Can you remember back to your days at primary school when you sat assessments? I attended The Gap Primary and I can’t ever remember being given feedback about my performance except for when my mother told me about my progress following the end of semester interview. I’d study her face looking for the slightest expression that might indicate her approval.

To be fair to the school and my colleagues at The Gap, it was a few years ago now since they had the pleasure of my company. And there was the weekly turnaround tests on spelling words and number facts that I mastered through rote learning that provided me with regular feedback on my progress.

What about goal setting? This was not something I was familiar with until I was in Malaysia with a representative U21 hockey team and the coach told us to set some goals and stick them on the wall in our room so he knew what we wanted to achieve. At the time, I thought winning was everything, but I learnt more on that trip about preparation, planning and self-reflection that would improve me as a player for years to come.

This week I’ve been scheduling time to meet with students and talk to them about their goals and the feedback they receive on their progress. It’s something our students are becoming more aware of in terms of the areas they need to focus on in order to improve their overall achievement.

Internationally acclaimed Professor John Hattie believes student goal setting works best when the parents, the teacher and the student work together to develop goals. Thought should be given to:

• where the student is currently functioning;
• what level of achievement would challenge the student;
• who would support the student in what way;
• when progress toward the goal would be tracked or monitored.

At Brookfield, students set goals in reading, writing and numeracy that reflect the current curriculum units. Our teachers create learning opportunities, design lessons, and engage students in tasks that support them in reaching their goals. Feedback is provided to students in various modes that both informs teaching and progress towards goals.

Our teachers will reflect on goal setting and feedback in the coming weeks to refine our processes that will ultimately improve student achievement. The Professional Collaborative Learning Centre (PCLC) established in B Block is used regularly by our teachers and support staff to reflect on best practice and high impact strategies.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students completed the Literacy and Numeracy tests last week. A student report will be provided at the end of Term Three outlining your child’s achievement in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Congratulations to our students who went about completing the tests with a minimum of fuss.

I will share some of the 2016 NAPLAN questions in future editions of the Banter to satisfy your curiosity.

ICAS - Technology

30 students across Years 3-6 completed the ICAS - Digital Technologies test earlier this week. The test papers have been posted back to the testing centre and reports and certificates should be received back at school in about six weeks.
The ICAS Science Test will take place on Tuesday 31 May between 9-11am in B Block. Almost 60 students across Years 2-6 have nominated. A list of students and the required materials will be provided to teachers prior to the testing date.

District Cross Country Team

The following students from Brookfield will represent West Akuna at the Regional Cross Country Trial on Thursday 02 June at Limestone Park in Ipswich:

10 Years - Georgina G, Erica M, Sarah W, Zara K, Alexander B and Ben P
11 Years - Amelia H, Miranda McP, Emma Neilson, Sophie M, Will P and Jake HR
12 Years - Rachael B and Jarrod R

Thought for the Week

Wake up with determination,
Go to bed with satisfaction.

Anon

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

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Brookfield Show Visits

What a treat we had on Friday when classes were able to preview the Brookfield Show. Students were able to interact in a diversity of attractions, from craft displays to a Reptile Show.

What was most appreciated were the number of parent helpers that were able to join us during this experience, thank you. Teachers were able to breathe easy knowing they had the extra sets of eyes looking out for our students. The children loved having parents along too.

Below are a few snaps that I took as I accompanied our early year’s classes and a map one of our Prep’s offered to me after he overheard I had got lost trying to find my way back through the Brookfield Show grounds to the school’s back gate! The map was very detailed and a great help.
Student’s Individual Goals

Our teachers are currently supporting students with the process of developing—through conferencing, monitoring—through visuals like charts and personalised folders, and reporting—to their teacher and I, on their personal learning goals. Students are setting goals in reading, writing and numeracy.

Our teachers agree that a student’s goal has to be realistic with a stretch, requiring effort and focus to achieve it. We are helping our students to become self-regulated learners through this process.

It has been an absolute delight to see and hear the positive and happy sharing of individual student goals as I have been in classrooms this week. Please encourage your child to share their goals with you throughout the term.

Junior Assembly: Change of Venue

Our Junior Assembly will be in the Tuckshop area this week as we are hosting a Starlab visit in our hall from 9 am to 3 pm.

Classes will enjoy an exhilarating learning experience with Starlab’s curriculum-based presentations taking place throughout the day.

There will be no class presentations this week on assembly.

Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to Year 1C – awesome effort 1C.

The class that received the most brookie bears over the course of last week was Year 1A – congratulations.

Have a great week,
Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au
Junior Choir Cancelled This Week

There will be no junior choir rehearsal this Thursday 19 May as Mrs Kienzle will be away.

Thank you
Melinda Kienzle

Resource Centre News

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Yes the Challenge is on again! Brookfield State School had a great number of students entering last year so we look forward to another wonderful year of participation by our super-readers!

The Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 6 to read 15 books until August 26. The challenge aims to improve children’s literacy, to cultivate a passion for literature and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning.

Each student has been given a yellow reading record sheet today to complete during the challenge. Please return it to the office when finished. Ready set read!

Individual, Class and group poems on any subject are accepted

Limits: up to 3 poems per student; poems no longer than 80 lines; no illustrations, graphics or decorations included.

Optional Theme: Waiting

Lower Primary (Years K – 3)
Winner: $300, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $150 and prize pack

Upper Primary (Years 4 – 6, Inc. Year 7 in SA)
Winner: $400, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $200 and prize pack

Assisted Learning Primary
Winner: $400, trophy and prize pack
Runner-up: $200 and prize pack

Entries to be submitted by the teacher, eligibility criteria:
• students on assisted learning programs
• students with English as a second language

The competition closes on Friday 30 June 2016.

Thank you!!!

A massive thank you to all the supporters of this year’s cake stall.

The P&C’s fundraising team wants to sincerely thank all the amazing individuals and local businesses who generously donated products for this year’s cake stall raffle. Your donations
helped raise thousands of dollars toward our school’s fundraising efforts, and all the money raised goes toward extra facilities for our children. Attached to Banter is a list of all the sponsors who so generously supported this year’s cake stall.

The P&C’s fundraising team would also like to thank all the mums, dads and grandparents who helped bake cakes and slices, muffins and slices – we sold out of everything by Sunday afternoon. Every last cupcake sold. It was a tremendous collective effort, and after costs, we raised around $6,000 for our school. And special thanks to everyone who volunteered their precious weekend and family time to help us sell all those delicious goodies over three days at the Show. We really couldn’t have done it without your help...it’s this collective effort that helps make our fundraising efforts so successful...and worth it!!

If you still have any raffle tickets at home, don’t forget to return these to the office - we’ll be drawing the raffle on Thursday, and there are some fabulous hampers...but you have to be in it to win it!!

Thank you
Sophie Weitemeyer

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

Last week at Brookfield PCYC the children decided they wanted to make some biscuits to enter into the Brookfield Show! We had a lot of fun making and rolling the dough out and creating lots of shapes to enter. Hannah in Prep had the brilliant idea of making a biscuit in the shape of the school emblem!

Cancellations

If you require cancelling a previously made booking, please ensure you give staff 48 hours notice so you are not charged. You can do this by emailing Liz at brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au, writing in the bookings and cancellations booklet at the service or calling 3374 2107 (leaving a message is fine).

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au or by visiting us (we are in A block under the music room). We love to see new faces at PCYC! Here are a few things we offer:

• Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm - our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service
• Life skills programs- cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly
• Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader
• Art and craft

Please come visit us, call 3374 2107 or email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au for more information.

We would love to meet you!

Thank you!
Liz Gordon-Brown
TRIVIA NIGHT
BROOKFIELD ROTARY
SAT 28TH MAY
6.00 PM FOR A 7.30 PM START

Raising funds to assist people suffering from MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND) and other Rotary projects.

Brookfield Rotary
www.brookfield rotary.org.au

VENUE
Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kenmore 4069
Blue and Purple Theme
Fiona Hudson-Langham: 0422 527 005
Sat 26th May
6.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

Get together a team of up to 10 people
Cash bar, raffles, prizes to be won, BYO table snacks
Donations for silent auction and raffle would be greatly appreciated
Cost is $25 per person
Pay Pal via website

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