From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

With only one day remaining it is timely to reflect on our progress, celebrate achievements and look forward to opportunities for the new term. From all reports, our students have worked positively and deserve a break to regain their strength and energy to face the challenges ahead. Many of you have taken, or will be taking the opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher about their progress. The greater the partnership between home and school, the greater the likelihood of success for your child. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing Easter. We are all due back at school on Monday 11 April.

Cross Country

You have to love the competitive spirit that comes alive when students dress in their sports house colours. We have the greatest band of volunteers on Earth who give willingly of their time to provide opportunities for our students to participate in fun and healthy activities. Thank you to all of the parents who have trained students before school to improve their fitness. They looked fabulous racing around the course on Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs Wark and her team of helpers for planning and providing a great carnival for our students.

For the record, Mackellar won from Paterson, with Lawson in third place. Congratulations to all students on their participation and giving their best in their respective races.

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If you would like for your child to participate in these tests, a registration form is available from your child’s teacher or from the office. Registration and payment must be received by Wednesday 23 March. Please check the dates of each test before submitting a registration form.

ICAS is a skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12. The assessments include Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. These are highly valued tests and results can be used for entry into scholarship, gifted and talented and learning extension programs. ICAS assessments are offered by the University of New South Wales and have taken place annually for over thirty years. The assessments are conducted at school through a supervised 30-60 minute test.

More information is available at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about)

Graduation Committee

Could parents interested in forming a committee for the Year 6 Graduation please let me know by email (brobe66@eq.edu.au) so that I can arrange a meeting early next term.

Thought for the Week

The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Anon.

Happy Easter!

Bruce

brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed
From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the last two weeks of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2. These formal interviews provide an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in key learning areas and goals for the term ahead.

You are encouraged to schedule an interview with your child’s teacher using the following link: https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/

Interviews will be conducted in classrooms and are between 10-15 minutes. For further information please see the table below.

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Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Junior Assembly

Each week, the Most Respectful class is identified on assembly. This is the class who shows that they are sitting with respect, looking and listening to the speaker and being positive audience members. Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to Year 2B – congratulations 2B!

Positive Behaviours

This term, students and teachers are being awarded ‘Gotchas’ for demonstrating our school rules of Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.

Each week, names are drawn from the collection for a prize on assembly. Our winners last week were Scott (1A), Alex (1D) and Eva (3B) - congratulations!

Holiday Wishes and Leave Arrangements

May you all have a safe and relaxing holiday break with your families and loved ones. I am looking forward to spending time with my family…our last holiday as a family of 3 (amidst the organisation, cleaning, rearranging, preparing and general ‘nesting’ in readiness for our baby’s arrival!). I look forward to seeing you all back refreshed and rejuvenated in Term 2. I will be taking Maternity Leave from the end of Week 3, Term 2. We are currently in the process of finalising my replacement for this leave period. I will return to work in Week 8 of Term 4.

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

Extension Support at Brookfield State School

As part of my role as Gifted Education Facilitator, I am very fortunate to work with many students to support their learning. Working in this support role is highly rewarding and energising as I am constantly being amazed by our terrific thinkers.
The Department of Education, Training and Employment provides the following model that demonstrates the whole school approach to student learning that is delivered here at Brookfield:

**Differentiated Teaching**

All teachers at Brookfield constantly ensure the needs of their learners are met by scrutinising data gathered on their students and then planning and delivering curriculum that meets their needs. This process of differentiation is ongoing and highly beneficial for all students.

**Focused Teaching**

There will be some students who receive extra support or focused teaching in small groups. Identification of these students is completed based on the classroom teacher’s knowledge of their students. I will be providing engaging extension learning experiences for students in Prep to Year 6 with a literacy and numeracy focus at various times throughout the year, based on our school’s priorities.

**Intensive Teaching**

Intensive Teaching is where I work with students who have been accelerated in a specific subject area or are working on an Individual Curriculum Plan. At Brookfield, there is a very small percentage of students on an Individual Curriculum Plan.

As I work co-operatively with all teachers across the school, I can confidently say that they go above and beyond to ensure the needs of all their learners are met. The staff and I work together to meticulously monitor student learning and track individuals and their progress.

Finally, as Albert Einstein once said:

“The important thing is not to stop questioning; curiosity has its own reason for existing.”

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Sarah O’Donoghue (sodon33@eq.edu.au)**
Gifted Education Facilitator
Contact days: Monday and Wednesday
**Resource Centre News**

**Short Story Competition 2016**

This year 74 entries were submitted in our Short Story Competition with a very high standard of writing skills being demonstrated across year levels. There was an incredible range of descriptive settings and characters with challenging problems and inventive solutions within the exciting plots.

**Well done to all entries!** This year’s winners are:

- Prep: The Very Crazy Day by Amelia Z
- Yr 1: The Unreachable Plum by Daniel A
- Yr 2: Soccer Kid by Patrick P
- Yr 3: The Adventurous Friends by Kate N
- Yr 4: Pneuman by Daniel D’S
- Yr 5: Found by Luke B
- Yr 6: Found by Kalani R

**Student Leadership Display**

This is the last week for students to have the opportunity to write a great idea for school improvement to their school leaders and post it in the Spotty Box at the back for them to discuss at the next Student Council meetings.

**Library Books Over the Holidays**

We ask that students and their families take extra special care of school library books when travelling so they can be returned on the first borrowing day in Term 2 Week 1.

*Read and be touched.*

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to the winning house: **MACKELLAR**

**Placement Results:**

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PCYC News

Hi Everyone! Firstly, I would like to thank Brookfield State School, parents and children for making my first few weeks at Brookfield PCYC so welcoming. I’m enjoying getting to know everyone and I’m excited to continue into next term!

From all the staff at PCYC, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and enjoy your break!

Vacation Care

Our Vacation Care program is out and we have lots of exciting days planned including an excursion to Jamie Oliver’s Italian restaurant in the city, go karting, rock climbing, Easter activities and an invention day! We also have some chicks and fertilised eggs coming so we can watch hatch over the first week of holidays and take care of! Our Vacation Care program and booking form is attached, please get them back as soon as possible before we book out!

We also have some Excursion shirts and hats available to purchase at PCYC! We highly recommend purchasing these for our excursion days. Shirts are $10 and hats $15 and we have a range of sizes.

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

Next 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.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldspcyc.hubworks.com.au or by visiting us (we are in A block under the music room). We love to see new faces at PCYC! Here are a few things we offer:

• Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm - our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service
• Life skills programs- cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly
• Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader
• Art and craft

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

Thanks
Liz Gordon-Brown

Brookfield Show Cake Stall

It’s almost that time of the year again, and planning is already underway for the Brookfield State School’s annual cake stall at the Brookfield Show (13-15 May).

Last year’s jams were a fabulous success! We sold every single jar of jam at our school’s cake stall, and this year we’d love your help again.

If you have favourite jam recipe you’d like to make over the Easter holidays, we’ll collect your donated jams early in Term 2.

Or if you have any spare jars at home, we’d love to take them off your hands for others to use. If you need some inspiration, contact Sophie Weitemeyer for some delicious jam recipes at brookfieldschoolcakestall@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your help, and happy jam making!

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WHEN: Tuesday 24 May 9.30am-11.00am
WHERE: The Peter Doherty Theatre (car parking available at Ward Street entrance)

YEAR 7 SPECIAL PROGRAMS EVENING

Come along and receive in-depth information about our innovative Year 7 programs: Maths and Engineering Acceleration, Spanish Immersion, Chinese Acceleration and Arts XLR8. Talk with current students and parents about their experiences.

WHEN: Tuesday 31 May 6.00pm-7.30pm
WHERE: The Peter Doherty Theatre (car parking available at Ward Street entrance)

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