From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

How much has schooling changed since you attended? Discipline and technology must spring to mind!

For the record I was only ever caned once and I can honestly say it was a mistake (by the principal). But it’s a long story and the principal was probably just following departmental protocol at the time. After all it was very serious, the tennis ball had gone onto the grass and I walked over to collect it. The grass was next to the handball courts so it was highly likely it could happen.

And that’s what I was going to explain to the principal as I made my way up to his office. I figured he’d be a reasonable man. I was one of the student leaders so he’d know I was a student of good character. But I was wrong! He grabbed my hand and had swung Charlie twice over my outstretched palm before I could even blink. Charlie was the name that the kids had given to the cane.

But I sucked it up, held back the tears (I think a couple slipped out) and apologised profusely. Strange how I remember the details to this day. I t hink I was about 21 when I eventually broke the news to my father; parents always believed the school back in those days. Thank goodness discipline has changed and for the better.

As for technology. I have no idea how kids survived the 80s and 90s without their mobile phone, iPad, iPod or Apple watch. It must have been incredibly boring back then. Lessons were even delivered on a blackboard (that was green) with chalk, not even dustless chalk. How teachers engaged students in learning is beyond me.

One of the innovative practices we have implemented through Independent Public School (IPS) funding is a professional and collaborative learning centre (B Block). Each week our teachers meet to discuss and reflect on teaching and learning practices. This week we considered effective teaching and the path our school has taken to improve teaching and learning outcomes.

We discussed what effective teaching is in small groups, shared with the whole group and then watched a TED talk by Bill Gates that looked at the best education systems around the world and the type of feedback practices that exist and lead to improved teaching. After further discussion and reflection we then leave with an idea that we might trial or implement to make a difference with our students. I call it the most stimulating intellectual 30 minutes of the week.

This week Katie and I are formally visiting classes to provide teachers with feedback on explicit whole-class teaching and the general classroom environment. These are highlights for both Katie and I to observe the quality teaching and learning at Brookfield and reflect with teachers on their practice.

Independent Public School (IPS) - School Council

Please see the attached announcement from our IPS returning officer. Nomination forms are available from the office.

ICAS - Digital Technologies

31 students completed the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Digital Technologies this week. The response sheets will be posted back to Educational Assessment Australia.
(EAA), an education group of the University of NSW. A report and certificate will be supplied to
the school in approximately 6 weeks.

56 students in Years 2-6 have nominated for the ICAS - Science on 03 June. Teachers will
remind students of the test date and materials required.

Thought for the Week

Don't wait for the perfect moment,
Take the moment and make it perfect.

Zoe Sayward

Enjoy your week
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Absentee Reminder

Please be sure to inform the school through the Student Absentee Line (ph 3374 7360) if your
child is absent. The number of absences and unexplained absences are published on each studen-
t’s report card at the end of the semester.

If your child is away from school for 3 consecutive days and we have not received notifica-
tion, we will contact you to obtain the reason.

Students are expected to be in class by 8.50am. If you are running late, please collect a late
slip from the office and if you need to collect your child before 2.55pm, please sign them out
at the office. It is particularly important that students arrive at school on time and ready to
learn. Please be sure to drop your child off so they can be in their classrooms by 8:50am each
morning, thanks.

Uniform reminder

As the weather cools off, we have noticed that students are wearing non-uniform jumpers.
Brookfield State School jumpers are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop, and are
lovely and warm! Please endeavour to provide your child with a school uniform jumper for the
winter months.

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning between 8.00am and 9.00am during school
terms (except the last Monday in term 4). If you are unable to make it to the shop or prefer
the convenience of online shopping you can order online through our FlexiSchools system

Prep Orientation Morning

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and prospective 2016 prep students to meet
our Principal, Deputy Principal and Prep Teaching Team and to find out about our Prep Program
and schooling expectations for 2016.

When: Thursday 20 August, 2015
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: School Hall
RSVP: By 14 August, 2015
Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 33 747 333
Your 2016 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.

At the Orientation Morning, we will also be encouraging parents to book in for a 15 minute interview with your child and a member of the Prep Teaching Team on Monday 19 October, 2015. 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 2016. More information about these interviews and Prep in 2016 will be available at the Orientation Morning.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school either by phone or email.

**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**

The Most Respectful Class on assembly this week went to Prep A. Students in Prep A showed respect by being on time to assembly, sitting with their legs crossed and paying attention to the speakers. Well done Mrs Higgins, Mrs Baker and Prep A students.

**Brookie Bears and Brumbies**

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of *Be Safe, Be Respectful* and *Be Responsible* through Brookie Bears (P-3) and Brookie Brumbies (Years 4-6). Students will receive “Brookie Bears” or “Brookie Brumbies” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Brookie Bear and Brookie Brumbies recipients will be drawn on assembly and one class per week will have the privilege of having Brookie in their room to acknowledge their quality choices.

Brookie Bear will spend the week with 1B – congratulations 1B! We can’t wait to hear what Brookie got up to with you during the week!

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

**Resource Centre News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Yes the Challenge is on again! Brookfield State School had a great number of students entering last year so we look forward to another wonderful year of participation by our super-readers!

The Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 6 to read 15 books until August 28. The challenge aims to improve children’s literacy, to cultivate a passion for literature and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning.

Each student has been given a yellow reading record sheet today to complete during the challenge. Please return it to the office when finished.

Ready set read!

Read and be satiated,
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Sport News

Congratulations to the following students for making the MetWest Team for their respective sports and we wish them well for their upcoming state carnivals.
Jarrod Robertson - Hockey
Rory Marsden - AFL

Running

Training continuous on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. There will now be a sprinting group as well. There is no training on a Friday.

String News

Beginner Strings

Fantastic effort yesterday at the workshop! I wonder if you were all as tired as I was by dinner time? The behaviour from every student was excellent and I was so proud of the Brookfield Beginners.

Next Wednesday, 27 May, I will be away at ANOTHER Beginner Day with my Mt Crosby students, so your lessons will be on Monday instead. We will have the same lesson times, just a different day.

See you on MONDAY next week with instruments and camp booklets.

Intermediate Strings

Well done on Assembly last week....you may be small, but you produce a great sound. Your lessons and rehearsal are on Tuesday as usual next week.....and don’t forget that I will be assessing you!

Senior Strings

Just a reminder that your lessons and rehearsal are on MONDAY next week. I am away at a Beginner Workshop at Karalee SS on Wednesday. Rehearsal will start at 8am MONDAY. Don’t for get that I will be assessing you on that day too.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 catalogues have arrived and orders are due by Friday 5 June please. Brookfield uses the LOOP system for ordering so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the LOOP app for iPad/iPhone or Android. No need to return forms to the office.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413 443 632.

Thank you!
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**PCYC News**

Hi everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed the Brooky show. We entered three cakes into the cake decorating competition but did not place but a massive thank you to the children who contributed to this.

We are also began our Life Skills program on Thursday week and it was a huge success!! If you are interested in attending our Life Skills program, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 to discuss enrolling today! We run our Life Skills program on Thursdays and this week we will be focusing on reading a recipe and constructing something from this.

Please see our menu below- this changes weekly.

If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au

Have a great week!

Kristy Nuttall
Nominated Supervisor

What a success, thank you to all!

Thank you to our fabulous school community for making this year’s cake stall at the Brookfield show such a tremendous success. The cake stall sold out of every last cupcake, bag of fudge, jam jar, coconut ice, slices and biscuits.

Our thanks to Mums and Dad, who volunteered their time to sell cakes and raffle tickets at the stall. Our gratitude to those who baked at home along with the small band of fudge and coconut ice makers who took over the tuck shop last Monday.

To all the families who donate items for the raffle are deeply grateful. We will be contacting and thanking all of the businesses that donated raffle items. Our final raffle prize pool topped more than $8000 with tickets drawn at school assembly today. It is this community
support that has helped make this year’s cake stall such a success.

Funds raised over the weekend will go directly back to the P&C and with a number of vital projects earmarked for 2015 will be spent on benefiting our wonderful school community.

While we are yet to finalise funds raised from the cake stall we are confident the final figure will be in excess of $8500. We aim to have an amount for publication in next week’s Banter.

Louisa and Aneta

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Thank you,
Fiona Himstedt and Louise Rae

P & C News

Thank you to 2015 Show Stall Organisers

Anyone who saw our Stall at the Show on the weekend would have seen the love and commitment that was put into it, it looked beautiful and professional - thank you to everyone for pitching in and making it happen in various ways. A massive thank-you to this year’s Coordinators Liz Mortensen, Beata O’Dwyer, Mel Harris, Louisa Wijacha and Aneta Zielinski for your outstanding commitment and dedication for delivering it. Your efforts are acknowledged .... What a difference those funds will make to our school.

Thank you,
Victoria Brown
P&C President

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Local venues include: Sitar Indian Restaurant, Plumb Café, Subway, Red Rooster, Pizza Capers, Hundred Acre Bar, St Lucia, Hag’s Breath Café, Event Cinemas, Curry Story, Baskin Robbins, Coffee Club, 85 Miskin Street, Crema Espresso, Movenpick and much more!

Thanks,
Tamara Hamilton
brookfieldentertainmentbook@gmail.com

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