From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Chinese whispers is a game played around the world where a message is passed on down the line until the final person announces the message to the group. Errors are typically encountered along the way until the final message received is often significantly different and even quite amusing.

It’s a little bit like car park gossip. I even heard the other day that the behaviour is deteriorating in the school to the extent that well-behaved children are being banned from playing games because some students just can’t exercise any self-control.

This is simply not the case. How do I know? I know because this term I have worn out two reasonably good pair of Italian dress shoes by spending the lunch break mixing with students on the oval and in the playground. I am impressed on a daily basis by the good manners, the pleasant greetings, the sportsmanship and the caring and inclusive nature of our students.

Where do you see over three hundred children playing happily in a restricted space? On the oval at Brookfield is the answer. Children play a variety of games and activities, all minding their own business and having fun.

Of course there are some minor disputes. Most are diffused by the children and early intervention by adults is helpful, but in general, it’s a pleasure to observe and mix with the students in this environment.

It’s true that everyone gets a little bit tired towards the end of term, even adults! So on the eve of the second ‘State of Origin’ I will quote Gus Gould by saying it all comes down to the final minutes. In our case, it all comes down to the final few days of term. We will maintain our high standards with a positive mindset and look forward to the winter vacation at the end of next week.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students (Years 5 and 6) will be invited to participate. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what Brookfield does well, and how Brookfield can improve.

The survey will be made available immediately following the holidays.

Semester One Report

Each student will receive a report outlining their achievement for Semester One. The reports will be sealed in an envelope and be handed to students on Thursday 25 June. Please see your child’s teacher if you’d like to make alternative arrangements to collect the report.

International Competition and Assessments for Schools - ICAS

A number of students completed the ICAS - Writing and Spelling this week. These tests are incredibly challenging as they are an international competition. Our students participated in these tests with great enthusiasm and positivity. The Technology Skills results should be returned to the school shortly.

DATE CLAIMER

June

Thurs 18 Senior Choir - St Peters
Mon 22 Athletics Carnival - Field Events
Tues 23 Athletics Carnival - Track Events
School Council Elections
Wed 24 Regional Readers Cup
Thurs 25 Whole School Assembly
Mon 13 July First Day Term 3

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BOOKCLUB
Issue 5 due back: Not available yet
Nicola Hile: 0413 443 632
bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Service/Community Learning

There was an overwhelming response to the opportunity for students to visit the residents of the Tarry Brae Hostel. The details will be finalised this term and then shared with our community. It will be a wonderful partnership that will provide benefits to everyone involved.

School Council Elections

Please see the short biography attached on each parent candidate for the school council. Elections will take place next Tuesday 23 June between 8-9am and 2:30-6:30pm in B Block. This is also the date of our full school athletics carnival. Only parents of an enrolled student are eligible to vote.

Thought for the Week

"Children want the same things we want.
To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."

Dr Seuss

Go Queensland!
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

100 Cans for 100 Days

To celebrate our first 100 days of school for 2015, Prep to Year 3 students are taking part in 100 Cans for 100 Days.

You can help Brookfield State School reach our goal by purchasing 1 or 2 cans of food to be collected in your child’s classroom. These cans will then be donated to charity.

Collection has already begun and will continue until the last day of term.

Suggestions include:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Baked Beans & spaghetti
- Tinned fish
- Soup

Prep Orientation Morning – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and prospective 2016 prep students to meet our Principal, Deputy Principal and Prep Teaching Team and to find out about our Prep Program and schooling expectations for 2016.

When: Friday 21 August, 2015 ********PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE********
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: School Hall
RSVP: By 14 August, 2015
Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 33 747 333

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

The Most Respectful Class on assembly has been awarded as follows:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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Week 6: Year 1B  
Week 7: Year 2B  
Week 8: Year 3A

**Brookie Bear**

Brookie Bear has been busy visiting many classes this term:
- Week 6: Prep B  
- Week 7: Prep D  
- Week 8: Year 2A

Prep to Year 3 students enjoy hearing what Brookie has been up to each week on assembly.

*Have a wonderful week,*  
*Katie*  
*klewil114@eq.edu.au*

**Athletics Carnival**

Next Monday 22 June is Throwing and Jumping events. Tuesday involves the whole school in the morning, then just years 3 - 6 for the rest of the day.

Programs are attached to today’s banter email.

*Thank you,*  
*Libby Wark*  
*PE Teacher*

**Music News**

This Thursday, our Senior Choir is heading off to a full day workshop at St Peters Lutheran College. We will be combining with 300 other local students and learning a range of songs to perform in a concert in the evening, as well as singing two songs on our own. We wish them well for both the workshop and the evening concert.

Next Tuesday (June 23), the Senior Choir are also competing in the Metropolitan Region Fanfare finals at the Old Museum. Please make sure that students arrive by 5pm so that we have enough time to warm up and settle before the start of the concert at 5:30pm. Parents are extremely welcome to cheer us on. Emails with final details about both of these events will be sent this week.

Next week, due to Athletics and other school events, there will be NO MARIMBA for any of our 3 groups. We will resume rehearsals as normal in the first week after the holidays.

*Melissa McMillan*  
*Classroom Music Teacher*

**Junior Choir**

Congratulations to the Junior Choir for a marvellous performance at our Junior Assembly this week. We have been inundated with positive comments and praise about how well the choir sang. Mrs Kienzle will be attending the Sing Together Festival with the Senior Choir this Thursday so there will be NO JUNIOR CHOIR this week.

*Melinda Kienzle*  
*Prep Teacher*  
*Junior Choir Conductor*
Hi everyone!

Goodness gracious where has this term gone? Next week is the last week of school which means it's almost holiday time and you know what that means...... VACATION CARE!!!! We have so many fantastic theme days and activities on the agenda that we are sure to cater to everyone's interests. We have robotics day, space day, detective day, Monsters Inc. day and our excursions are to Maleny Botanical Gardens and Toowong Sizzler and shopping. We have attached our program to the Banter for you to view at your leisure. If you would like to book in for any days please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfield-sac@pcyc.org.au Hurry! Limited spaces apply for some days.

This week in our Life Skills program we will be extending on our cooking skills with a sweet recipe and a savoury recipe. There's only one week left after this week for our Life Skills program so if you have any suggestions for skills you want your child to learn, please give us your feedback.

If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Have a great week!

Kristy Nuttall
Nominated Supervisor

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Baked Beans & spaghetti
Tinned fish
Soup
NO GLASS JARS PLEASE

Please email Mrs Kerr with any questions, rkerr55@eq.edu.au

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who ordered Book Club this term. We have managed to raise $300 for school resources. Issue 5 which will be out in week 1 of Term 3.

Thank you!
Nicola Hile
HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

School holidays are around the corner. Looking for something for your kids to do – look no further. Our coaching team is ready to deliver another fantastic tennis clinic over the first week of the holidays.

When and Where: Five days from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July – 8:30am to 10:30am each day at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School courts.

What’s on: Coaching clinics for all ages with classes specifically structured to cater for the following

- **Brain Buzz** - 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, gameplay and tactical instruction.

Tournament on the final day with prizes and trophies on offer. We will hold a sausage sizzle on the Friday after the clinic ends.

Great value for money at $155 for the week.

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

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.

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