Welcome back Mrs Lewis! Katie returned to work this week after six months away on maternity leave. Katie will work Monday to Wednesday for the remainder of the year with Tracey Campbell also working full-time in the deputy principal position through to the end of 2016. Having two dynamic deputies for the remainder of 2016 will be very helpful with end of year procedures and preparation for 2017.

Staffing/Classes

We are working on the first draft of forming classes for next year. Please be aware that this is a complex exercise and the class composition is balanced around gender, academic achievement, social and emotional needs, and behaviour. Parents do not select a teacher nor determine the class composition, so please be respectful of the difficulties involved and support your child when the class lists are published in the last week.

Typically, where there are three classes in a year level, they will be split three ways to form a new class the following year. A three-way split in a class of 25 students does not allow for large friendship groups to remain together. Over the course of any student’s time at Brookfield, they will most likely have been in a class with every other child at some stage.

Our school-wide expectations around curriculum delivery and our pedagogical framework ensure there is consistency and that every child is succeeding in every classroom. Research shows that teachers influence about 40% of a child’s success in any year, hence why we have a strong focus on building the capability of all staff members with high impact teaching and learning experiences, along with strong collaborative practices focussed on improving student achievement.

Careful and thoughtful consideration is given to forming these classes so please respect this process.

School Council Meeting

The School Council will meet on Monday 28 November at 7pm in B Block. The agenda includes tabling the 2016 Financial Audit Report and the 2016 School Opinion Survey, as well as discussion on the 2017 Annual Implementation Plan, 2017 Investing for Schools (I4S) Plan, staffing considerations and the outcome of our desktop audit on our self-determined review.

School Captains 2017

We are in the process of electing 2 captains and 2 vice-captains for 2017. I congratulate every student who completed an application as it says a lot about their pride in our school and their commitment and dedication to representing and serving others.

If unsuccessful on this occasion, I encourage students to consider the leadership opportunities that will be advertised early in 2017 for music, house and environmental positions.

Free Dress Friday

For the price of a gold coin, students across Prep to Year 6 may wear free dress this Friday to help raise funds for the Year 6 Art Project. This project is a gift from Year 6 students who work with local artist, Carolyn Parsons, on a piece of artwork that adds considerable value to the school grounds. The art work will be completed this week and is located in the N, O, T block precinct, adding considerable artistic beauty to the area.
Senior students will collect the gold coin on Friday morning from each classroom.

Thank you for your support of the sausage sizzle and thank you to those parents and students who volunteered their time to cook and serve. It was very well received by students of all ages. $540 was collected from the Sausage Sizzle.

**Thought for the Week**

*“Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are.”*

- Theodore Roosevelt

Have a great week,

Bruce

brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed

---

**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

I am excited to return from Maternity Leave this week and have certainly hit the ground running! I very much enjoyed my time with my children and as always, feel very fortunate to return to my role here at Brookfield and be welcomed back so warmly by students, staff and families. It has been wonderful to get around and visit the classrooms and to see the great progress students have made this year. As Bruce has made you aware, I will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Tracey Campbell continuing in the Deputy role from Monday to Friday each week also. Tracey and I work very well together and we look forward to finishing off the year together whilst also ensuring preparations are well underway for 2017.

**BYOD iPads in 2017**

To assist us in planning for 2017, a questionnaire will be sent home with students in Year 2 on Monday 28 November to ascertain the number of students who intend to bring an iPad in 2017. This questionnaire will be required to be returned to school by Friday 02 December.

We will work on the understanding that those students who have used an iPad in Years 3 to 5 in 2016 will continue to do so in 2017.

Student Participation Agreements for students who intend on bringing their own device will need to be completed; these will be communicated at a later date. The school’s ICT Acceptable use Policy (completed on enrolment) will suffice for students without a device or using a school iPad.

Should you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me via phone, email or in person.

Have a great week!

Katie Lewis

klewi114@eq.edu.au

---

**From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell**

**What’s been happening in Year 3**

Seven Steps to Writing Success is a writing program that our school has been implementing over the past two years to help teachers to inspire our students to rapidly improve their writing skills, and most importantly, learn to love writing!
The teachers in 3C have definitely achieved that. Today I was fortunate to read and capture some students hanging some great Sizzling Starts up that they had previously written. These students definitely love writing and were happy to communicate what they have created together.

Just as exciting is the ‘poetree’ display on the wall of 3B. It was covered in fantastic poems written by some very talented young poets. A sample of students from this class happily posed for me by the display, proud of the poems they had added to the tree.

Not only are our Year 3s tremendous with literacy, we have some very dynamic mathematicians in the making in 3A thanks to the creative and engaging approach their teachers take to teaching Maths. For example, as a way to show what they have learnt about 3D shapes and special awareness, two students from 3A were encouraged to construct a 3D model together at the back of the room. It was wonderful to hear that they had discussed and negotiated how their shape was to be formed before they began building.

Awesome work Year 3 and teachers of Year 3!

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly will be held at 1:50pm this coming Thursday. If you are able to attend, we look forward to seeing you there.

Resource Centre News

All library books are due back next week.

All library books are due back at the end of the last two week loan period of the year next week in Week 9.

Hour of Code Event - Week 9

Due to the Swimming Carnival, the new date for the Hour of Code™ event is Monday 28 November.

What is the Hour of Code™?

Each class will be doing a coding activity for one-hour on this day.

The Hour of Code™ is a global movement reaching over 100 million students in over 180
countries. It is a worldwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week [csedweek.org] and Code.org[code.org] to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

Why computer science? Computer science and coding is foundational. Every 21st century student should have the opportunity to learn how to create technology. Computer science is changing every industry on the planet.

Book Covering Help Needed

We have some wonderful new resources ready for release to students and classrooms requiring covering with contact which is already cut. If you are able to take some home or cover them here it would be greatly appreciated. It’s as easy as wrapping a present- we’ll show you how if needed.

Music News

Thank you to all of those 2017 Beginner Instrumental families who have returned their letters of offer to the Office. Please remember that they are due back this Friday.

Due to next week’s swimming carnival, there will be no Senior Choir rehearsal in the morning. Intermediate Choir will continue as normal on Monday. There will be no choir rehearsals in the final week of term.

On Wednesday Nov 30, we have a very special visitor coming to the music room. Kaleah from Kenmore SHS will be bring her marimba in to play for our students. Kaleah has auditioned for the Qld Conservatorium of Music and is awesome to watch and listen to. Everyone is welcome to come and listen, not just our marimba players. She will start at 8:15am in the Music Room, so come and be entertained by some really high quality playing!

Christmas Assembly

There will be a special Christmas assembly in the Hall at 9.30am on Thursday 1st December. Kenmore Anglican Church will be presenting their Nativity Play, involving the retelling of the Christmas story as found in the Bible. This play involves colourful costumes- and a real baby! The play will also involve the singing of a number of traditional and modern Christmas carols.

All students from Prep- Year 6 who bring in a signed permission note to classroom teachers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that the signed permission note is returned by next Tuesday 29th November. Students currently opted in to RI will still need to return a signed permission note in order to attend.

Parents and younger children are also very welcome to attend.

Please contact me via the School Office if you have any further queries.

Tuckshop Closed Week 10

The Tuckshop will be closed during the last week of this term, week 10.
Lost Property Reminder

Please check lost property for any missing items or even those you hadn't realized were lost! There is a basket full of un-named jumpers, various drink bottles, a tennis racquet and plain clothes.

Thank you
Lost property volunteer

Swimming Carnival Lunch Packs

Lunch packs will be prepared for the swimming carnival this year and can be pre-ordered through Flexischools. The pack will include - Sausage in bread, juice popper, watermelon or banana, a homemade biscuit and a packet of chips.

Packs can be ordered at a price of $7. Orders can be made now and will close on the 24 Nov. Further fruit, zooper doopers and limited snacks will also be able to be purchased on the day.

Bec Harrison

Twilight Fun Run

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Twilight Fun Run a few weeks ago. It was an enormous success and everyone had a great afternoon, amongst friends and family, and enjoying being active!

Our aim was to raise $10,000 to contribute towards the recent landscaping and playgrounds that have been built.

In the end we raised over $11,500!!!!!!!!!

Thankyou so much to all the students who participated and all the family and friends who supported our young runners. Your school thanks you, and so do the students who get to use the new play equipment.

Prizes will be delivered to your class this week.

The class who raised the most money was Prep B!

These little champions managed to raise $1,400! A huge effort for such tiny people!
They were followed by 4A and 5A who both raised over $1000!

Congratulations!

As the highest fundraising class, Prep B has been rewarded with a Free Dress day on Friday 02 December. Well Done Prep B!

Bush Xmas

Just like Santa, the annual ‘Bush Christmas’ is almost here.

Save this date, Friday 09 December, for the Brookfield Show Society’s ‘Bush Christmas’ at the Showgrounds. And all entertainment is free!

Please join the P&C, in association with the Brookfield Show Society, and come and celebrate the end of the school year. The Burger Bar will be selling sausages, as well as the popular (and delicious) Christmas rolls with ham, rocket and relish.

So bring the children, grab some class mates, and celebrate a fantastic 2016 school year on the last day of school at the ‘Bush Christmas’....and Santa’s coming to visit the Showgrounds that afternoon too.
Fundraising 2017

Thankyou to everyone who has offered to help out with the many fundraising events we have scheduled for next year. We really appreciate it! We have had plenty of offers to help run the school cake stall at the Brookfield Show, as well as the cupcake stall at the athletics/cross country.

If you are able to help with the Donations drive, or help develop a new parents’ only evening, please let us know.

Also, the cake stall organisers would like to sell marmalade at the Brookfield Show next year. We would really appreciate it if you could keep and store any empty glass jars over the Christmas break. We will be collecting them in Term 1 next year.

Thanks and happy holidays!

P&C Fundraising

EZ Covers

Do you hate spending hours covering school books with contact? Why not spend a fraction of the time and support your school at the same time. EZ Covers have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Their unique covers are made in a range of funky designs with sizes that fit all school books. The covers are made to fit precisely, no more adhesive covers that bubble and stick! All covers are only $1.40 each and if you enter Brookfield State School AND the code EZ15, they will contribute 15c from every cover sold. Simply order online. www.ezcovers.com.au

You're invited - Official opening of the Brookfield Members’ Bar

Do you have Saturday 26th November in your diary? That’s the new Brookfield Members’ Bar opening night cocktail party!!

Hundreds of twinkling lights will light up the Showgrounds, there’ll be champagne on arrival, with delicious catering from Wine & Dine’em throughout the evening, plus sweets and tea/coffee (all included). Funky Latino jazz duo Dos Guitarras will play, followed by sensational covers band First Summer who will rock the night away with all your favourite classic and modern party songs.

Book your tickets online (they’re selling fast) by this Monday 21st November at: brookfieldshowground.com.au and come and party under the stars.

This opening night cocktail party will replace the annual Spring Ball this year. The party starts at 6.30pm...and is a child-free evening! So book your babysitter, grab your cocktail dress, and join the Brookfield community at this special event. But hurry, ticket sales close on Monday!

Any questions email: bar@brookfieldshow.com

This event is proudly brought to you by the Brookfield Show Society.

Brookfield Fun Run

There’s Christmas decorations in the stores, so it must be time to start training for the Brookfield fun run on Saturday, 10 December.

The annual 5km run/walk from the Brookfield General Store raises funds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish by making a donation in exchange for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers.

Registration opens near the Brookfield General Store from 6.30am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family.

More information: Georgie Townsend 0432 350 364 Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brookiefunrun/
ALL ABOUT HANDMADE
Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
3PM - 7PM
MOGGILL SS HALL

Come along to our twilight markets!
“Petting Zoo” “Jumping Castle”
Great food including - woodfired pizza
- Lamb dishes - Turkish gozleme - German sausage
- Pancakes - Cake Stall - Cold drinks!

Find us on Facebook

Markets are held in the MSS Hall, Moggill Road, Moggill. All profits from the market go back to the school P&C for the benefit of the School and Community. These funds help with our fundraising efforts and we thank you for your support of the market. If you want more info please email: allabouthandmakemarket@gmail.com

BUSH CHRISTMAS
Friday December 9th
4:00PM-9:00PM
Brookfield State School
Burgar Bar and Christmas Ham

Junior Engineers
Xmas Break Technology Academy
Give your child a head start on essential skills for the digital world

Scratch
3-day workshop
Grades: 2-3
Date: 12/12 - 14/12
Time: 9.30-12.30

This visual programming language is ideal for
learning the first steps in
coding and understanding
complex concepts in a very
simple and fun way. Ideal
for very young beginners.
No previous experience in
computer programming is
required.

Python & Minecraft
3-day workshop
Grades: 4 and above
Date: 12/12 - 14/12
Time: 13.00-20.00

• Students need to have a
Minecraft user account.
• Returning students will enjoy
easy levels and adventures.

Junior Engineers’ step-by-step
learning approach will help
students understand and use
Python commands while having
fun playing Minecraft. Previous
coding knowledge and Minecraft
eperience is desirable but not
essential.

Robotics Workshop
1 day workshop
Grades: 5 and above
Date: 13/12, 19/12
Time: 9.30-16.00

• Price includes Arduino kit,
university at $60
• Returning students will enjoy
new projects

Students will explore essential
robotics principles through a series
of fascinating experiments. Junior
Engineers’ step-by-step learning
approach will help students use
and understand electronic
concepts and techniques. No
previous experience is required.

Register now on our website at
www.juniorengineers.com.au

Community Christmas Party 2016
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER
2pm – 7pm
Bellbowrie Pool, 47 Birkin Road
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION

Proudly sponsored by