Music Concert Success!

Thank you to those families who supported our Music program with your attendance at our Music Concert last week - what a wonderful night it was! Congratulations to all students involved, each performance was a fantastic representation of the diversity of musical skills and abilities at Brookfield. Thank you to our wonderful music staff - Mrs McMillan, Ms Hemmings, Mr Lougheed and Mrs Kienzle for your hard work and dedication with our students throughout the year and in particular in preparation for the annual concert. The performances on the night were proof that hard work and regular practice pays off! Well done!

BYOD iPads in 2016

As communicated by Bruce recently, the decision regarding BYOD iPads in 2016 is as follows:

“In 2016, all students in Years 3 to 6 will be welcome to bring an iPad, if they choose to. The iPad will be used to increase engagement and interest in learning as a modern teaching tool, better facilitate differentiation, with the added bonus of improving the learning connection between home and school.”

Bringing an iPad in 2016 is not a requirement, it is an option. Teachers will support and cater for students with iPads and those without, in the same classroom. Brookfield State School will provide banks of 12 iPads in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 and across Years 4 – 6. At least 5 computers, either laptops and/or desktops will be available in each class to assist with the integration of ICTs.

To further support the understanding of how iPads will be used in classrooms in 2016, we have provided a Minimum Expectations for Use document (attached to this week’s Banter).

In the coming weeks, a questionnaire will be provided to students in Years 2 - 5 to ascertain the number of students who intend to bring an iPad in 2016.

Student Participation Agreements for students who intend on bringing their own device will need to be completed, these will be communicated at a later date. The school’s ICT Acceptable Use Policy (completed on enrolment) will suffice for students without a device or using a school iPad.

Should you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me via phone, email or in person.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

For Term 4, students receive a "Spotya" when they are "spotted" displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 "Spotyas" go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly "Spotya" draw takes place on assembly. Last week's winner was Billy and his fellow Prep D students - well done!

The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week Year 3B were our Most Respectful Class - well done Miss Koerper and Year 3B students.

Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au
Resource Centre News

Last Week for Student Borrowing

This week is the last week for student borrowing from the Resource Centre which means all loans are due back in two weeks (Week 9).

THE BIG BOOK SWAP returns this week!

This week students can bring in books to the Resource Centre to receive one token for each book to swap for another book they like - for free!

How it works:
1. Bring books
2. Get 1 token for each book
3. Swap for different Book Swap books

Where: Resource Centre verandah.
What: Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction.
Opening Times: Week 7- Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th November, 8:30-8:50 and 1st Breaks

We are unable to accept pre-school/toddler level books. Books need to be appropriate for primary school reading levels and in good condition (undamaged).

* Students can bring along tokens from the last Big Book Swap in this Book Swap!

Read and get excited!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Year 6 Graduation

Reminder: To finalise catering, the deadline for purchasing your tickets will be this Friday 20 November 2015.

The dress code is smart casual. For you to nominate what table you would like to sit at, there will be table lists posted on the library verandah from Wednesday next week.

Graduation Committee

Swimming Carnival BBQ

As you all know our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 07 December at the Kenmore State School swimming pool.

We have decided to replace the Dad’s BBQ with a BBQ at the swimming carnival instead. We will be selling sausages in bread, drinks, chips, ice-blocks etc.

If anyone is able to assist by working for an hour or so, during the morning, please let me know so that I can draw up a roster. Please e-mail me on rojolw@gmail.com.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Religious Instruction (RI) Christmas Assemblies

The Christian RI teachers will holding be this year’s Christmas assemblies on Tuesday 24 November as follows:

11.45am: Grades 1 - 3
12.45pm: Grades 4 - 6

Parents, younger siblings and others from our community are very welcome to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Laryssa B
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Noah B
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Tiah A
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Each year the RI teachers encourage the school community to support a different charity in the lead up to Christmas. Last year the school community was very generous in their support of a food hamper drive for The Salvation Army.

This year we are seeking support for the Buy A Bale charity. This group is helping our farmers to get through the current ongoing drought. Further details are available at www.buyabale.com.au. So on Tuesday 24 November, the day of the RI Christmas assemblies, all students will be encouraged to give a gold coin to support Buy A Bale. In return, the students will be allowed to wear a Christmas-themed accessory to school eg antler ears, Santa hat, tinsel etc.. For each $20 donated, one bale of hay will be donated to a farming family in need.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Nativity Play

Kenmore Anglican Church will once again bring their very popular Nativity Play to our school at 9.30am on Thursday 3 December. The wider school community is also welcome to attend.

All students from Grades 1-6 who participate in the RI program will be attending. Prep students and other students are also welcome to attend if they bring in a signed permission note from home.

Karen Grenning
RI Co-Ordinator
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Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 is now out and is the final issue for the year. Orders are due Friday 27 November please and should be delivered to school the following week. To order, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app for iPad, iPhone or Android. If you would like an alternative pickup arrangement to avoid spoiling present surprises, then please contact me on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au.

There are also some Warehouse sales coming up in the next two weeks at Morningside, Bracken Ridge and Springfield. Here is the link to check times and locations.


Thank you,
Nicola Hile

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

How time is flying! We cannot believe it is the second half of the last term of the year!! We are very excited to release our Christmas vacation care program (attached) because we have so many fun days planned! Some of the days we are most looking forward to are: the excursion to see the Myer Christmas windows, our Christmas feast, water fun days including a giant water slide, going to Inflatable World, having a food fight, going to Frew Park and Go Karting! Check out the program attached for more details! If you would like to book in your children for any of these days, please contact us at the centre on 3374 2107.

We are also taking our new prep enrolments for next year. If you are interested in enrol-
At PCYC we have implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children following our school rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Giulia Crema for the second week in a row and Nicholas Crema for outstanding behaviour. Well done to the Crema family!

We have just switched direct debit companies so if you haven’t yet updated your details, please login to the parent portal or contact Kristy to arrange this as soon as possible please! If you would like to enrol your children or would like a tour of our service, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

November P&C Meeting Update

Last Tuesday night was our November meeting, the highlights of our meeting were:

- Recognition for Malcolm Leaman – a gift has been organised (I Love Brookfield tea towel and gift card). Card was circulated at the meeting for people to sign ready to present to him on Thursday where I said a few words on Assembly to thank Malcolm on behalf of the P&C.
- QAST Tuckshop of the Year awards – This year we submitted applications for the following awards: Volunteer/s of the Year, Tuckshop of the Year and Convenor of the Year Awards. We were a finalist in the Tuckshop of the Year Award and have been awarded a Special Commendation for Volunteer/s of the Year - that relates to our entire Tuckshop volunteering team. Our very special Susan Sansbury received a Special Commendation for Convenor of the Year. Susan is an absolute winner in our eyes, everyone agreed we are blessed to have Susan in our Convenor role. Well done to Susan and all our volunteers who make our Tuckshop successful and a lot of fun!
- Cyber Safety talk – 3 sessions have been organised for Tuesday 16th February 2016. One student session for years 3 - 6 during the day and then parent sessions 1.30pm – 2.30pm and an evening session 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
- P&C Income for the year is at $72,500. Confident we will achieve our $75,000 target.
- Planning for 2016 – Draft P&C plan to be discussed at our next meeting, including possible projects/curriculum areas P&C could support. Fundraising Plan for 2016 to be finalised.
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) - Bruce and Katie provided clarification of the current proposal and changes from last P&C meeting. There was a lengthy open discussion on this item. Bruce and Katie will make a decision on the BYOD proposal in the next few days, correspondence will be sent to the school community to allow planning time for 2016.
- Swimming Carnival – P&C to run the tuckshop (BBQ/ice blocks/watermelon) at the swimming carnival. This will replace the Father’s End of Year Tuckshop BBQ
- Update on Stationery Orders – all going well. Currently 312 orders with more orders expected to come. The school oval will be open for additional parking on day one of 2016 for delivery of children and their book packs.
- Trivia Night – Total profit made was $5234. New revised format and run sheet worked well, with trivia, games and disco at the end of the night. Congratulations to the staff
who won the night. Grant (trivia master) and Ben (master of ceremonies) were outstanding. All agreed the same formula should be utilised next year.

- **Year 6 Graduation** - Currently there are 3 Awards presented at graduation: German Award, Pam Swales Arts/Music award and a RSL citizenship award. P&C to sponsor a Sporting Award, Academic Award and most improved type Award to provide broader recognition of students across a range of activities.

- **Carolyn Parsons Artwork Plaques** - Carolyn is leading this year’s senior artwork and work is well advanced in the senior’s area consisting of poles, waves and mosaics. As discussed earlier in the year we want to place naming plaques on all Carolyn’s previous art projects to recognise her work and the year it was done. Expenditure passed for these plaques.

- **Bush Xmas Burger Bar** - Last one of the year to be run by P&C, please let us know if you can help it will be a huge night!

- **Flexi-Schools** - Year 6 musical tickets have been added.

- **Uniform Shop Changing room** has been completed.

Only one more meeting for the year, to be held on 8 December 2015 where we will be finalising our 2016 P&C calendar which includes our fundraising events and key activities for next year. As always everyone is welcome, we would love to see you there.

Kind regards,
Victoria Brown (P&C President)

**HO-HO-HO-LY MOLY it’s the LAST BURGER BAR for 2015…**

Friday 04 December, to be held in conjunction with Brookfield Show Society Bush Christmas event. The P&C will be hosting a Burger Bar that promises to see the year out with a bang!!

Come and get a sausage in bread or a Christmas ham roll with rocket and relish!! There will be a movie screening for the kids with lollies and popcorn available.

See you there.
Andy Dart

**Brookfield School Tennis**

On Sunday morning our seven Brookfield Tennis Teams competed in the fourth round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield School courts. Our teams played exceptionally well and did Brookfield School proud again! Below are the results:

**Red Ball Teams:**
Brookfield A beat Brookfield B
Fig Tree Pocket beat Moggill

**Orange Ball Teams:**
Brookfield A beat Brookfield C
Brookfield B beat Pullenvale

**Green Ball Teams:**
Brookfield A beat Chapel Hill
Fig Tree Pocket C beat Brookfield B
Fig Tree Pocket B beat Brookfield C

Looking forward to some exciting tennis this weekend which will determine, which teams make it into the finals.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde
Time to get Running for Charity

It’s time to break out the running gear for the annual Brookfield Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, 5 December.

With just three weeks to prepare, kids, mums, dads, grandparents, neighbours and even teachers should be building up to the 5km run/walk. The annual event raises funds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

The run leaves Boscombe Road outside the Brookfield State School General Store at 7am, head down along Rafting Ground Road to Huntington and back into the Showground.

Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish with a gold coin donation for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers. Registration opens near the Brookfield General Store from 6.15 am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family

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Cheers
Jan Martin

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