From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers

A meeting with our Assistant Regional Director earlier this week revealed that on a School Performance Headline Indicator Checklist, Brookfield State School was performing extremely well within the Metropolitan Region.

The results are not for public viewing. In fact, I risk grave consequences in sharing the information with you. But we deserve recognition, and I can tell you it was a podium finish. I peeked across the room to see Mrs Lewis beaming with pride. After all, we have the most dedicated and hardest working staff, an active P&C, the most supportive parents, and the best students! And we are Brookfield; humble, hard-working, resilient and respectful. It’s a feather in our cap and we will continue to engage in rich and challenging teaching and learning experiences to bring out the potential in every student. I may be just a little bias, but it’s pleasing progress!

The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) is introducing new measures to improve performance and services across the department in order to lift education and training outcomes for students. These measures include:

- a new school performance assessment framework for state schools
- a dedicated School Improvement Unit to monitor and support the performance of state schools
- an annual desktop audit of school performance
- new and strengthened school review processes with all schools undertaking a tailored review every four years.

The headline indicators have been developed in consultation with principals and regions, and provide a snapshot of a school’s data and performance that is fair and consistent and can be used to determine further review or intervention activities.

The goals of the headline indicators are to highlight:

- Student attendance rates
- Growth in NAPLAN proportions at or above National Minimum Standard (NMS)
- Growth in NAPLAN proportions in the upper two bands (U2B)
- NAPLAN-relative performance compared to schools of similar score on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA)
- NAPLAN-relative gain compared with previous results
- Relative school performance in English, Mathematics and Science
- Enrolment trend
- Student Disciplinary Absence Data (SDA) including short suspensions, exclusions and cancellations
- School Opinion Survey (SOS) — overall rating for all items in surveys of staff, parents and students.

Our Assistant Regional Director, Mike Kelly, expressed his delight at our results.
NAPLAN 2014

The tables below outline our achievement in the 2014 National Assessments. The trend data I have seen is exceptional and I look forward to sharing this over the coming weeks. Individual NAPLAN reports will be handed to students in Years 3, 5 and 7 on Monday.

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Interschool Sport

Interschool sport begins for students in years 5-7 this Friday. I wish students and their coaches all the best for the beginning of the new season. Students will need to change into their sports uniform for the afternoon competition.

Free Dress Friday throughout August

This Friday is the fourth of our Free Dress Days for August- Gold Coin donation. Funds raised will go towards the Years 6 and 7 end-of-year art project. Mrs Carolyn Parsons, our resident artist, will be working with students on this project. Please remember to dress appropriately and be sunsafe!

Accommodation

We have a family (1 adult and 2 children) in need of urgent accommodation. They require a minimum two room residence. If you are able to assist, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

**Thought for the Week**

I can't change the direction of the wind,
But I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean

Enjoy your week

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

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**OUR SPONSORS:**

- Molly O’Hanlon
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- Toby keir
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- Fergus Mills
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Students receive a “Gotcha” when they are displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep – Year 3 “Gotchas” go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly “Gotcha” draw will take place on assembly. Congratulations to last week’s winners - Josh H (2A) and Candice (1A), well done!

Preppies love Science!

Prep students have been participating in the Tomato Patch Program to complement our science teaching and learning in Term 3 – Our Living World. The program teaches children about the life cycle of plants by immersing them in hands-on activities and an interactive story.

Prep students have thoroughly enjoyed becoming ‘mini’ gardeners and watching their tomato plants grow!

“I like that when we planted the tomato plant we can watch them grown. Science is fun!”
Tilly (PB)

“I love growing my tomato plant. It is fun to look after my tomato.”
Shae (PB)

“I went to a tomato man and I liked watering the plant and now it is growing.”
Harry (PB)

Prep Orientation Morning

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and prospective 2015 prep students to meet our Principal, Deputy Principal and Prep Teaching Team and to find out about our Prep Program and schooling expectations for 2015.

When: Friday 12 September, 2014
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: School Hall
RSVP: By 5 September, 2014
Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 3374 7333

Your 2015 Prep aged child will be invited to spend time in the Prep classrooms while you are in the hall. We ask that, if possible, child care is arranged for your other children on the day.

We are more than happy to accept enrolments before the Orientation Morning, and enrolments will also be taken on the day. Please ensure you have your child’s birth certificate as proof of age.

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.
Prep Interviews – Online Bookings NOW OPEN!

Parents of 2015 Prep children are encouraged to book in for a 15 minute interview with your child and a member of the Prep Teaching Team on Monday 20 October, 2014. We will be conducting these interviews to enable us to get to know our future students and families better and to assist us with our preparations for classes in 2015.

When: Monday 20 October, 2014
Duration: 15 minute interview
Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Where: Resource Centre (Library)
Bring: Your child’s favourite book

Please click on the link below and enter our event code M7PPE to secure your interview time slot.

Event Code: M7PPE

You are able to book in with either Teacher 1, Teacher 2, or Teacher 3. This does not indicate which class your child will be in next year and our teachers all meet to share and discuss the interviews when creating class lists for 2015.

Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early to enable us to keep to our scheduled times on the day, thank you.

Bookings will close Friday 17 October at 4pm. If you experience any difficulties booking please contact the school either by phone or email.

Footsteps Dance
There will be NO Footsteps Dance lessons on Monday 25 August as students will be participating in Musica Viva concerts. Lessons will kick off again on Monday 1 September.

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

Read to Learn

I have had the pleasure to nominate and attend a Read to Learn (R2L) seminars in 2014. This involves six days during school holidays and two afternoon sessions per term. The founder David Rose (is an Honorary Associate of the University of Sydney) has been inspirational during his six visits this year.

R2L is a holistic approach to reading and writing. The aim of the R2L program is to empower all students with confidence to engage in writing complicated texts. The reading helps students to develop phrasing, fluency and in-depth understanding of texts.

The R2L program has been developed by David Rose to improve all student outcomes. It is a differentiated program.

Since implementing the R2L strategies within the classroom I have observed students...

• confidence in writing
• willingness to write without adult help
• having the knowledge to write simple and compound sentences
• have been encouraged to observe illustrations of illustrators in texts, therefore students are demonstrating more detailed drawings
• are using phrasing when reading (Phrasing is the running of groups of words together like spoken speech. E.g.

  Noni the pony **is** friendly and funny.

• have shown an increase in word knowledge, which leads to a growing vocabulary
• have been able to summarise the text they are reading in a couple of sentences.

I look forward to seeing where our learning journey takes us all.

**Ms Tracey Spies**
Prep A Classroom Teacher

Resource Centre News

**Book Week Festival Connect to Reading**

Come and join in the fun! Week 5 and 6

**Book Stops** - Stop with your class/ friend and read about the 18 Book Week Shortlisted Books on our school walls! Get excited to read them.

**Book Week Benches** Sit for a minute or two and read about the Book Week Books! Come at 1st and 2nd breaks Circle and Sail Lawn to read one!

**Before school @ the Resource Centre** Read the books or have them read to you!

**Circle and Sail Lawn - Daily Book Week Book Activities** 1st and 2nd breaks. Come and see which book is highlighted and join in the fun art activities.

**Year 5 - 7 Precinct** - Activities based on your older books to change your space! Stay tuned!

**ICT Book Trailer Competition:** Get creative, choose your favourite book and make a 30-90 second ad for it in Photostory or any app/ program! The best will go on show at assemblies! Good luck.

**Book Quote Competition Yr 3-7** Go to the Favourite Book Character Portrait Walk in the Snake Shed Tunnel look up and read the Book Quotes. Match them to the books to win!

**Dress-as-a-Book-Character Assembly THIS WEEK** - Think of a character who gets you excited or connects to your reading soul and be it for a day! It’s on your regular assembly day and time in Week 6 - Book Week

  Years 4 - 7 Wednesday 20th August
  Years P - 3 Thursday 21st August

**Book Covering Help Needed**

We have many new classroom readers and fiction books with contact pre-cut for any parents who could take some home and cover for us. Any assistance greatly appreciated!

**Fiona Allison**
Teacher Librarian
Music Viva in Schools Program

On Monday next week, we have the Music Viva in Schools program visiting our school. All classes have been preparing for this event in classroom music lessons and have really responded well to the music that they have heard. Concerts are at 10am, 12pm and 1:50pm, and parents are most welcome to come along to listen in (no charge). Check with your child’s class teacher to see what time their class will be attending. The cost for students attending this concert has been included in your Term 3 account.

Music News

Letters went home this week to all of our Senior Strings, Senior Choir and Senior Band members with information about our upcoming Senior Citizens Concert on Sept 9. Keep an eye out for your copy, and if you did not receive yours, either contact Melissa or see the Office for a spare. Responses are due back by Wednesday August 27 so that we can finalise seating and catering arrangements for the day. Junior Choir notes for this performance will be emailed home this week.

Our Intermediate and Junior Choirs have been invited to sing at the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on Saturday September 13. Details about this performance will be sent home soon, so keep an eye out for your copy. Our Intermediates will also be singing at the Prep Open Day on Friday September 12. What a great advertisement for our school!

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Father’s Day Stall

Father’s Day is creeping up on us and is only 2 weeks away!

We will be holding our yearly Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 4 September in front of the tuckshop. This is a convenient and wonderful opportunity to send your child along with some money to purchase something special.

Our Grade One families will be hosting the day which will start at 9am and run through to 1pm.

As our Grade 4 children will be off at the Writer’s Festival on this day, we will be holding a special stall for ONLY the Grade 4’s on Friday 5 September outside their classrooms starting at 10am.

We look forward to another fabulous Father’s Day and welcome as many volunteers as possible to help us make the day a success.

Please mark the date in your calendar.

Father’s Day Morning Tea

Dads, grandads 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 muffins and tea or coffee on the Library Verandah. This will be happening on Friday 5 September at 8:30am. Cost is $6 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. Please RSVP with your booking sheet and payment by Friday 29 August, to the “All Returns Box” in the office. The form went home in last week’s Banter and will be distributed again through the Class Reps.

Sarah Stefanaras and Shelley McGregor
Stall Coordinators

OUR SPONSORS:
Parking will be available on the School Oval that morning for the dads and grandads that will be attending the morning tea.

Ladies: We need volunteer helpers please:

As the Years 6 and 7 are being asked to bring food for the Senior Citizens Concert on the 9 September, could people from Prep to Year 5, please bake Muffins and bring them to the Library Kitchen before 8.30am on Friday 5 September?

We also need helpers....

7:30am to 8:30am - Set up and lay out muffins
8:30am - 9:30am - Help serve coffee/tea and muffins, sell raffle tickets
9:30am - 10.00am - Cleanup

If you are able to assist, please could you contact me on 0417 0417 32 or e-mail arleneaitchison1@bigpond.com.

We can’t do it without you.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 has been distributed and is due back this Friday 22nd August by 3pm. Please remember to pay with a cheque or credit card online or by phone. No cash payments are accepted anymore. Issue 7 will be out next term.

Thank you,
Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator

BSS Trivia & Games Night 2014

Friday 24th October, 6:30pm for a 7pm start

Release your inner child!

The theme for this year’s Trivia & Games night is: Children’s TV & Movies

As usual this will be an amazingly fun night. You do not need to be a trivia genius - you just need to bring your sense of humour and willingness to have a great time!

You have time to think up what you and your friends will come as, with tickets not going on sale until the morning of Monday 25th August.

Get your group ready to book your table and secure your theme on the 25th, as there can be only one of each theme on the night!

Tables of 6-10 people, $20 per person
Alcohol on Sale, BYO Food/Nibbles
Decorate your table

If you require any further info regarding the night, please feel free to contact me on either debmmobile@bigpond.com or 0409924608.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
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