I congratulated our students on their start to the term on a whole-school assembly last week. One of the perks of being principal is to regularly visit classrooms and see students deeply engaged in the curriculum. The high levels of engagement are promising for a successful term ahead.

The first of our formal classroom observations will occur over the coming weeks by reflecting on goals with students and discussing the feedback they give and receive that informs teaching and learning. Bookwork will also be monitored to see if it meets our high expectations. The pedagogical reflections are an important aspect of our school’s improvement agenda along with building capacity within our teaching ranks.

Dads Needed

To thank school mums for their amazing work, we are replicating the very successful Father’s Day Breakfast with a Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday 06 May. We urgently need dads to serve on this day between 8:30-9:30am on the Resource Centre verandah. There are rumours circulating about aprons and bow ties but I can assure you smart casual attire will suffice.

Mums will be invited to visit their son’s/daughter's classroom and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a scone outside the Resource Centre. I hope we can make this a special day for the mums in our school community to say thank you for everything they do.

If you are able to assist (dads only), please let the school office know admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

ANZAC Ceremony

Our school’s ANZAC Service will be held this Friday 22 April in the hall at 9:15am. Lieutenant Colonel Richard Maher has prepared an amazing ANZAC story to share with students that highlights the ANZAC spirit. All parents and extended family members are welcome to attend the service.

Students are also invited to attend the Kenmore-Moggill ANZAC march on Monday 25 April, beginning at OLR and finishing at the Kenmore Village carpark. Students are to wear school uniform (senior shirts for Year 6) and bring a school hat. We will assemble from 7:40am in the carpark on the corner of Moggill and Kenmore Road.

All students will remain with our school group during the ceremony at the Kenmore Memorial until they are collected by parents.

Graduation Committee Meeting

We will be meeting this Friday at 2:30pm in the staffroom (Administration Block) to get things underway for the Year 6 Graduation to be held on Wednesday 07 December. Parents are welcome to come along and help with planning this exciting event. RSVP to probe66@eq.edu.au

Congratulations

Congratulations to Max S (2B) and Daniel R (3B) who represented West Brisbane in the Regional Futsal Competition. West Brisbane came third on the ladder. Well Done!

Since then, Daniel and Max have been selected to represent QLD in the under 9's QLD GOL Brazil Futsal Competition which will be held in Sydney in January 2017.
Thought for the Week

Don’t compare yourself to others,
Compare yourself to the you of yesterday.
- Anon

Have a great week!
- Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
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From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Beanie Boos on Bags
With many students using the wonderful Brookfield State School bag, we appreciate the need to have an identifier on the bag to help students recognise their bags easily (especially in the early years). Due to some unfortunate circumstances involving Beanie Boos, at this stage, we would like to discourage students from having an abundance of Beanie Boos as their bag identifiers at the moment. We would recommend a different keyring or label instead. Thanks for your support in this.

Have a great week,
- Katie
klewi114@eq.edu.au

School Photos - Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April
Attached to today's newsletter is our photo schedule for next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make a note of your child's class photo day/time and any group photos they may be involved in. Sibling photos will be taken from 8.15 am both morning and during 1st breaks in the hall foyer.

Music Students please note:
• Senior Music Groups - please bring your instruments and your black and white uniform to school Tuesday to change into during 2nd break.
• Year 4 Instrumental Students (Junior Band) - please be in the CPA3 area by 8.40am Tuesday morning with your instrument and normal school uniform.

If you have any queries regarding the school photos, please phone the school office.

Tracey Walsh
Administration Officer

Attention Prep Parents
You are invited to attend a Prep Parent Education Session focused around “Support-A-Learner”. Topics to be covered include:
• Supporting Emergent and Beginning readers
• Supporting Emergent and Beginning Maths Concepts
• Explaining Brookfield State School based intervention programs

This session will be run by Anna Vella (STLaN), Leah Cathcart (Year 1/Literacy support), Margie Dixon (Year 1/Maths support) and Tracey Spies (Prep Teacher).

Date: 26th April, 2016
Time: 2pm—3pm
Venue: B Block

Tracey Campbell
Master Teacher

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Resource Centre News

ANZAC Day Display

The ANZAC Day Commemorative Committee ‘Queensland Remembers’ mini-museum and large trunk of uniforms, kit supplies and historical artefacts are on display. Parents and students are welcome to view this before and after school and during first breaks.

Readers Cup Inter-House Competition for Year 6 students

Readers Cup is a literature competition each year where schools compete against each other in teams of 5 in June. Team members read 5 books and are asked questions about their knowledge and understanding of the events and characters in the 5 books.

We are holding an inter-house competition in Week 7 this term with teams of 5 per house competing against each other! The teams will meet during these weeks to discuss the books to prepare for the quiz. The competition books include: Forests of Silence, Red Dog, Matty Forever, The Peasant Prince (picture book) and Holes. A team will be chosen from these participating students to represent the school in the Corinda District Inter-school competition. It certainly will be a battle to watch!

Read and be entertained

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

A reminder to all Senior Band families that - in Mr Lougheed’s absence - rehearsal is on THURSDAY this week at 8am in the Hall. We are having a final run through of our ANZAC ceremony piece as well as working on pieces for our upcoming Fanfare competition. Lessons with Mr Lougheed resume as normal for all students next week.

Emails have been sent to all Senior Choir and Senior Band members with information about Friday’s ANZAC ceremony. If you did not receive yours, please let me know so that I can add you to our mailing list (mmcmi10@eq.edu.au)

All music groups - from Junior Choir and Beginner Strings right through to our Senior groups - will have photos taken next week. All instrumental students are asked to bring their instrument for the photo. Please see the timetable attached to the Banter to see which day instruments and/or uniforms are required.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Sport News

West Akuna District Tennis

The West Akuna District Tennis Trials will be held at the Brookfield Tennis Centre on Tuesday 3rd May from 8am to 2:30pm. These trials are for kids born in 2004, 2005 and 2006 only (10-12yr olds), and they will compete together. We will be using results from recent matches played during the school holidays as well as holding a number of trials during tennis squads and at school on Tuesday 26th April at 11am. If you are a competent player, have tennis lessons, play in a squad or in fixtures on the weekend and can serve and score, then please contact me on lwark3@eq.edu.au or see me at school.

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the athletes who competed at the Queensland All Schools Relay Championships on Saturday. Brookfield won five out of the five girls races, and three out of five of the boys races. Even more impressive was the line of kids on the course cheering each other on.

We won the best primary boys and girls trophies. We would like to repeat that feat on April the 30th at the Queensland All Schools Championships. We would like as many athletes as possible to take part, especially in the younger age groups (2010, 2009).

If you are not participating in the Qld All Schools Cross Country, please remember to wash and return your singlet ASAP so they can be issued for this upcoming event.

Cross Country Key Dates 2016

30th April Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships (all students welcome)
5 May District Cross Country (selected students born 2006 or earlier)
2 June Regional Cross Country (top 6 from districts)

Queensland All Schools Cross Country 30 April

We would like to see as many students as possible participate in these championships. They are open to all students. We are the defending champions for the boys, girls and combined trophies. There are individual medals as well as team medals. Teams are made up of the students’ finishing orders and are not nominated before the race. Last year Brookfield State School managed to have two teams on the podium in three categories. Note these races start around 11 for the younger age groups.

To enter please put an envelope with $15 in the all returns box, with your child’s date of birth and an email contact by the 25th of April. Late entry is possible on the day for an additional $5.


Mother’s Day Stall

Lizel Moore
Lizelmoore@gmail.com
It’s time…. Our fantastic Mother’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 04 May 2016.

Our lovely Parents will be able to volunteer their time to help make the stall successful for our children and our school. Please place your name on the Volunteer rosters which will be stuck to every Prep door.

Please remember to send some money along with your child/ren on the day so they can purchase something special for that someone special.

The gifts will range from $1 - $10 with something for everyone. 

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Mum’s, Grandmas and Friends…. come and see your children’s work and spend some time with them in an informal setting in their classroom, followed by some delicious scones and tea or coffee on the Library Veranda. This will be happening on Friday 06 May at 8:30am. Cost is $7 per adult. This is a very special catered event, so to ensure quick entry and to enjoy every minute, we encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. Payment can be made online via FLEXISCHOOLS or complete the attached slip and return to the “All Returns Box” at the office, along with the money before Friday 29 April.

Parking will be available on the School Oval that morning for the Mums and Grandmas that will be attending the breakfast.

P & C Update

We had our first P&C meeting last week with our new president, Graeme Knox. There was a great attendance from school parents and members of our community.

Key points that we discussed:

Senior shirts have all been completed and distributed - our seniors are all looking great. Thanks to everyone that helped with this.

Dads of the P&C are looking for some other dads to help organise the Mother’s Day morning tea. This will be held on Friday 6th May. Mums will all be looking forward to being spoilt and enjoying a cuppa on the verandah of the resource centre.

Entertainment books fundraiser will begin this week with online versions also available this year.

Organisation of the Brookfield Show is well underway with great support from all class levels. Raffles are being co-ordinated, the volunteer roster is being organised. Fabulous support from the school community will lead to another successful show.

A decision was made to introduce Literacy Planet across the whole school funded by the P&C. This will replace the current Reading Eggs subscription for prep and year 1. Literacy Planet will offer fabulous tools to all levels of education across the school. Mathletics is also now going to be offered to Prep level as well as the current subscription to the whole school.

The P&C is going to set up a Facebook page separate from the school page. This will assist in keeping everyone up to date in the events around the school.

Thanks again to all those who attended the meeting. If you would like to attend the next meeting please come along. The next meeting will be in B Block on the 10th May. All are welcome.

Book Club
Issue 3 has been distributed and the orders are due on Friday 29 April. Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order or use the Android or App Store LOOP app. Feel free to contact me by email bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632 if you have any queries.

Thank you
Nicola Hile

PCYC News

Hi Everyone! This week, we are starting our sewing club! Our brilliant staff member, Jess, will be doing sewing activities with kids once a week. This week we are learning about the sewing machine, how it works and how to use it safely. We will also be making some small bags to start us off! We will do sewing club on Wednesdays, if you would like your child to be involved, please let one of our staff members know. We are excited to make some awesome things and learn some new skills!

Homework Club

Monday afternoons we have Homework club! We allocate 30 minutes of time for your children to sit quietly inside with a carer to do some homework. If you would like your child to join Homework club you can sign up in the PCYC room or see one of the staff.

PCYC Fees

This term our fees will be increased to $13 for Before School Care and $17 for After School Care. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask Liz.

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 brookfieldssac@pcyc.org.au, writing in the bookings and cancellations booklet at the service or calling 3374 2107 (leaving a message is fine).

Please come visit us, call 3374 2107 or email brookfieldssac@pcyc.org.au for more information. We would love to meet you!

Thanks
Liz Gordon-Brown

Brookfield Show Cake Stall

Just over 3 weeks till our cake stall at the Brookfield Show – can you help?

Donations of delicious food items, homewares, wine and confectionary have started to roll into the office for the cake stall's fabulous raffle hampers. We'd love more goodies. Anything and everything from jams to books, sporting equipment to gift vouchers are welcome. Just leave your donations in the large tub at the office, and they'll be converted into fabulous gift hampers! The raffle tickets will available soon – but you have to be in it, to win it!!

Keep an eye out for details about our annual fudge-making day at the tuckshop – come along and help make dozens of batches of the best fudge ever!! It's a not-so-secret recipe we use each year, and it sells at our cake stall like hot cakes!! Even if you can't cook, come along, it's a fun fudge-making day at the tuckshop the week before the Brookfield Show. More details of the time and date to follow...

So don't forget to pull out your favourite recipe for that delicious cake or slice, biscuit or muffin, so we can sell your goodies during the Show. But if you really can't bake, perhaps you could donate tins of condensed milk and choc chips. Or donate some of those extra eggs your chickens
are laying. Or maybe you could spare a couple of hours to sell cakes at the stall? We’re almost ready to release the online booking system for volunteers - all you have to do is log on and pick a time that suits you, it’s that easy.

Cake stall colouring competition

Do you have a little artist at home? Show us just how colourful and creative your Picasso is - enter this year’s cake stall colouring competition and support our school’s fundraising efforts.

Local artist Jacqueline Hill has once again supplied this gorgeous cupcake and greedy little mouse cartoon for the competition (see cartoon attached to this week’s Banter). Entry is only $1, please submit all entries to the office.

Any questions about the cake stall or how you can help, contact Sophie Weitemeyer at brookfieldcakestall@hotmail.com

Sophie Weitemeyer and Liz Mortensen

The Children’s Art

Exhibition at the 2016 Brookfield Show is coming up, 13, 14 and 15 May. This is a chance for children aged 18 months through to Year 12 to enter their art work and possibly win some fantastic prizes such as cash, art packs and framing. It’s also a great opportunity for budding artists to display their work in an art exhibition.

**Cut off entry dates are Saturday 7th May 9 - 11am and Monday 9th May 8 - 10am at the Brookfield Showgrounds.


Prue Cooper-White

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CRICKET ADF

The Shell Green T20 match is an annual event held between Army XI and Brookfield United Cricket Club to commemorate the famous game held at Gallipoli during WW1.

It is a great family day out with a number of activities and displays for the whole family from Army vehicles to horse and cricket skill demonstrations and of course an exciting cricket match. Breakfast, Lunch and refreshments available for purchase. The Brookfield Museum will also be open from 11am showing a WW1 display.

ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY

9AM - Breakfast and BBQ breakfast. Breakfast for public available for purchase from Brookfield Primary Club. 
11AM - Public bar open for refreshments. Museum open.
Noon - Cricket skill display by Sri Lankan Brisbane based cricketers.
1PM - Shirt presentation followed by coin toss. 
3PM - Light Home Matches. All day 1st and 2nd Grade and Under 13’s and Under 15’s.
3PM - Lunch break. Sri Lankan curry available for purchase. Horse skills demonstration of Aces and Tens Inning.
3PM - Game concludes and Trophy presentation.

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**Candice (18) from France** "I can be as much fun as serious! I am a big sister to my two brothers, we are very close. I enjoy piano and dance. I also enjoy photography. I look forward to sharing some good times with my host family."

**Hester (17) from The Netherlands** "I'm very motivated and I always put in 100%. I won’t let you down, if I say something, I'll do it! My hobby is snowboarding. I am really looking forward to meeting my host family."

**Hippolyte (15) from France** "Hi, I have an older and a younger brother. I enjoy playing with them and I also like reading and sport, particularly Thai boxing and badminton. I am looking forward to coming to Australia!"

**Jonna (17) from Finland** "Hi! I have two sisters. My mum has two gorgeous dogs and I just adore animals! I have just started hiphop dance lessons! I can’t wait to discover the differences between Australia and Finland."

**Ana Chiara (16) from Italy** "I’m open minded, kind, helpful, friendly and smiling. I really enjoy listening to music and singing, even if I’m not very good at it! I am very sporty too. I am looking forward to meeting my host family!"

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