"We would have blitzed it!" said Miss Noonan and Mrs Drew as we sat their scoring the results of the trivia questions. We were pleased the staff table went on to win because it would have been embarrassing if our little table of three had passed up the responsibility of scoring and then taken out first place!

It was a flashback in time to the 80s, with great costumes and music. It's amazing how some of those tunes stay with you. My kids tell me they've had enough of listening to my 90's collection so you can imagine what they think now that I've thrown in a few albums from the previous decade.

I'm sure everyone who was present on Friday evening had a great time. The P&C did a wonderful job of revamping the format and by the sounds of things a modest profit will also benefit all students at Brookfield through the P&C's support.

State Track and Field

Congratulations to our students who competed in Townsville last week at the State Track and Field Championships. It was a wonderful representation from our school and the group performed very well.

Jake H-R was selected in the Queensland team to compete in the Australian Track and Field Championships in Canberra in December. Jake will represent Queensland in Discuss and 800m. Well done Jake!

Count Us In

Following our Senior Choir's success at Fanfare earlier this year, they have been invited to perform with a massed choir of other Fanfare finalists at the Queen Street Mall stage next week. Choirs from Metropolitan, North Coast, Darling Downs, South West and South East regions will come together to promote the benefits of music education.

The event will be live streamed around the country to share what is happening in Brisbane for the day. Our Senior Choir will also have the opportunity to sing one song for the audience to showcase Brookfield’s choral program. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and Mrs McMillan to celebrate their success.

Tennis in the Spotlight – Tennis Queensland Awards finalist as Most Outstanding School

Brookfield State School has once again excelled on the tennis court by being selected as a finalist in the annual Tennis Queensland awards in the category Most Outstanding School. This a significant achievement in itself given that the school is up against both primary and high schools throughout the state. Only four schools have been selected as finalists. These include Brisbane Boys College, East Ayr SS, Rainworth SS and Brookfield SS.

The award takes into consideration the commitment of the school to a formal tennis program, the number of students playing the game, community engagement and involvement, the school teams and individual performances in competitions as well as a pathway for player development. Our partnership with the Brookfield Tennis Centre and their coaching staff is producing results and we are grateful to all the students and the parents for their contribution to the program.

I'd also like to acknowledge the lengths John and Roanne go to in supporting the implementation of the Hot Shots program through H&PE at our school. It is a wonderful partnership with students benefiting at all levels of development. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday 07 November at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. We eagerly await the results.
Service Learning

On Tuesday our students put on a musical performance that was truly appreciated by the Tarry Brae residents. It was the last time the music group will visit the hostel in 2015. The residents had arranged a special farewell, inviting students to join them in singing the full version of the National Anthem and Danny Boy. Mrs Clark presented each child with a special card to thank them for their contribution to the program.

Next week our youngest students (Group A) will visit the Tarry Brae Hostel. Please drop their car seats to the office on Tuesday morning with their name clearly labelled. They will not need an individual book as we will have a group activity to participate in.

PCYC Disco

The PCYC will host a disco for all students on Friday 06 November from 6-8pm in the hall. Please note that all year levels are invited to the disco. I will be present to assist PCYC staff with managing the event.

Year 6 Canberra Tour

Year 6 students will be touring our National Capital from Monday 16 to Friday 20 November. Students should return their Medical Details Form to their class teacher by this Friday. All dietary requirements should be emailed through to me.

This is a very exciting trip for our senior students and something they will remember for a very long time. We have every student in Year 6 attending, along with 4 staff members and 7 parents.

Enrolments 2016

We have some places available for out-of-catchment Prep enrolments for next year. If you know of anyone who would like to enrol at Brookfield, please encourage them to contact the office at their earliest convenience.

Thought for the Week

The capacity to learn is a gift;  
The ability to learn is a skill;  
The willingness to learn is a choice.

Brian Herbert

Have a great week!
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Junior Assembly

Now that Footsteps Dance Lessons are finished, Junior Assembly will return to a start time of 1:50pm every Thursday afternoon. This start time allows us to complete all of our awards presentations (and include some class items) and be finished before the end of day bell. We appreciate your flexibility with the start times this term.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Last week – we had the MAJOR Gotcha Draw from Term 3, the following students were drawn:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Lachlan A
Ruby H
Ryan B
Chloe W
William C

Alena T-K
Phoebe E
Coen G
Hugo B
from the pool: Evie (1A); Shae (1C); Lucy (2B); Bridget (3C); Mischa (1B); Amy (3B); Rob (2B); Henry (1A); Sianah (PA); Lena (PB); Neve (1A); Michael (1A); Jessica B (2A) and Liam G (1B) – well done students!

For Term 4, students will receive a “Spotya” when they are “spotted” displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Spotyas” go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly “Spotya” draw will take place on assembly. Last week’s winner was Lily B and class 3B – well done!

The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week class 2A were our Most Respectful Class – well done Mrs Cunnington, Mrs McKay and class 2A students.

BYOD iPads in 2016

Our proposal for 2016 is to maintain a bank of iPads in Prep and Year 1 and introduce BYOD iPads for every class from Years 2-6. This does not mean that your child will need an iPad, but they will be utilised if the device is available.

Thank you to those who returned their “Notification of Intent”. This information has assisted us in our planning and will be discussed further at the Parent Information Session this afternoon, shared at the School Council Meeting on 03 November and a final decision being made at the P&C Meeting on 10 November.

Still deciding about whether to bring an iPad in 2016...here’s some comments from students in 4B that may assist you with your decision. When asked, “What’s been your favourite part about working with iPads this year?” this is how they responded:

- It turns my spelling into fun, using Spelling City and Word Sort activities. Haley
- It supports my education because I can refer to apps that step me through strategies - when my parents are too busy to help me. Indiana.
- I enjoy taking photos to help with my science and art projects. Melinda.
- When someone has been away, we can flick and share the work we’ve done, to them. Jade
- I like using my iPad to video science experiments, so I can revisit when writing my science report. Ben
- I like using my iPad camera for comparing and contrasting things. Indiana.
- Using my iPad helps me to learn visually. Ben
- It saves me a lot of time when researching. Mia & Jewel.
- The apps help me understand things I struggle with, especially Mathletics, for practising. Anahita.
- Because it’s mine, I can easily access the internet to assist with research. I can also save my notes (using SidebySide app) on my iPad. Kelly E
- Using an iPad allows me to work on my maths, using Mathletics and different apps with number facts. Ronan.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Bruce or myself for further discussion or queries you may have.

Booklists

Have you ordered your books yet??

Remember to order and pay on-line from Brodies Bookstore website,

Be sure to place your order by Friday 06 November to enjoy free delivery.

Booklists will be delivered between Sunday, 06 December 2015 and Sunday, 13 December 2015, for orders received by Friday, 06 November 2015. Please note there will be NO deliveries to the school.

For more information, please contact Peta Wilson (our Stationery Coordinator via the school office).

Resource Centre News

Book Fair – this and next week!

We are excited at the arrival on today 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 next Wednesday 28 October.

Book Fair Selling Times

Wednesday 21st Oct 3:00 – 3:30
Thursday 22nd Oct 8:15 – 8:45, 1st break,
Monday 26th Oct 8:15 – 8:45, 1st break,
Tuesday 27th Oct 8:15 – 8:45, 1st break,
Wednesday 28th Oct 8:15 – 8:45

String News

Senior Strings

The Brisbane Bands Festival is THIS SATURDAY! Please arrive by 10.00am wearing Performance Uniform and don’t forget your instruments and music.

Intermediate Strings

I am on an excursion all day next Tuesday with another school, so I will be changing Tuesday rehearsal and lessons to MONDAY next week. I will also send a reminder email home during the week.

Beginner Strings

Our end year concert is fast approaching, so keep up the fantastic work with your pieces!

All String students will be assessed for the reporting process in week 5 (2 weeks from now).

Thank you

Jennifer Hemmings
String Instrumental Teacher

Year 6 Graduation Celebration

Year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with their family and friends on Wednesday 09 December in the school hall.
Tickets will cost $25/person and can be purchased on the Flexi Schools website from Friday 16 October. You will need to purchase a ticket for your child in Year 6 as well as others attending. As we are restricted by space, it would be greatly appreciated if the number of attendees were kept to a minimum where possible.

The price of each ticket covers catering, hire of equipment, graduation cake and the DJ for Year 6 Disco immediately following the ceremony.

The dress for Graduation is smart casual.

To finalise catering, the deadline for purchasing your tickets will be Wednesday 16 November 2015.

We look forward to celebrating this event with you and wishing students the very best in their future schooling years.

Graduation Committee

October P&C Meeting Update

Phew ... What a busy week! Last Tuesday night was our October P&C meeting, admittedly not quite as exciting as the Trivia Night but here are the highlights of our meeting:

- Dishwasher now installed and operational at Tuckshop.
- First pass of old P&C records has been done, archiving and storage solutions being sorted.
- Cyber Safety workshops for students and parents. P&C agreed to fund a program to be scheduled February/March 2016.
- Staff/Parents end of year celebration night planned for 2nd December 2015 from 5pm at the Showgrounds.
- Brookfield Store coffee donation in September raised $1023.20 for the school, this will be a yearly event. A huge thank you to the Brooky Store for their support!
- $20,000 P&C payment to the school has been made.
- Burger Bar – Thanks to Andy and the Prep classes for running the October burger bar, Grade 3 to run November, the P&C committee to run December the last burger bar of the year.
- 5c Fundraiser - 5c Fundraiser completed with a total of $629.15 raised. Grade 6 won closely followed by grade 4 then grade 1.
- Trivia Night – final preparations discussed and plan for selling raffle before school until Friday. Huge thanks to the organising team – was a lot of fun and a great fundraiser!
- The P&C Executive and Fundraising coordinators are going to get together to plan the 2016 calendar in the next few weeks prior to our November meeting.
- Uniform shop – appointments for prep fittings to be implemented. Change room design still in progress.
- Tuckshop has achieved a 4 star rating from QAST. Susan was congratulated on this outstanding result. As a result of this rating we will be applying for Tuckshop of the year awards.
- Stationery booklists for 2016 and the instructions are out and working well (refer to the Banter for the link and details).
- Grounds – Top Carpark to be inspected was discussion around the drainage bump. The Working bee was very successful and huge thank-you to all involved, especially to Ori, Peta and Calliope for coordinating the benefits of this will be seen over the next few months. Snr facilities manager from Education Queensland made a visit...
and suggested about a permanent fence be constructed next to the top of the tennis courts steps in front of the garden beds, this will be investigated further.

- Flexischools has been used successfully for trivia night tickets and for the Year 6 graduation tickets.
- Communications - Nadele has written a story with Deb M about Science, plan to seek publishing in the Local Bulletin showcasing how well Brookfield State School is going with science.
- Scholastic book club has made $900 worth of donations for the library so far this year.
- BYOD proposal update - Katie and Bruce presented an information sheet on the BYOD journey at Brookfield since 2012. They will continue in the consultation phase, open classrooms have been occurring and a parent information session is scheduled for Wednesday 21 October. There is a plan to survey parents around their notification of intent to participate. Feedback and proposal to be presented to the School Council meeting on the 3rd November with a final decision at our next P&C meeting, 10th November. Shared devices would be under a signed agreement. This would be under classroom management processes.

Thank you to everyone on the P&C Committee for taking on their roles and their ongoing contribution and to everyone within our school community for supporting our fundraisers, our working bee, and our Tuckshop and Uniform shop operations it really does make a difference and supports our children’s school. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, 10th November 2015. All welcome.

Victoria Brown
P&C President

"Oh What a Night"

Well what a night it was! Trivia night 2015 was an overwhelming success. The trivia organising committee wishes to thank each and every one of you who contributed to the night.

To the families who donated prizes for our raffles, the sensational children who worked so hard selling the tickets before school. To the 140 guests who attended, you were AMAZING! The costumes were sensational and the atmosphere was electric.

To our wonderful MC and Games Master and the hard working Bar Staff, thank you. The Games Organisers, you blew us away with your creativity and energy. Thanks must also go to those of you who set up, decorated and cleaned up the hall days before and after the event. Everything ran like a well oiled machine.

The hall was transformed with funky balloons, posters and banners. Wild, crazy and fun table decorations and first class costumes. Congratulations to the Teachers "It’s raining Men" for winning the trophy for highest score. The Ghostbusters’ table winning best dressed. Thanks must go to the scoring panel, the pressure was on!

The night raised over $5000 and next year will be even bigger. These events are a testament to the strength and spirit of the Brookfield Community.

With Gratitude

TRIVIA NIGHT 2015 ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 orders are due this Friday 23rd October. Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order or use the LOOP app for iPad/iPhone or Android. If you have any questions please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Nicola Hile

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

Last week we underwent our Assessment and Rating audit and were very pleased with the behaviour of the children and how they interacted with each other with respect. Our assessor, Robyn, said she was very impressed with a lot of things we do and would endeavour to get the report to us within two weeks. We will be sure to inform you of the outcome.

This week on Monday we had a massive day with lots of excited children. We had Fizzics Education come to our service to put on a science show and the children LOVED it. We also had some special guests from PCYC Tasmania come to have a look at our service to take some ideas back to Tasmania.

At Brookfield PCYC we have also implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children displaying our rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Alexander Bignell (Prep) for his beautiful behaviour and manners and Curtis Morgan (Year 6) for his outstanding behaviour and use of sign language that we are learning. Well done boys!

If you would like to enrol your children or would like a tour of our service, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

Have a great week!
Kirsty Nuttall

Bellbowrie Community Church - Light Party

The Bellbowrie Community Church is running the Light Party again this year! The Light Party is a fun, positive alternative to Halloween, where kids (and parents!) can dress up as their favourite animals, super heroes or other positive characters to celebrate Jesus - The Light of the World - on the 31st of October from 3pm to

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7pm. There'll be games of all styles, jumping castles, a chair-o-plane, a petting zoo, our famous lolly-man chase and the ever-popular dunk'em machine. We'll have displays from emergency services including Officer Dan (maybe he'll bring his speed gun and see how fast you can throw!) We'll have our traditional sausage sizzle and supper, along with a coffee van and maybe even some wood-fired pizzas, for parents to catch up while the kids (and parents!) get stuck into the fun. We'll also have the toddler's crèche, face painting and hopefully a Fire Poi display, and there'll be a fashion parade for the best-dressed characters with the band playing various songs before a special guest professor shares some science tricks with the kids in the hall. And above all, we'll have all the lollies any kid could ask for in a safe, positive location.

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**Spring Ball**

Saturday, 24 October 2015, from 7pm

Brookfield Hall, 550 Brookfield Road, Brookfield

**Cost** $90 Per Person, Includes:
Canapés & Supper by *Clovely Estate Left Field Catering*
Live Entertainment by Jazz Duo ‘Firefly’ and Brisbane Covers Band ‘Eaglets’

**Dress** Black Tie — With A Touch Of Spring!

**Tickets** Purchase online at
www.brookfieldshowground.com.au

**Email** springball@brookfieldshow.com

Please note: This is a licensed event only (no BYO alcohol). Drinks will be available via the cash bar on the night