From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

This week I have been spending the lunch break (playtime) in the P/1 area observing students participate in an array of activities. From playing soccer on the artificial turf, digging in the sandpit to roaming about the adventure playground, most of the children interact very respectfully with each other.

When I think back to my own primary school experiences, I loved the games of tag and red rover (my mum was always questioning what happened to the buttons on my shirt), playing handball, climbing on the adventure playground and bowling and batting in the cricket nets. In fact, I can’t remember any altercations with other students or teacher interventions. Could it be that children of my era were just perfect? Probably not!

I was recently loaned a book, ‘The Family Virtues Guide’ by Kavelin and Popov. Now before you jump to any conclusions, I was reading the book to consider a values initiative for our school. The book explores 52 virtues (one for each week) that represent common elements of spirituality found in all sacred traditions.

One of the virtues (values) explored in the book is gentleness. It is defined as moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly and thinking kindly.

After observing a number of impulsive behaviours over the last couple of days, I wonder how well some of our students would relate to a deep understanding of gentleness? Our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan reflects three broad rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. These are teased out in greater detail so that students have an understanding and appreciation of the rules we abide by. I have attached a matrix of our Responsible Behaviour Plan that you might find useful in discussing the school rules with your child as you see necessary.

School Opinion Surveys

You have until 31 July to complete the School Opinion Survey. Access details for the Parent/ Caregiver Survey were handed to students last week.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. The online survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. To access the survey you will need to type the web address into the computer’s browser and use the two access codes provided.

If you haven’t received any survey access details, please contact our administration team on telephone 3374 7333 or email admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

State Cross Country

Congratulations to our six students who competed in the State Cross Country at Runaway Bay last Sunday and Monday. They performed extremely well with Mirand M (3rd), Kiera M (3rd) and Amelia H (4th) all being selected in the Queensland team to compete at the National Championships in Melbourne in August.
District Athletics

Our team performed well on day one of the District Athletics Trials with only minor disruptions due to the weather. The trials continue tomorrow.

All the best to our athletes.

Service Learning

Details of the four groups (Reading, Gardening/Knitting, Games and Music) were finalised today. Permission forms will be forwarded to students on Friday. The first group will visit the residents at the Tarry Brae Hostel on Tuesday 04 August.

ICAS - English

63 students have nominated for ICAS-English on Tuesday 28 July. Students will require a 2B or B pencil, eraser and a sharpener only. The test will take place in B Block at the following times:
Years 2 & 3 9am (35-45mins)
Years 4 - 6 10am (45-50mins)

Teachers will have a list of students participating in the competition and remind them of the necessary materials.

St Vincent de Paul Society Thanks Brookfield SS

We received a letter from the president of St Vincent de Paul in Brisbane to thank the students and teachers in Prep to Year 3 for the wonderful gift of 750 cans of food. They were overwhelmed by the number of cans and are now handing them out to people who call at their centre for food assistance.

Well done students, teachers and thank you Mrs Kerr for coordinating the collection.

Thought for the Week

Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.

- Anon

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Prep in 2016

Is your child due to start Prep in 2016 at Brookfield?

Have you completed their enrolment forms and returned them?

If not, can you please collect an enrolment pack from the office staff, complete enrolment forms for your child and return them to the office? Thanks!

Having a clear idea of our future enrolment numbers allows us to plan for 2016 effectively, thanks for your assistance with this.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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Jack S
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We look forward to seeing our future Preppies and their parents at our Prep Orientation Morning on Friday 21 August from 9:30am. Be sure to RSVP your attendance to: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 3374 7333.

**Uniform Subcommittee Feedback**

Our Uniform Subcommittee met last term with the intent of putting a plan together to assist with stock reduction and refinement in the Uniform Shop. Sales figures and stock charts were referred to, along with the opinions of parents. Options to assist with this process were presented to the P&C at the recent meeting for approval.

The formal uniform (girl’s dress and blouse) were discussed both at the Subcommittee Meeting and the P&C Meeting. It was agreed to phase out the formal uniform over two years, this is reflected in the actions listed below.

As a result of the meeting, the following actions have been approved:

- **Beanies:**
  - Stock will be sold out at current price
  - No more beanies will be ordered

- **Blouses:**
  - Stock will be sold out at current price
  - No more blouses will be ordered

- **Girl’s Dresses:**
  - Stock will be sold at half price
  - Remaining stock will be donated to a charity identified by the P&C
  - No more dresses will be ordered

- **Culottes:**
  - Stock will be sold out at $28
  - No more culottes will be ordered (skorts will be the only item stocked)

- **Cargo Shorts:**
  - Stock will be sold out at $16
  - No more cargo shorts will be ordered (shorts will be the only item stocked)

- **Winter Uniform:**
  - Microfibre Jacket and Pants will be sold out at current prices
  - No more microfibre items will be ordered
  - Tights will be sold out at current price
  - No more tights will be ordered

Be sure to pop into the Uniform Shop on a Monday from 8:00-9:00am to take advantage of these great bargains, or order online through FlexiSchools.

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

We are starting “Gotchats” this term. Students will receive a “Gotcha” when they are displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Gotchats” go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly “Gotchats” draw will take place on assembly.

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

School photos are next week! Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July. Individually named photo envelopes were sent home last week. We ask that students return envelopes/payment to their class teacher or the office BEFORE photo day.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Parents can order and pay online through the MSP website (msp.com.au). Instructions are included on the back of the envelopes. On completion of an online order, the website will display an order reference code which should be written on the back of the envelope, in the box provided. Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day. Cash, cheque, credit and Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa are also accepted.

Spare envelopes and family (sibling) envelopes are available from the office. The Photos Schedule is attached to today's newsletter email.

Thank you
Tracey Walsh

Finance News

Please note on our new Statement of Accounts the options have changed slightly, B Point gives you the opportunity to pay with your credit card online for added security. You can still pay with a direct transfer into our account: Brookfield State School, BSB:064 152, Account No. 0009 0146. Accounts will be sent out in week 3.

Calliope Ainsworth
Business Services Manager

Resource Centre News

Naidoc Week

NAIDOC Week activities are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

In the Resource Centre this week and next there are lunchtime Indigenous art activities and a display along with reading of our indigenous Junior Fiction literature by monitors to students.

ICT Book Trailers!

As a school in the Book Week term we also enjoy focussing on Book Trailers.

Students are encouraged to make an iMovie book trailer this term about a book they’ve read. We will be seeing some of these student-made book trailers at assemblies. The Tech Crew (Year 6 ICT leadership team) will share with the school tips on how to create one and be available to assist students.

Q. What is a Book Trailer?

A. A Book Trailer is a 30-60 second advertisement for a book which can be created in iMovie or any other photo-editing software such as PowerPoint. It needs to show the characters, setting and some general themes or the problem of the story. It can't spoil the best bits of the book- definitely NOT the ending!

Book Covering Help Needed

We have many new books with contact pre-cut for any parents who could take some home to cover for us. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

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Strings News

School photos and String group photos are next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Intermediate Strings will be having their photo taken on TUESDAY at 10.50am. The lessons and rehearsal also take place that day, so everyone should be here with their instruments.

The Senior Strings photo is at 8.30am WEDNESDAY, straight after a shorter rehearsal that morning. Please wear your performance uniform to school that day...but make sure you bring your school uniform too! The students will change into normal school uniform after the string photo. Lessons will be in B Block next Wednesday as the foyer will be used for sibling photos.

Beginner Strings photo is at 8.50am WEDNESDAY morning. Please make sure you have your instruments! We will be having our lesson in B Block after the photo.

I will also send an email home at the beginning of next week as a reminder.

Thank you,
Jennifer Hemmings
String Instrumental Teacher

July P&C Meeting Update

The cold weather did not discourage people from attending our July P&C meeting last Tuesday evening. Highlights from our meeting:

- School Uniform - Reviewed the Uniform Sub-Committee Findings on our Uniform List and what current items may be phased out - more information to come next month.
- Tuckshop - Reviewed our sales information and many school family requests to move our Friday operation to Tuesday and to open at both breaks on all 3 days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. We need to assess our volunteer roster to see if we would be able to fill the roster on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday prior to making any changes.
- Fundraising -
  - Father's Day Stall - Thursday 3rd September; in new venue the music room.
  - Father's Day Morning locked in for Friday 4th September; 8:30am - 9:30am.
  - 5c Jar fundraiser to be launched.
  - Trivia Night Date - 16th October 2015.
- Grounds - A working bee has been scheduled for Sunday 13 September to further support the work that has been occurring within our school grounds. The Committee acknowledged the many members of the school community that make invaluable contributions to the school grounds through their skills and donations.
- A cheque for $14,700 was handed over to the school for Air-conditioning replacements and maintenance.
- A further $20,000 was approved to transfer to the school for the School wide WIFI installation project.
- There was discussion around the School's policy and expectations around Code of Conduct and Bullying. All agreed it was an area of focus that should be explored for further opportunities to support positive behaviour programs. Lots of ideas around friendship/cultural programs towards positive behaviour programs. Discussed investigating options of getting external expertise to come into the school community around student well-being, resilience etc. This will be discussed again next month.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 11 August, all are welcome we would love to see you there.

Victoria Brown
P&C President
Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 has arrived! All orders need to be done by Friday 31st July please. If you don’t already know, Brookfield SS uses the Linked Online Ordering Platform (LOOP) to order from the catalogues so go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and follow the prompts or download the LOOP app for iPad/iPhone or Android. No need to return any forms to the office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Book Club Coordinator

Father’s Day Breakfast

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 Veranda. This will be happening on Friday 4th September 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. Please RSVP with your booking sheet, along with your payment by Friday 28th August.

Parking will be available on the School Oval that morning for the Dads and Granddads that will be attending the breakfast.

P & C News from the Tuckshop and changes to the Menu

We have added three new green (healthy eating) items to our menu! They are on Flexischools under “All Day Items” and are as follows:

1. Vaalia 150g low fat yoghurt tubs priced at $2 – choose from vanilla or passionfruit (pro-biotics, high in calcium and no artificial colourants or preservatives)
2. Paul’s 150g low fat vanilla custard tub priced at $1.50 (97% fat free, good source of calcium, gluten free and no colourants or preservatives)
3. Cheese and crackers priced at $1 (Sliced cheese and 8 rice crackers)

We have separated fresh sandwiches from toasted sandwiches. Previously you would select the sandwich of your choice and then tick toasted for an extra 20c. You will now notice that the 2 are separate which will make it easier to organise for those who volunteer in the tuckshop and 20c has been added to the base price of asted sandwiches when you make your selection.

We have added the option of “butter” or “no butter” to the sandwiches and toasted sandwiches. There is no charge for butter should you select it.

And finally, the option of mayo is also available for sandwiches and toasted sandwiches for an extra 20c.

Please remember that as of tomorrow, Flexischools will cut off at 8:50am instead of 9am so please get your orders in before then.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the Tuckshop or your little ones at the counter!

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Proposed Change of Day for Tuck Shop Opening

We are delighted at the new menu and delicious food our new Tuck Shop co-ordinator Susan Sansbury has brought to our school this year. We have been averaging a record 170 orders per day, which just shows you how popular this scrumptious food is.

As a trial we started off offering Tuck Shop on a Wednesday, Thursday and only first break on Fridays (due to Inter School Sport). However due to popular demand, a lot of people have requested we rather move the tuck shop days to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and to open at both breaks on all 3 consecutive days, not just for half a day on Friday.

Of course our very successful Tuck Shop cannot run without a group of hardworking volunteers. What we are looking to establish is, whether you would be able to assist Susan in the Tuck Shop on a Tuesday. For those volunteers that are currently working on a Friday, would you be able to move to a Tuesday or the volunteers who are currently working on a Wed or Thursday might want to swap or even better if we could find some new Tuck Shop volunteer recruits.

If you are able to assist Susan on a Tuesday please can you e-mail her on robinandsusan8@bigpond.com or contact her on 0449 115 888.

Brookfield P & C

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program once again. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points by shopping at Woolworths from now until Tuesday 8 September 2015.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program provides an amazing opportunity for our school to get free educational resources. Every point we earn through the program goes towards items from MTA - the largest supplier of classroom resources in Australia.

In the past, we were able to select amazing resources for our library and music department. These items currently benefit every student in our school. This year, with your support, we are hoping to earn enough points to purchase something for each classroom.

So please remember to ask for your stickers when shopping at Woolworths.

You should receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Stickers and completed Earn and Learn sticker sheets can be placed into the box at the school office or in our box at Woolworths Kenmore. Earn and Learn sticker sheets are available from the office or the Service Desk at Woolworths.

Please note that shopping receipts cannot be used by the school so please ensure stickers are collected from the checkout or service desk.

Thank you for your support.
Tamar McCullough

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

We hope your children had an exciting and restful holiday. We had a blast during vacation care with the highlights being our crime scene investigation, going to Siz-
This term we are excited to be introducing sewing lessons to children as well as continuing to decorate our service to be welcoming and entertaining for children. Our coordinator, Kristy, is currently on leave so if you have any queries or would like a tour or to enrol in the services, please contact Ashleigh on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Can we please also kindly remind the Brookfield State School families that the before and after school care PCYC children use the oval, Prep eating area and the playground for organized activities during the hours of 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Could these areas remain clear during these times for the children to participate in the program.

Have a great week!
Ashleigh

Friday Soccer (Prep-3)

We will be reintroducing Friday morning soccer for Prep-3 only at 8am. The current UQFC teams that use this day as their official training sessions will continue as normal and the extra children will just form new groups.

Shin guards are compulsory and though soccer boots are not, they are recommended. Please note that the playground equipment on the oval is strictly out of bounds before and after all soccer sessions. If soccer is cancelled due to the weather we will try to post this info on the Brookfield State School Facebook page.

These will be fun-based sessions run by volunteer parents so if you have any spare time the extra help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your child on Friday.

Shameem Khan and Peter Aston

Auskick Free Fun Footy Frenzy

Next Tuesday 28 July Auskick will run a lunchtime session of fun. One session will be on the artificial grass of P1 at 11.15 and a second session on the Oval at the same time. All students are welcome to attend.

Bernie the Lion might be a surprise guest!

Kenmore State High School
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