The new P-1 Playground was opened this week and has created quite a lot of excitement for our younger students and those who attend the PCYC Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Service. The total project cost in excess of $83 000 with a considerable chunk of the funding coming from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, a grant that was successful over a lengthy period of time and submitted by Mrs Chris Steel as the P&C's grant submission writer. The P&C topped up the funding by another $ 7 500 with the PCYC and the school making up the balance.

Your fundraising efforts on the P&C are very much appreciated as this year we have been able to upgrade the Adventure Playground on the oval and the P-1 Playground, ensuring outside play is stimulating and enjoyable for every student. The latest playground upgrade also goes a long way to dealing with some of the flooding issues in the upper areas of the school. The remainder of the P-1 Playground will be upgraded over the next 12 months.

As attractive as the new area is, please be aware that we have a Licensing Agreement with the PCYC for before and after school, giving them exclusive access to this area. This is an important workplace, health and safety issue for the PCYC to ensure that those students in their care are visible and can be accounted for at all times. Please adhere to this policy and leave this area to PCYC during these times.

The new playground surrounds will provide a safer and healthier play environment. Thank you for your patience during the upgrade and I'm sure students will have many hours of enjoyment ahead of them.
Desktop Audit

The school leadership team, consisting of 13 staff members, met on Tuesday to consider our strategic direction for 2017 and reflect on the National School Improvement Tool, a document that outlines international research on highly effective schools and school leaders. The Tool considers nine inter-related ‘domains’ and describes each domain along performance ratings of low, medium, high and outstanding. Our school will undertake a review of the nine domains in 2017 as part of our strategic planning cycle.

The nine domains include: An Explicit Improvement Agenda; Analysis and Discussion of Data; A Culture that Promotes Learning; Targeted Use of School Resources; An Expert Teaching Team; Systemic Curriculum Delivery; Differentiated Teaching and Learning; Effective Pedagogical Practices; and School-Community Partnerships.

The information discussed and tabled from the meeting will be presented more broadly to all staff, the P&C and the School Council to inform our school improvement priorities for the coming year. Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 08 November and the School Council will meet on Monday 28 November.

School Opinion Survey

The School Opinion Survey (SOS) is an annual suite of surveys (parent/caregiver, student, staff and principal) that gauge opinions on important aspects of schooling in Queensland state schools. All parents (there are over 300 families in the school), all students in years 4-6 and all staff (we have 60 staff members including non-teaching staff) are offered the opportunity to complete a survey.

Here is a snapshot of some of the results with further discussion and analysis to take place. I welcome your feedback and look forward to digging deeper into the data with the various stakeholders. Unfortunately, the Principal Survey Results cannot be published because the responses can easily be identified as my own. I can assure you, however, I feel privileged to work at Brookfield and find my interactions with students, staff, parents and local businesses extremely satisfying and rewarding.

Student Opinion Survey (112 students completed the survey)

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<td>I can access computers and other technology at my school for learning</td>
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<td>My teachers clearly explained what is required in my school work</td>
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<td>My teachers care about me</td>
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<td>My school encourages me to be a good community member</td>
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Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey (81 parents completed the survey)

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<td>My child likes being at this school</td>
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<td>Student behaviour is well managed at this school</td>
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<td>My child's English skills are being developed at this school</td>
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<td>My child's Mathematics skills are being developed at this school</td>
<td>87.7%</td>
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<td>I understand how computers and other technologies are used at this school to enhance my child's learning</td>
<td>82.5%</td>
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<td>Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries</td>
<td>90.1%</td>
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<td>The school is environmentally friendly</td>
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<td>The school has a strong sense of community</td>
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<td>This is a good school</td>
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Staff Opinion Survey (48 staff members completed the survey)

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<td>I enjoy working at this school</td>
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<td>I feel this school is a safe place in which to work</td>
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<td>I receive useful feedback about my work at this school</td>
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<td>The school is well maintained</td>
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<td>Staff at this school have a good team spirit</td>
<td>95.8%</td>
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<td>The school is well organised</td>
<td>97.9%</td>
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<td>The school encourages me to take responsibility for my work</td>
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<td>The school makes reasonable demands of my job</td>
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<td>The school has a strong sense of community</td>
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<td>I would recommend this school to others</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>This is a good school</td>
<td>97.9%</td>
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<td>Overall, working at this school is rewarding</td>
<td>95.7%</td>
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In Loving Memory

We were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Grant Parnell. Grant’s youngest son is with us at Brookfield in Year One. If you would like to support the future well being and security of Grant’s family, a family trust has been established and contributions can be made online at www.theparnellfamilytrust.com.au
**Thought for the Week**

Statistics suggest that when customers complain, business owners and managers ought to get excited about it. The complaining customer represents a huge opportunity for more business.

Zig Ziglar

*Have a great week,*

*Bruce*

*Belong - Strive - Succeed*

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**From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell**

**2017 Book Lists**

2017 book lists are now live online!

SchoolStuff will be supplying stationery for us in 2017. You can either use the paper copy that will come home with your child/children or order directly online at [www.schoolstuff.com.au](http://www.schoolstuff.com.au). There is no cut-off date for ordering although it is recommended that orders are placed and paid for no later than 5pm Monday 4th January. This will ensure delivery before school resumes.

A4 copy paper will be delivered directly to the school to keep things a little lighter (especially for those carrying more than one lot of books into the school).

Thank you to Kirsten Woodrow who has been working to make this new system of order as smooth as possible for our Brookfield State School parents.

**Mrs Campbell Vs The School**

It seems somehow that I have committed myself to racing the school in the 2km stage of the Fun Run on Saturday 29 October. To be fair, I am rather old with tired little legs so the P&C has kindly given me a 500m head start…with a catch though. For every dollar donated to the Race Mrs Campbell Jar, I get a metre taken off my head start!

I have mixed feelings about this, I want us to raise as much as possible for our P&C funded projects, but potentially I could be starting from behind the pack if students keep bringing in their loose change to top up the jar!

On the upside, I am hoping the humiliation of being beaten to the finish line by passing turtles is worth it when we add up the generous donations before the starting whistle.

Hope to see you all there! Don’t forget to dress up.

**Year 1 Fire Truck Visit**

Our Year 1 students were very excited this week when they got to meet some ‘furies’ up close. They particularly enjoyed the fact that these fire fighters visited our school with their big red fire engine!

The students were given a personal tour of the truck and all its trimmings as well as some general information about how to keep safe in the case of fire.
First Aid Training

On our Student Free Day, Brookfield teaching and non-teaching staff spent a portion of the day refreshing their Senior First Aid training, including CPR and anaphylaxis training. Every member of staff got to practice some basic first aid techniques so that whether they face a minor situation or something more serious, their first aid knowledge will give them confidence to act to the best of their knowledge.

What staff learnt from their first aid training:

• The knowledge, skills and confidence to act in an emergency
• Up to date, correct treatments
• How to stay safe at work and how to keep our students safe from injury

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly will be held Thursday at 1:50pm, we hope you can join us.

Value Vouchers

Last week we launched our Values Vouchers by posing the question -

“What can you do?”

We are making sure we can take pride in our school because

Brookfield State School is a GREAT school!

Here are just a few things that have been added to the list already-

• smile when I pass someone
• make new people welcome to the school
• don’t pull leaves off as I walk past a plant or tree
• walk on the paths not on the gardens or seats
• tell the truth
• put my rubbish in the bin
• leave the room tidy for the cleaners
• thank people who help you

It is great opportunity for all adults (parents, teachers, staff etc.), throughout the school, to model these behaviours we value. We will also begin to link these to our School Values and discuss them on our assemblies.

Remember “from little things big things grow”

Resource Centre News

Book Fair – Week 3

We are excited at the arrival on Wednesday this week of the Scholastic Book Fair to Brookfield State School! There will be a wide variety of popular titles of fiction and non-fiction books for sale until the following Wednesday.

*Book Fair Selling Times
Wednesday 19 Oct  3:00 - 3:30
Thursday 20 Oct  8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
Monday 24th Oct  8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
Tuesday 25th Oct  8:15 - 8:45, 1st break,
Wednesday 26th Oct  8:15 - 8:45

The Resource Centre will be closed for borrowing/ lunchtime activities during the Book Fair selling times.

Wednesday's Scratch Junior Club will still be open in the Lab with Mrs O'Donoghue.

Read and get excited!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

I hope that everyone has marked Wednesday Nov 2 into your diaries as a night not to be missed. Our Music Department End of Year Concert will have every group in the school getting up on stage and showing how much they have achieved this year. We kick off at 6pm and anticipate being finished soon after 8. It is a fabulous night for all the family, so come along and be entertained.

Instrumental Program 2017

Our Music staff are busy finishing off the first stage of testing of all Year 2 and 3 students for inclusion into the instrumental program in 2017. Please remember that your child will only be considered for a position if you have returned your Expression of Interest form by this Friday, Oct 21. If you missed your copy of this form, please contact either our lovely ladies in the Office or Melissa McMillan (mmcm10@eq.edu.au).

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

SAVE THE DATE - YR 6 GRADUATION & MUCK UP DAY

Dear Year 6 Parents. An email regarding the details of the Year 6 Graduation and Muck Up Day, was sent to all Year 6 parents last Sunday 16 October from Mr Robertson.

Please read this email carefully as it outlines all the very important information of the events.

Graduation Ceremony is Wednesday December 07, starting at 5:30pm.

Muck Up Day is Thursday December 08, and will be held at Queensland Conference and Camping Centre, Gold Creek Rd, Brookfield.

Kind Regards,
Yr 6 Graduation Committee

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 orders are due back this Friday 21st October. Please order by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app for iOS or Android. Please scroll down to the bottom of the list to find Prep classes. This time when ordering through LOOP for Issue 7, you may be able to claim up to four Bonus Books!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413 443 632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile

adidas School Fun-Run
One and a half weeks to go until the Twilight Fun Run!

We still have a long way to go to achieve our $10k goal, so get busy, and get active, and we will see you on Saturday 29th October at 4pm for a great evening!

Remember, each participant gets a free frozen Quelch stick.

We’ve set our money due back date as Friday November 4th, so please make sure you’ve collected all your money by then.

Jetts have kindly donated 2 x 12 month gym memberships which we will be raffling off that evening. Tickets will be on sale at the event, and before school next week.

Can you beat Mrs Campbell? C’mom, you can do it! Mrs Campbell will be running the 2km course with a 500m head start. For every dollar deposited in the tin at the office, her head start will reduce by 1m. Let’s get her back on the start line!

We’d love some volunteers on the day. If you can help out in any way, or have any questions, please email Taryn gtnoonan@gmail.com.

PCYC News

Hi everyone! First I’d like to thank all our amazing students and families for making me feel welcome at PCYC Brookfield.

Our new playground is finished and on Monday the children had their first play. With everything so close we will be having a lot of indoor outdoor activities.

With the oval we have been playing team sports, the children have really enjoyed the playground and there are areas where the children have been using their imaginations and exploring.

Now that the weather is getting warmer please make sure the children have their hats.

The children have been doing a lot of Hammer beading, this is great for their hand eye coordination and concentration.

Some of our senior children this week have been braiding and plaiting strings and threads and of course there are the favourite activities colouring, playdough and board games.

If at any time you have any questions or suggestions please don’t hesitate in contacting me on 33742107 or email on brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Have a great week,

Andrew and the team at Brookfield PCYC
BROOKFIELD STATE SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FUN RUN 2016

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER
4PM FOR A 4.30 START

1km, 2km, and 4km runs

Students, families and friends are invited to spend an evening together being active and having fun!

All family members are invited to participate.

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

BURGER BAR WILL BE OPEN

We are aiming to raise $10,000 to contribute to the landscaping and new play equipment on the school grounds.