From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

The ‘National Day against Bullying and Violence’ is this Friday 20 March. This also coincides with ‘Harmony Day’. Students are encouraged to wear orange or an orange accessory to express their support for stamping out bullying (Say No to Bullying) and supporting tolerance and inclusion (Harmony Day). Miss Noonan has arranged for a number of resources to be shared with staff and students in support of these important initiatives.

The term ‘bullying’ is often misrepresented. Bullying is defined as 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.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include, however, still need to be addressed and resolved:
- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

In the Australian Covert Bullying Study Executive Summary (2009) it states 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
- 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 Bullying - No Way! website has information for teachers, parents and students of 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/

**2015 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 in twenty countries. 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 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 Friday 27 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

Thought for the Week

Don’t watch the clock: do what it does.
Keep going!

Sam Levenson

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

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents are encouraged to book in for an interview with your child’s teacher. We conduct these interviews to enable us to communicate with parents regarding student progress and plan for the year ahead.

When: End or Term 1 or beginning of Term 2 (see below)
Duration: 10-15 minute interviews
Where: Individual Classrooms

Term 1 Meetings = N84V5
Term 2 Meetings = 2KKKR

Bookings are open now and will close this Saturday 21 March at 5pm for Term 1 appointments and Thursday 2 April for Term 2 appointments.

Teachers offering meetings in Term 1:

Mrs Michele Higgins
Prep A

Mrs Rachel Beitzel
Prep C

Mrs Melinda Kienzle
Prep D

Mrs Margie Dixon / Mrs Leah Cathcart
1A

Mrs Bev Wilson / Mrs Robin Kerr
1B

Miss Kristine Koerper
3B

Mrs Fiona Ryan / Mrs Rebecca Moore
3C

Ms Sally Woods / Mrs Teale Jooste
4A

Mrs Tracy Findlay
4B

Ms Wendy Woods / Mr Brad Hume
5A

Ms Hilary Evans / Mrs Libby Wark
6A

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Teachers offering meetings in Term 2:

- Ms Bernice Noonan  
- Mrs Kirsty Cunningham / Mrs Lisa McKay  
- Mrs Steph Weigel  
- Mrs Vickie Craig  
- Ms Nola Culhane / Mrs Christine Gourlay  
- Ms Sally Woods / Mrs Teale Jooste  
- Mrs Tracy Findlay  
- Mrs Jodie Drew / Ms Britt Carseldine  
- Ms Wendy Woods / Mr Brad Hume  
- Mr Kieron Skehan  
- Mrs Deb Minczanowski  
- Mrs Fiona Echberg

Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early to enable us to keep to our scheduled times on the day, thank you.

If you experience any difficulties booking please contact the school either by phone or email.

Life Education

Students have been highly engaged during their visits to the Life Education Van, with reflections including:

- **Prep A:**
  - “There was a note from a possum.” Amelie
  - “It was a note about a picnic.” Alex
  - “We need healthy food in our picnic basket.” Jack
  - “We talked about how our brothers and sisters can help us if we need them to.” Scott

- **1B:**
  - “We learnt about body parts and their names.” Lizzie
  - “How fast and how slow our heart can go when we are asleep or when we are running.” Coen
  - “Eat healthy food to get healthy.” Hailey

- **2B:**
  - “We learnt about the five healthy food groups.” Sophie
  - “We learnt about body parts.” Daniel LW
  - “Michele told us about healthy vegetables.” Candice

Art Competition - ENTRIES CLOSING FRIDAY

Quick! Get your entry in for our Art Competition – Belong, Strive, Succeed! Entries are due by **THIS FRIDAY (20 March)** to the office. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity to have your artwork displayed at school for years to come!

**Competition Guidelines:**

1. Three categories:
   - a. Prep to Year 2
   - b. Year 3 and Year 4
   - c. Year 5 and Year 6
2. Art work is to be completed on A3 size paper.
3. Art work is to be completed at home.
4. Entry is optional.
5. Entries are due Friday 20 March, 2015 to the office.
6. Ensure you include your child’s name and class on the back of the entry.

QSchools app

The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters. In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates.

There are QR Codes on display at the office and hall entrance doors should you wish to find out more or download the app.

Have a wonderful week,
Katie
klew114@eq.edu.au

Cross Country 2015

The Cross Country is scheduled for the last Tuesday of this term, March 31. 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, 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 2003)
- Year 1
- 11yrs (born 2004)
- Year 2
- 9yrs (born 2006) and Yr. 3 (born 2007)
- 10yrs (born 2005)

Libby Wark
PE Specialist

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you everyone for your support for Funky Hair Day last week. We raised just under $800. Well done to the prize winners and thank you to Bokkiekids for their generous donation of the prizes. Next year will be even crazier!

Warm regards
Nicola

P & C News

Dear Parents

On behalf of the P & C, welcome to another school year, in particular to our new parents and those of Prep students, as they start primary school. We hope you and your children have settled in well to the new routine. It’s hard to believe that we are over halfway through Term 1 already! The P & C held our AGM last week with the following committee roles filled:
The P & C Executive for 2015 is:

President ~ Victoria Brown
Vice President ~ Roanne Lemmon-Warde
Treasurer ~ Graeme Knox
Secretary ~ Rebecca Harrison

Our Key Officer Roles include:
Assistant Treasurer ~ Accounts Payable ~ Rone Coltham
Assistant Treasurer ~ Accounts Receivable ~ Petra Jones
Fundraising Coordinators ~ Louisa Wijacha & Aneta Zielinski
Fundraising Team members ~ Andy Dart (Burger bar), Natalie Murray and Nerolee Huxham (Bush dance), Monica Jones (Drinks fundraiser), Sarah Stefanaras & Shelley MacGregor (Mothers/Fathers Day Stalls), Deb Minczanowski and Ori Lissner (Trivia Night – To be confirmed)
Communications Coordinator ~ Nadine McGrath
Parking/Grounds Coordinator ~ Ori Lissner
Student Banking Officers ~ Fiona Himstedt and Louise Rae
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator ~ Nicola Hile
Grants Coordinator ~ Chris Steel
Books/Stationery Coordinator ~ Peta Wilson

Please join me in congratulating all those who have taken on a committee role this year!
There are still two positions vacant for enthusiastic parents who would like to get involved on the P&C team to make an impact and develop the Brookfield State School community. Here is a brief outline of what is involved.

1. Flexischools Coordinator: VACANT
   Description - under the guidance of Executive members and the Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Convenor coordinates any development or changes to Flexischools online ordering system and processes as required.

2. P & C Sub-Committee - employment related matters: VACANT
   Description – A P&C Representative who along with the President and Treasurer is responsible for employment related matters for paid convenor role/s. Would suit someone with a background in Human Resources.

The P & C is a great way to get to know other parents within the school, and together with our amazing Class Representatives, Tuckshop and Uniform Shop volunteers it is a wonderful way to be involved within the school. It is not time-consuming and when you partner with other parents it is even more enjoyable. We sincerely thank all the parents who have already helped in various ways.

P & C Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in B Block. We welcome all parents and would love to have you as part of the P & C support team within our Brookfield school community.

For any further information about P & C or the vacant roles, please contact me – Victoria Brown (P & C President) on 0429 475 625 or vicandab@bigpond.net.au.

Victoria Brown
P & C President
PCYC News

Hi everyone!

We have been very busy at PCYC enjoying all our activities. We have been cooking, gardening, playing outdoor games and sports, participating in art activities. We are getting great numbers at the moment but would love to see more children visit our centre! We guarantee happy children.

Our vacation care program is out and it has been attached for you to look at. We are very affordable and we have lots of fun. To get your customised quote please contact us on 3374 2107 or via email at brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au We would love to see lots of new faces!

A new week means a new menu. Please see below for this week’s menu of healthy and fun food.

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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.

UNIFORM SHOP - Winter Uniforms 2015

The purchase of winter uniforms is by ORDER ONLY and is to be placed either using the online FlexiSchools system OR if you are unable to order online, paper order forms are available from the office and attached to today’s banter email. Due to limited space we only keep a small stock of winter uniforms for new families arriving at the school. So please think about your requirements and complete an order to avoid missing out.

Our winter uniform items include long bottle green track pants and a matching bottle green jumper or jacket available in either fleece or microfibre. Bottle green bootleg pants and knitted tights are available for girls. Please refer to the items detailed below. Uniforms are available in sizes 4 to 16, even sizes only eg. 4, 6, 8 etc.
Pants

**Microfibre Track Pants**
Polyester/cotton lining & ankle zip cuffs. $28

**Fleecy Track Pants**
Low-pill fleece with double knee pad. $22

**Girls Bootleg Pants**
Cotton Spandex, in bottle green. $29

**Girls Tights**
Cotton/Nylon/Spandex, in bottle green. $15

Tops

**Microfibre Zip Jacket**
Side Pockets and school logo, in microfibre. $36

(this item matches the Microfibre Track Pants)

**Fleecy Zip Jacket**
Side Pockets and school logo; in 310g low-pill fleece. $24

**Fleecy Sweatshirt**
Crew Neck and school logo; in 310g low-pill fleece. $19

Please visit the Uniform Shop on Monday from 8am - 9am if you wish to see the items & sizes before ordering.

*Please complete flexischools/online orders by **Sunday 29th March 2015***

Paper order forms must be returned to the Office by **Friday 27th March 2015** in an envelope marked 'Winter Uniform Order'. Please include full payment by Credit Card or Cheque, **no cash will be accepted**.

We anticipate orders will be distributed to your child's classroom by the second week of Term 2.

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**Drinks Donation Closing 19 March**

A huge thank you to everyone that has donated soft drink, juice or water thus far. This is such a great saving for the P & C which means any drinks sold at P & C functions will be going directly back to the school. There is still time to donate with Thursday 19 March being the last opportunity to drop off drinks to the Resource Centre. The final raffle draw shall take place during junior assembly. I’d like to say an enormous thank you to Monica Jones who for these past few weeks has given up her time every morning before school and in the afternoon at pick up time to be available to take donations and ensuring raffle tickets are filled out. I’d also like to thank Angelique Cugola for printing the posters and raffle ticket winner certificates.

**Colouring-In Competition Closes Wednesday 25 March**

The colouring-in competition is drawing to a close and we’ve had some really great entries already, thank you. All entries have been posted outside the resource centre and are looking so colourful.

There is still time for your child to enter if they are interested and entries do close by end of school Wednesday 25 March. A note has been issued to class reps with an entry form attached.

**Bush Dance FAQ’s**

**Do I need to bring anything?**

No. Just your dancing shoes and some cash for the bar or additional food.

**Can we arrive anytime during the night?**

Yes. The band is aiming to start at 6.30 pm and will be playing till 8.30 so even if you can’t make it to the hall until 7 pm there will still be plenty of food, dancing and drinks to go around.
Can I purchase tickets on flexischools even if I don’t have an account?
Yes. You can sign in as a guest.

Can I send my child/ren along without us?
No. All children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult and will need to be supervised throughout the function.

Do I have to wear bush dance costume?
No. Feel free to dress up in what ever you like and remember there is a prize for the best dressed girl and boy.

What food and drink will be available on the night?
The BBQ shall be cooking burgers (similar to the Burger Bar) and sausages. There will also be a cash bar serving beer and wine. Soft drink, juice, water and zooper doopers shall also be available.

Will there be games on the night?
Yes. The band will also be holding a thong throwing competition and limbo.

I don’t know any bush dances.
Don’t worry. The band will be teaching us all we need to know.

Where can I park?
Please use Boscombe Road or the top school car park. The staff carpark will be closed for adult’s and children’s safety.

Will there be other music other than the band?
Yes. There will be music prior to the band starting and for a short time after the band has finished.

How do we get access to the bush dance?
If you have purchased tickets on flexischools please bring your confirmation receipt with you and we can mark your names off our list. If you have purchased an all inclusive ticket you will be handed an envelope with all the tickets you need to redeem each item. e.g. sausage etc. Each person that has a ticket will be required to have their hand stamped so please ‘check’ everyone in with you at the same time. If you are purchasing your tickets on the night you will also receive your envelope with the relevant tickets.

I purchased an all inclusive ticket, can I still buy more food and drink?
Absolutely. The bar is operating a cash bar however to purchase anything else you will need to get a ticket from the ticket booth to redeem your item. Signs will show you what colour ticket redeems which item.

I’d like to help out on the night. How can I help?
We have set up an online volunteer roster. Please visit brookfieldstateschool.volunteerlocal.com/?id=8371 to select where and what time you can help out.

Natalie Murray

Fundraising News
Easter Hot Cross Bun Drive

Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!
If you have no daughters, 
give them to your sons.
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!

An envelope order form has been sent home with your eldest child for our Inaugural Hot Cross Bun Drive. Bakers Delight Kenmore are kindly donating $2 from every 6 pack sold to our school. With your choice of traditional, fruitless and choc chip Hot Cross Buns, this is set to be a delicious fundraiser! Make sure you don’t miss out!

Regards
P&C Fundraising Team

HOLIDAY 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:
Four days from Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April – 8am to 10am each day. Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School.

What’s on:
Coaching clinics for all ages with classes specifically structured to cater for the following
- **Little Kids** – little kiddies aged 3 to 5 with focus on basic tennis, hand eye coordination, spatial 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 term’s 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 term’s coaching in one week as many kids get one hour coaching a week – so its great value for money at $125 for the week.

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

To register please call the Brookfield Tennis Centre on 07 3374 1046 or email tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au so we can lock your kids and grandchildren in. Classes are already filling up and numbers are limited.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Take your camera and start clicking!

Autumn is the perfect time to be outdoors with your camera to photograph the great variety of native flora and fauna in and around your local creek. Find and photograph your favourite spot in your local creek and you could be a winner!

The Moggill Creek Catchment Group is holding its Annual Photography Competition from 24 – 31 October. With cash prizes for Primary and Secondary students as well as Open categories, it is well worth entering!

Be inspired by the display of past winning photos in the Kenmore Library until the end of March.

For further information, please contact mcccphotoschools@gmail.com
Martial Arts Queensland Classes

When talking to parents at Brookfield SS, many of them assume that the martial arts classes run at Brookfield State School are Martial Arts Queensland classes. However these classes are not part of the Martial Arts Queensland group. If you would like to try one of our classes and see what makes them so popular. We run them locally in Kenmore at Our Lady of Rosary (OLR) on a Wednesday afternoon, in Fig Tree Pocket on Tuesday afternoon and at Toowong and Jamboree Heights (near Mt Ommaney) Monday to Saturday. Classes also available in Mt Crosby, The Gap, Keperra, Wavell Heights and Mansfield.

There are specialised classes for 3-6yr olds (Little Warriors) and our popular Defence program for 6 years and up. Call us on 1300 766 634 if you would like to come and trial a class or visit our website www.maqld.com for more details. Thanks Angelique