centre News

New Series Book Covering

We are wanting to release some exciting new series after the holidays but are in need of some wonderful parents to take some books home to cover (with pre-cut contact - just like wrapping a present!). If you’re able to help please drop by the Resource Centre!

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2015

Well done to our five students who entered in this esteemed annual poetry competition: Will P, Alena T-K, Tali T-K, Amelia N-R and Elizabeth W! Amelia’s poem “Realizing” received the award of ‘Highly Commended’ and will feature in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards annual anthology. Well done Amelia!

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Music News

String News

I hope everyone has a nice relaxing break. After the holiday, it will be all systems go as we prepare for the Brisbane Bands Competition and the End of Year Concert.

Seniors

I have not yet received confirmation of our performance time for the Senior Strings at the Brisbane Bands Competition, but once I have, there will be a letter emailed home with all of the details. If you know that you are unavailable on Saturday October 24 during the morning, please let me know ASAP by email. This is the only time this year that I ask for your attendance on a weekend...and it’s only for about an hour, so I’m hoping we can have our full ensemble.

Year 4 and 5 students are almost up to Book 2 Essential Elements, so could you please try to purchase it over the holidays so we can start on new assessment items next term. If one store doesn’t have it, try another....some stores take awhile to order them in.

Beginners

Keep up the hard work as you have been this term. We will choose the songs we perform at the End of Year concert after the holidays.

Band News

The Brisbane Bands Festival takes place over the weekend of the 24 and 25 October (the end of Week 3 next term). Performance times have not yet been released so we are unable to give a definite day and time. In previous years, we have competed on the Saturday afternoon, so please try to keep that day as free as possible until the program is released. We will email you once this has been confirmed. If you are unable to attend this event, please let either Mr Lougheed or Mrs McMillan know ASAP.

School Banking

There will be no school banking this week due to holidays. Banking will commence again week 1 next term. Have a lovely holiday everyone.

Lost Clarinet

A clarinet has been missing since Wednesday 02 September. The owner believes they left it outside the office near the Stop, Kiss and Go area. It would be greatly appreciated if band members could check that they have taken the right clarinet home.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The Earn and Learn Program has closed for 2015. Please ensure all stickers and sticker sheets, even those that are not completed, are placed in the Earn and Learn box located in the school office by this Friday.

Thank you
Jennifer Hemmings
String Instrumental Teacher

Fiona Himstedt
Office Staff

OUR SPONSORS:
This week we’ve had an incredible 6,840 stickers come in for the school bringing our total to 20,160 points. Well done Brookfield!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped support this program for 2015.

Thanks for your support.
Tamar McCullough

Year 6 Cupcake Fundraiser

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Year 6’s for baking the delicious cupcakes for the World Vision Fundraiser over the last three Tuesdays. Thank you also to everyone at school for bringing $2 to buy the cupcakes and supporting this worthy cause.

Our goal was to raise $600 and we exceeded that by raising a whopping $1216. This money will be used towards installing borehole pumps to provide clean water for drinking, cooking and washing to a very poor community in Zambia.

Sarah Lemmon-Warde

September P&C Meeting Update

P&C Meetings are never dull with everyone welcome … last week we had a friendly pooch burst into our meeting to join in the fun. Other highlights from our meeting:

- Dishwasher for Tuckshop has been purchased and installation plans are being made.
- Working Bee final preparations discussed. (Huge thank you to everyone; parents and children, for rolling up their sleeves planting and moving the mountains of mulch - it looks fantastic! We are so lucky to have Ori and Calliope coordinating these transformational grounds projects - Thank you)
- Cyber safety program being investigated.
- The process for Staffing/ Class Composition 2016 was discussed.
- iPad Classes 2016 Proposal – Bruce and Katie presented the proposal, as per last week’s Banter.
- Responsible Behaviour Review - Bruce is attending a Principals’ Information Session on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support/ Positive Behaviour for Learning (SWPBS/PBL) on 13 October for consideration of engaging in SWPBS/PBL framework in 2016.
- Social and Emotional Learning - Bruce and Katie met with Sarah O’Donoghue (School Council rep) to look at a number of the Social and Emotional Learning resources available for schools. Decided to explore Bounce Back in greater depth this is based on both cognitive and positive psychology and identifies practical strategies and life skills to equip students for challenges and adversity they may experience. Materials are being purchased for further consideration.
- National School Chaplaincy Program - The Federal Government’s National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) is a four-year program for the employment of chaplains in schools, supporting the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. Brookfield will be submitting an application for funding to provide chaplaincy services in school years 2016 to 2018.
- Year 6 Graduation plans in place for Wednesday 09 December 2015, tickets cost $25/person
• Funds received Thermometer update - $56,000.
• Approved a final payment of $20,000 to the school.
• Burger bar profits - $670 for August, $890 for September. Great job Andy and your trusty band of donators and helpers! October burger bar date confirmed for 09 October.
• Father’s day stall made $700 profit, a fantastic well run stall that worked really well in the music room. Congratulations to Sarah and Shelley for organising and to the Prep parents who assisted.
• Father’s day morning tea raised $1300 profit with over 175 dads in attendance. Another great morning coordinated superbly by Roanne.
• Proposed to have a Mother’s day morning tea next year.
• 5c fundraiser is going well – please continue to bring spare 5c coins to the jars in the office.
• Thank you to the Brookfield General Store for donating 20c for every cup of coffee sold in September.
• Details of our 80’s themed Trivia night were discussed, the format for the evening is trivia, games and disco. It is shaping up to be an awesome night - don’t miss out get your tickets now! Great job Nat and Aneta and all of the organising team!
• Uniform Shop changing room being designed.
• New record for Tuckshop orders last month with 222 orders received on a Thursday.
• Stationery book pack lists are being finalised - Discussed the option of opening the oval for car parking (similar to Father’s day morning tea) on Day One 2016 to assist with book pack delivery to classrooms and ease car parking congestion.

As always there were chips and chocolate ... our next meeting is Tuesday, 13 October 2015. Happy holidays everyone. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time, energy and resources this term to benefit our school and our children. See you next Term.

October Burger Bar
The October Burger Bar will be held on the 02 Friday of the month, due to school holidays.
All four Prep Classes will look forward to hosting you on Friday 09 October. Have a happy holiday!!

Many thanks
Andy Dart

PCYC News
Hi everyone!

Only a few more days until we kick off our awesome vacation care program! Take a look at the days we have planned and for a more detailed description of what these days entail check out the attached program!

Let Me Take A Selfie- Crazy Photo Day

Victoria Brown
P&C President

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OUR SPONSORS:
**Excursion- Queens Park**  
Careers Day

**Incursion- Minecraft Music and Dance Day**  
Electronics Day

**Excursion- GoMA & Southbank Wheel**  
Around The World Multicultural Day  
Harry Potter Day

**Incursion- Carnival Day**  
Wheels Day

We will be popping up all over the school during your lunch breaks so keep your eyes peeled for us! We have some fun activities to do with you at lunch times!

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

**Holiday Clinic**

School holidays are around the corner. Our coaching team is ready to deliver another fantastic tennis clinic over the first week of the holidays.

**When and Where:**  
Four days from Monday 21st Sept to Thursday 24th Sept – 8:30am to 11:00am each day at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School tennis courts. We are running it for 2 and a half hours each day over four days.

**What’s on:**

Coaching clinics for all ages with classes specifically structured to cater for the following

- **Little Ball** – little kiddies aged 3 to 5 with focus on basic tennis, hand eye coordination, spacial awareness, balance, catching etc
- **Red Ball** – beginner tennis with little nets and bigger softer balls
- **Orange Ball** – intermediate tennis with smaller balls that are a little harder
- **Yellow Ball** – players who’ve been playing for a while looking for some great drills, game play and tactical instruction.

Tournament on the final day with prizes and trophies on offer.

The clinic is a great way for your kids to get ahead on their game to improve for next terms Inter Schools Tennis Challenge. Programs are targeting all skill levels and are designed to develop fundamental skills as well as introducing advanced concepts to more experienced players. For most kids this clinic equates to an entire terms coaching in one week as many kids get one hour coaching a week so its great value for money at $155 for the week.

We will hold a sausage sizzle on the Thursday after the clinic ends.

To register please call us 07 3374 1046 or reply to this email so we can lock your kids in. Numbers are limited.

**Sculpting Club**

Sculpting Club will continue next term for Years 1 - 6 on Tuesday’s and Preps 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 4 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 will be giving out free Christmas ornaments to participating students!

Hugo J. Vesara

Good Luck
Mrs Weigel!
We will miss you!