Fantastic writing in Year 1

This week, I have had the pleasure of visiting some of our Year 1 classrooms and seeing their fabulous writing inspired by the “Lighthouse Keeper” series of books. It is wonderful to see how much progress our students have made, and continue to make, particularly with their writing abilities. I was particularly impressed with the range of vocabulary students used in their recounts, we definitely have some budding authors in the midst!

Old Mr Grinling and his wife lived in a small white cottage on the cliffs. Hamish was their adventurous ginger cat who chased cheeky mice in the lighthouse. But one day three sea-gulls came scavenging for food. They found some and they devoured all the food. “Get off my food you varmints!” said Mr Grinling. But they didn’t take the slightest notice, they devoured it all up. “We need a plan,” said Mrs Grinling. “I have an idea. I can pack mustard sandwiches!” “Yuk! Aaaaagh! Aaaaoak!” said the sea-gulls. “We’re never coming back again!”

The cheeky sea-gulls ate the lunch. Hamish was seasick because Mrs Grinling pushed Hamish in the basket. Mrs Grinling had a splendid idea. She could make a mustard sandwich. The sea-gulls said, “Aaaaagh!” They flew away and never came back.

Making Every Day Count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 12 December 2014. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Please be sure to inform your child’s teacher if they are going to be away for an extended period of time, for example, a family holiday. It is important for teachers to be aware of this and work the student’s assessment around it as best as possible. With enough notice, and at parental request, teachers will also be able to provide work for students to complete whilst on an extended holiday.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Congratulations to Year 2A for being awarded “Most Respectful Class” on last week’s assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 2A!

Have a great week,
Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au
From the Deputy – Mandy Salisbury

Brookfield State School Home Reader Amnesia 2015

Do you have home readers that haven’t made it back to school? Sometimes they hide under beds, under couches or even in the pantry! We need your help to round them up and return them to school.

Introducing Bookie!

How can you help?
Feed Bookie!

What can Bookie eat?
Any home readers that have been at home too long, school library books and any other school property.

Where is Bookie?
Bookie will be in the school office for the rest of the term. If you have some home readers at home that haven’t made it back to the class collection, just feed them to Bookie and they will make their way back to the classroom.

Bookie loves all school property that may have been at home too long or you forgot to return, especially library books, classroom resources and home readers.

Bookmark doesn’t ask any questions and no item is too old. Please help so that we can spend school funds on something more exciting than replacing lost home readers!

Mandy Salisbury
Deputy Principal

Resource Centre News

Student Loans

This is the last week for student borrowing with all library books due back in two weeks on Monday Week 9.

Bookie Book Amnesty at the Office

Please post any past Library books or home readers in Bookie at the office. All books very welcome!

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

String News!

Each of the String groups require a few extra items for their performance next Wednesday night at the school concert.

Beginner Strings will need a pair of sunglasses
Intermediate Strings will also need a pair of sunnies
Senior Strings will need some sort of coloured crazy wig.....we have discussed options in rehearsal.

Thanking you

Jen Hemmings
School Photos

School photos are still available to order online. Please see the office staff for ordering instructions.

Kenmore High Uniform Fittings

Bookings can be made through the office for a Kenmore High School uniform fitting. These will take place at the Music House on Wednesday 3 December. Please see office staff to make an appointment.

Office Staff

Sport News

Year 6 Girls Flagtag Challenge Cup

Congratulations to the Year 6 Girls Team 1 on winning this seasons Yr 6 Girls Flagtag Premiership.

The members of this team are - Holly D A, Ella Mc, Zoe T, Lily W, Bella T, Sarah B, Tess M, Jamie C, Lily M.

As a result of coming first the team has now been asked to play in a challenge cup game against a West Akuna All-stars Team made up of a selection of Yr 6 girls from other West Akuna Schools.

The game will be held this Sunday, November 23 at the Kenmore Rugby Grounds at Akuna Oval. The game starts at 9:30am, we would ask that all girls be there by 9:15am for a warm up. Students are to wear their school sports uniform. Ms Evans will be in attendance.

Kieron Skehan

PCYC News

This week at PCYC we are missing our year 6s and 7s that are on the Canberra trip which means the grade 5 children are enjoying being the leaders! We are enjoying our fresh fruit and vegetables for afternoon tea in this sweltering heat and a lot of children are enjoying indoor games in the air conditioning!

We are also preparing for the Christmas school holidays with our vacation care program. Our program has been designed with the children and parents so that it is fun and inexpensive way to enjoy the break. The program has been attached to today’s email for your perusal and bookings can be made by calling 3374 2107 or popping into the centre. We have many vacancies and are reasonably priced with many fun themed days, excursions and incursions. We hope to see you there!

Contact Kristy on 3374 2107 for your customised vacation care quote.

Have a great week everyone!

Kristy Nuttall

Scholastic Book Club - Important information

Issue 8 is the final issue for the year and online orders close by Monday 24th November. Orders after this date will incur a fee from Scholastic for delivery to your home. Please order and pay online using credit card by logging into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP (an easier link to use compared to the one in last week’s Banter and email) or you can now download a Scholastic LOOP app for iPhone or iPad from the app store.

Disclaimer: Inclusion of an advertisement for a product or service in the “Brookfield Banter” is not to be considered as an endorsement or recommendation by Brookfield State School.
If you have any questions then contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thank you!
Nicola Hile

Christmas Food Appeal

Each year the RI teachers ask the school community to consider supporting a different charity in the lead up to Christmas. Last year you may remember that we supported Compassion Australia’s relief appeal in the wake of the devastating typhoon in The Philippines.

This year we are supporting The Salvation Army’s food drive here in Brisbane. Boxes have been placed in all classrooms and we are encouraging all students to bring in donations of non-perishable food items. Donations of tinned hams and Christmas puddings also boxes of mince pies are especially welcome and will be used by The Salvation Army on Christmas Day. Other food items are also welcome and will be given out to families in need on Christmas Day.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring these items in to school by Friday 28 November.

Nativity Play

Kenmore Anglican Church will once again be bringing their very popular Nativity Play along to our school at 9.30am on Thursday 27th November. All students who participate in RI in Grades 1-3 will be attending. Anyone from the local community is very welcome to attend.

The play is especially enjoyed by younger children.

Christian Religious Instruction (RI) Christmas Assemblies

This year’s RI Christmas Assemblies will be held as follows:

9am Friday 28 November Grades 1 - 3
10am Friday 28 November Grades 4 - 7

Family and friends are very welcome to come along to these assemblies. This year, children’s entertainer Wes Fittell will be running the assemblies. Wes incorporates games and puppetry in his presentations which are always a lot of fun.

Thank you
Karen Grenning
RI Co-Ordinator

Brookfield School Tennis

This past Sunday morning 16th November, saw only our Red Ball Brookfield Tennis Teams compete in the fourth round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre. Our Orange and Green Ball teams were all on a bye. The weather was extremely hot, but all our little players played very well. Particular mention must go to the Brookfield C Team who had amazing team spirit and put up a good fight against our Brookfield A Team!

Below are the results:

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

Well done teams and good luck for the semi finals and group play-offs on Sunday.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Our Sponsors:
Orienteering

What a great last week of orienteering. We ran a different format - pirates gold. So kids had to collect puzzle pieces at each control and once finished put the puzzle together to find the treasure. Well done to Sarah, Keira and Emily who came first. I would like to thank Dianna McPhee and Kym Doyle for their commit and assistance over the year. Would not have been possible without their help. Thank you so much team!

Megan Bye

Zooper Dooper Friday

Icy poles WILL be on sale this Friday, thanks to Trish Dore, so bring your 50c for an icy treat.

Arlene Aitchison

Countdown to Brookie Fun Run/Walk

The weekend heatwave was a reasonable excuse for skipping your training for the 2014 Brookfield fun run/walk on Saturday 6 December. But with just over two weeks to go, you should have the shoes, the family and the neighbours all organised for the annual 5km run/walk. All proceeds go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

This year the course will be even safer. Registration will be in the rotunda beside Brookfield Agencies and the run will start in Boscombe Road at 7am. We’ll head down Boscombe, left into Rafting Ground Road on the bike/pedestrian track to Huntington and back, round the corner past Brookfield Produce and Pet Pavilion and into the Brookfield Showground.

Junior cyclists with helmets can join John Forbes from Kenmore Cycles on a mini-bike course in the paddock opposite the Brookfield General Store and Cafe.

Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish by making a donation in exchange for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers.

Registration opens from 6.30am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family. More information: Like us on Facebook, Dee Morrison on 0409 763 991 or Jan Martin 0418 875 547.

Cheers
Jan Martin

Balaangala Community Group invites you to a “Hidden Histories” workshop. An interactive workshop that explores our shared Australian history from an Aboriginal perspective.

Facilitated by experienced Indigenous Cultural worker, James Sandy.

When: December 6th   3 - 5pm
Where: Balaangala Garden Space, 98 Yoorala St, The Gap
Cost: $15 / $10 concession

Bookings are essential
Please email: balaangalathegap@gmail.com to make your booking or for more information.

Tutor - (Former Teacher)

The school’s teachers have worked hard all year with your child. Soon they and your child will enjoy a well-deserved break before another big year. Seven weeks is a long time - a lot of learning can be lost in that time. Keep your child’s mind active this summer holiday with engaging weekly tutoring sessions. I am a post-graduate qualified teacher and published textbook author. I have worked with and learned from some of Australia’s best English and Mathematics primary educators (Calvin Irons, David Hornsby, Brian Tickle, etc.). I can develop your child’s ability to spell, communicate grammatically, punctuate their writing, read, add, subtract, multiply and divide; and work with fractions.

Contact Gerard Tuffield: gerard.tuffield@gmail.com and 0413 821 521.