From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

For the last four years I have been telling people that our ‘sense of community’ is the one thing that sets us apart from other schools. Brookfield is unique in this manner and provides a beautiful environment for children to learn and grow. I mix with most of the principals in our cluster and I can assure you I am quick to point out the excellent relationships that exist within the Brookfield community. Our school thrives as a result of the community-minded support we receive, especially through the P&C.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March, beginning at 7pm in B Block. At this meeting, all positions will be vacated and open to nominations. The following positions will be offered:

- President (Executive)
- Vice-President (Executive)
- Secretary (Executive)
- Treasurer (Executive)
- Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Payable)
- Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Receivable)
- Books/Stationery Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator
- Flexischools Coordinator
- Parking/Grounds Coordinator
- Student Banking Officer
- Scholastic Book Club Coordinator
- Grants Coordinator

Typically, many people avoid the AGM out of fear of being nominated for a position. Please don’t feel this is the case. A number of people will be considering running for these positions again, but it would be great to think we might have some fresh faces with fresh ideas to contribute to our healthy and highly functional P&C association. Each position description is attached to this edition of the Banter.

If you would like to find out any more information about these positions you can contact Victoria Brown on vicandab@bigpond.net.au or Roanne Lemmon-Warde on rojolw@gmail.com. The school and P&C work in partnership for the benefit of all students and it is incredibly rewarding to work with such a great team of people.

Independent Public School - School Council

As an Independent Public School, we have six months to establish our school council. The broad purpose of the school council is to ‘improve student learning outcomes’ through monitoring the strategic direction of the school, approving plans and policies relating to the strategic direction, and advising the principal on strategic matters.

The membership of the council comprises of official, elected and appointed members. The official members are the principal and the P&C president. Elected members comprise of at least one elected parent member and one elected staff member. Appointed members are appointed by the council and

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February
- Tues 24 1C excursion to P.E.E.C.
- Wed 25 1B excursion to P.E.E.C.
- Thurs 26 1A excursion to P.E.E.C.

March
- Tues 10 P & C AGM 7pm
- 10 - 18 Life Education Van
- 12 - 13 Year 4 Camp
- 16 - 18 Year 5 Camp
- Fri 20 Harmony Day

April
- Thurs 02 Last day Term 1
- Fri 03 Good Friday

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must not exceed two. There is a minimum of six members and maximum of fifteen members on
the council for a period of between one to three years.

Are you excited? I am! Already I have almost ten members of staff who have expressed an
interest in being represented on the council. I believe this demonstrates the incredible investment
that our teaching and non-teaching staff place in our school.

I would like to canvass the parental interest in being elected as a member of the council. Should this position interest you, please email me (brobe66@eq.edu.au) to help determine the
balance and numbers we might anticipate for establishing our first school council.

Student Leadership Positions

Final presentations are underway to determine our student leaders for 2015. I am very aware
of the disappointment that comes with missing out on being short-listed or gaining a position,
but I am confident in our process and that our student leadership team will represent all stu-
dents and take great pride in their leadership role.

By this time next week, I will look forward to sharing our student leadership group with you.

Thought for the Week

"The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team."

--Phil Jackson

Have a great week!

Belong - Strive - Succeed

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Pedagogical Reflections – for Teachers and Teacher Aides

Bruce and I will be meeting with teachers and teacher aides in the coming weeks to reflect on
their Developing Performance Plans from 2014. In our meetings with teachers, we will:

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Values Vouchers

This term, we will promote the Values for Australian Schooling and our Brookfield State School qualities of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible through Values Vouchers. Students will receive “Values Vouchers” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Values Vouchers recipients will be drawn on assembly and will receive a prize to acknowledge their quality choices.

Our value for the week was ‘Responsibility’. Miss Noonan discussed the value with students on assembly, encouraging students to take responsibility for themselves and their belongings.

Our Values Vouchers winners for the week were Madeline (2C) and Maeve (1A) – well done! Madeline and Maeve receive a voucher for an ice block from the tuckshop. The Most Respectful Class on assembly this week went to Year 3A. Students in Year 3A showed respect by being on time to assembly, sitting with their legs crossed and paying attention to the speakers – well done students!

Have a wonderful week,

Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

Library Lover’s Week in our Resource Centre Last Week

![Image]

Amazing Parent Book Covering

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have taken home books to cover in the past 2 weeks or stayed to cut the contact to size in the Library! You’ve been able to cover about 500 high quality home readers for Years 1, 2 and 3 – quite an achievement! We have about 400 to go so if you’d like to join the merry but dedicated band please drop in to the Library!

The Big New 100 - New Book Release This Week

We have a hundred new fiction, non-fiction, junior chapter books, junior fiction and junior non-fiction books hitting the shelves this week and ready for borrowing! The junior books are on display in the junior section and the senior books at the back display bulletin board. They’ll go fast so students should come in early to stake their borrowing claim!

Read and be touched
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

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Christian Religious Instruction (CRI)

CORRECTION- Please note that if you would like your child to participate in Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) classes and you did not nominate a denomination on your child’s enrolment form, then you will need to notify the classroom teacher in writing. If you have any queries about this program, then please contact our school’s CRI Co-Ordinator Mrs Karen Grenning on 0408493421 or grenning@bigpond.net.au

Music News

On Tuesday this week, letters offering positions in our marimba groups were sent home with students. The note contained information regarding which group and rehearsal time each child was included in, as well as some details about the start of rehearsals. Please make sure that you return your tear off slip to accept your child’s position as soon as possible. If we do not receive these slips by next Friday (Feb 27), vacant places will be offered to students on the waiting list. All groups will start rehearsals next week.

Instrumental Vacancy

Our School Band Program has a vacancy for a Year 4 student who would like to learn the trombone. The school has an instrument that we can hire to the family for the first 12 months. If you are interested in taking up this position, please contact Melissa McMillan (mmcmi10@eq.edu.au) as soon as possible so that we can get lessons underway.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

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Thank you to those parents who have offered to be the classroom representative for their child’s class this year. As you can see from the table below, there are only two classes that we don’t have class reps for.

If you would like to volunteer for the last two remaining classes please e-mail me on rojolw@gmail.com or contact me on 0434 909 392.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

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Hi everyone!

We had a great week at PCYC last week with lots of fun activities. The children enjoyed having a lego competition, making Aussie Burgers from scratch using kangaroo mince, Capture the Flag, team games, bowling and arts and craft. Please see attached for this week’s plans for BSC and ASC.

We also had great feedback on our menu and it was great to see the children enjoying healthy and nutritious food. Please see our menu below for the following week.

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| **ASC**          | Fresh fruit  | Fresh fruit  | Fresh fruit  | Fresh fruit  | Fresh fruit  |
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|                  | Brown rice   | Energy       | Roast beef   | Chicken      | Make Your   |
| crackers         |              | Balls- Staff | and mustard  | Caesar       | Own Fruit    |
| with salsa       |              | Input        | sandwiches   | Salad Cups-  | Stick- Child |
| and cheese       |              |              |              | Child Input  | Child Input  |

Brookfield School Age Care are in the process of creating exciting play spaces for children. As part of our sustainable garden we are seeking off cuts and seedlings of any herbs and plants you may have already growing in your garden. If you have any excess garden equipment that would assist us would be greatly appreciated.

The service is also stating our recycling program that will include reusing items we often throw away. The service will set up 3 bins to upcycle common household waste. This will include any boxes (no toilet rolls), plastics, paper that can be reused as our reverse garbage craft activities.

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
OSHC Coordinator
West Akuna Netball Trials

Any girl born in 2004 and 2005 who is interested in trialling for the 2015 11 and 12 yr old West Akuna Netball Team, please see Mr Skehan by next Wednesday 25/2. Please note that it is a competitive selection process and the school is only allowed to nominate 4 students per age group. All girls must at the very least play club netball.

Mr Skehan

District Swimming Carnival 2015

Last Friday, 20 children competed in the District Swimming Carnival. It was a great day of competition with all our swimmers showing amazing effort and sportsmanship. Our Junior boys relay team came 2nd, Senior Boys came 1st and Senior Girls came 3rd. Brookfield came 2nd overall in the percentage trophy.

Congratulations to the following students have made the District Swimming Team and will compete at the Regional Trials.

Phoebe D - 50m Freestyle
Georgina H - 50m Freestyle
Laura H - 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 200m Medley
Juliette L - 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke
Sophie M - 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke
Liam M - 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly
Nick N - 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly
Thomas N - 200m Medley, 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle
Rafael R - 50m Backstroke

Nick N was runner-up for overall age champion in 10yrs and Thomas N was age champion in 12yrs.

Libby Wark
PE Specialist

Uniform Shop

Orders for the Year 6 Seniors shirt are now open on flexischools. If you are in doubt about what size to order, please visit the Uniform Shop on Monday morning between 8 and 9, or send your child along to view/try on the samples we have available. Orders will close on Thursday 27th February and there will be no further opportunity to order these shirts.

We have recently had some smaller size 2nd hand uniform come in - checked shirts, skorts and polos, so please come in on Monday and grab a bargain.

We have been very busy in the Uniform shop so thank you for your patience and to the volunteers who have helped kit everyone out!
Tuckshop

Thank you very much to all the parents who have volunteered to be involved on the donations, baking and tuckshop roster. Your help is much appreciated.

Should you still wish to volunteer for any (or all?) of the above, please contact me on 0449 115 888 or email robinandsusan8@bigpond.com.

Susan Sansbury
Uniform and Tuckshop Convenor

"What's that Skip?"

"Brookfield State School are having a Bush Dance"
"Tell me the Date...... Friday 27 March 2015"
"What time Skip..... 5.30 - 8.30 pm"
"There's going to be a Bush Band, food, drinks, swag bag, and zooper doopers!!"
"Quick tell Mum and Dad to put it in the Calendar"


Any questions please contact Nerolee Huxham at nezzaandtezza@gmail.com

Drink Fundraiser

Calling all Families to assist in contributing to a P & C fundraiser for 2015........

We are asking for your help to donate a carton or slab of any of the following - coke, coke zero, sprite, fanta, water or golden circle juice poppers to assist with fundraising functions throughout the year - the BUSH DANCE being our first for 2015.

In exchange for your donation you will receive a ticket to go into the draw to win 4 all inclusive tickets to the BUSH DANCE (to the value of $50). A ticket shall be drawn each week during the junior assembly leading up to the event.

Donations can be dropped off to the resource centre from 8.30 am every morning or from 2.15 pm every afternoon with final donations being received the morning of Friday 27 March. Please get behind the school to make our fundraising this year a success.

Monica Jones
Junior Engineers Club

Junior Engineers kicks off next week as a new addition to our after school activities. Students from Years 3 - 6 are invited to register for classes this term, held Thursdays 3:15, to learn how to write computer software programs. Through their courses, Junior Engineers aims to promote problem solving, creativity and mathematical skills for young children. For more information and or register your interest go to http://www.jnrengineers.com/registration.html