Welcome back! I trust you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with students returning full of energy and enthusiasm to face the challenges and opportunities of the new school term. I enjoyed a couple of weeks at Coolangatta and spent some time at the family property in northern NSW. I also purchased a new bike promising myself to cycle several kilometres each week until I return to my glory days of triathlete status. This may be a little unrealistic, but in the Brookie culture of high expectations, I will do my best!

Our Student Free Day Program addressed a variety of mandatory departmental controls and school priorities with an emphasis on literacy, numeracy, science and technology. Teaching staff are focused on every student succeeding through differentiated teaching and learning and a supportive school environment. My early classroom and playground observations reflect a culture of cooperative, focused and engaged learners. This is promising for a successful year ahead.

You will shortly be receiving information regarding our Parent Information Evenings. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher/s and learn about important class and school procedures and routines. These meetings will take place in your child’s classroom. You are encouraged to attend as a strong and productive relationship between home and school will benefit all parties.

Tennis Success
Last term our tennis teams qualified to compete in the Brisbane International Inter Schools State Tennis Championships, competing against state and independent schools from all over Queensland. We had 2 teams playing, one in the Red Ball and the other in the Orange Ball finals.

Our Red Ball team defeated all the other schools in their pool matches and had to play against St Andrews Anglican College from the Sunshine Coast in the grand final. They played exceptionally well and won the title for the fourth consecutive year. They were handed their trophy and medals on the Pat Rafter Arena by world number 5, Kei Nishikori. The champion players in the Red Ball team include: Sam Slatter, Sophie Hunt, Sam Hamilton, Isaiah Hillman, Scotty McGrath, Daniel Lemmon-Warde, Jason and Lemmon-Warde.

Our Orange Ball team also won their pool and played against Somerset College from the Gold Coast in the grand final. They played exceptional tennis to win the final. This is the first time Brookfield has won the Orange Ball competition. They were handed their medals and trophy on Pat Rafter Arena by John Millman. The champion players in the Orange Ball team include: Noah Brownrigg, Asher Brownrigg, Sam Slatter, Jason Lemmon-Warde and Daniel Lemmon-Warde.
Congratulations to you all as Brookfield are now Qld State champions in both Red and Orange Ball divisions.

Parent Information Meetings are scheduled for:

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Parking Concerns
Please do not park permanently in the *Stop, Kiss and Go* zone on Boscombe Road. It is a 2 minute set down or pick up area. You will need to do a lap of the block or park elsewhere if your child is not present in order to keep some flow of traffic. Please discuss with your child, the importance of moving to these areas punctually following the end of the day.

Everyone should exercise caution and patience during drop off and pick up, keeping in mind that children can act unpredictably at times. We generally experience a few teething problems at the beginning of a new year, so I hope we can all behave positively and cooperatively to iron out any problems. Safety is our highest priority!

Student Leaders
Our school captains and vice-captains are Kelly Eekhout, Tom Graetz (captains), Georgie Gilroy and Jarra Breaden (vice-captains). Nominations for House, Music, Environmental and Technology leadership positions will be discussed with Year 6 students next week.

Same Day Student Absence Notification
From this year, all state schools must notify parents on the same day a student is absent from school without explanation. If no notification is provided, you will receive a text message advising you of your child’s absence. Please call absences through to the school on 3374 7360 by 9am.
P&C Meeting
An excellent opportunity to be involved in the school’s operations is to be a member of the P&C. Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 14 February (yes it’s Valentine’s Day) beginning at 7pm in B Block. I look forward to meeting with past and new parents and welcome your company.

Condolences
It is with much sadness to hear that the former caretaker of the Brookfield Showground, Alan Haycraft, passed away last Sunday. If you would like to reflect on Alan’s life, his friends will be gathering this Saturday at the Showground Bar. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan’s family and friends.

Thought for the Week
One resolution I have made and try always to keep,
“To rise above the little things.”

John Burroughs
Happy New Year
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Welcome back!
I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to working closely with you again in 2017. We had a wonderful holiday period with lots of quality time with family and friends, there really is nothing more rejuvenating than some time at the beach!

Uninterrupted Learning Blocks
As part of our focus and implementation of consistent teaching practices at Brookfield, we are continuing with our implementation of Uninterrupted Learning Blocks, with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. To help us achieve this goal, can you please assist by ensuring your children are at school ready to learn by the first bell at 8:50am each day? This sets the right tone for the day and ensures that students are able to make the most of the prime learning time in the morning.

If you wish to talk with your child's teacher, a quick chat before or after school is most welcomed. However, if you would like a longer conversation, please be sure to arrange a suitable time with your child’s teacher. Our teachers are happy to communicate by email and this is a great way to arrange meeting times that suit both parents and teachers.

Assembly in 2017
To support our Uninterrupted Learning Blocks for Literacy and Numeracy, assembly will continue to be in the afternoon session as follows:

Year 4 - 6 : Wednesday 2:25 - 2:55pm
Prep - Year 3 : Thursday 1:50 - 2:30pm

To start the school year, there will be a Whole School Assembly on Wednesday 25 January at 2:25pm.

Brookie Bears and Brookie Brumbies
This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible through Brookie Bear (P - 3) and Brookie Brumby (Years 4 - 6) tickets. Students will receive tickets when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, class tickets are collated with the class with the most tickets to have Brookie Bear (who has had a makeover over the holiday break!) or Brookie Brumby in their classroom for the week. Students thoroughly enjoy including Brookie Bear or Brookie Brumby in their adventures with their classmates and we find this is a great way to encourage a sense of community in each classroom learning environment.
BeLearning BYOD iPads 2017

The current list of apps will be available through our website by Monday 30 January, under the BeLearning section. We will update these lists as more apps are added during the year.

If you are bringing an iPad to school, don’t forget:
- Bring your iPad in a case to school each day.
- Make sure your iPad is charged (don’t bring chargers to school).
- Update any apps when you are requested to do so.
- Back up your iPad at home regularly.

Student Participation Agreements will be sent home with students next week – please return these to school as soon as possible, thanks.

Thank you once again for your support of this exciting initiative.

Medication

If your child has a medical condition, (for example - Asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy) a note is coming home to your child this week (in a sealed envelope) The necessary forms to be filled out by parents and signed by a Doctor. These forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 10 February, 2017 to ensure our medical records are up to date. It is an Education Queensland requirement, that we cannot administer medical aid unless these forms are provided to the school.

If medication is held in the office from last year, an adult needs to come to the office to collect it to take home. We cannot send the medication home with a student. If it is not collected, and is out of date, we will dispose of it.

From 2016, there are new guidelines with Ventolin. If the school receives written permission from parents regarding the child’s competent independent use of Ventolin, then inhalers can be kept in school bags for student use. A letter to known asthmatic students will be coming home this week outlining this information and reflecting the new guidelines.

Sun Smart Policy – Review

We are in the process of reviewing our Sun Smart Policy. If you are interested in reviewing the policy, please locate it from the Brookfield State School website (go to: Support and Resources/Forms and Documents/Documents/Sun Smart Policy) and email any suggestions to me at: klewi1@eq.edu.au by Friday 03 February.

These suggestions will be considered and a revised policy presented to the P&C at their meeting on Tuesday 14 February for approval. Once approved, the revised policy will be loaded to our website.

Have a great week,
Katie
klewi1@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre Activities

Students are welcome in the Resource Centre from 8:30-8:50am and 2:55-3:10pm for borrowing.

We are open at first breaks for students to enjoy art/craft activities, reading, borrowing, puppets and board games.

We have a wonderful group of Year 4 and students who attend as valuable lunchtime Library Monitors who read to younger students, assist with art activities and re-shelve books among other responsible tasks.

Celebrating Australia – Mem Fox

We are highlighting Australian authors and series this month.

In the Junior Fiction section we are spotlighting the wonderful and humorous books of the famous Australian author Mem Fox. Lunchtime art activities are also based around the Australian animal theme.

Happy Reading
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Friday Morning Touch Year 5 and 6 Girls

Touch training starts up again this Friday morning at 8 am.
Year 6: Cali-Mae, Kelly, Georgie, Emma, Jesse, Emily and Miranda
Year 5: Erika, Zara and Ella

See you there,
Kay Gilroy

West Akuna District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival is coming up on Friday, Feb 10th and will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. Warm up will be from 8.30am. It will be at the Bellbowrie Swimming Pool (Birkin Rd, Bellbowrie).

The following students have made district qualifying times from the School Carnival last year, however, if you have better times from recent swimming meets please forward them onto me by the end of this week. Thank you to those who have already done so. If you would like your child to compete in any of the 100m events or 200m medley, please let me know and if required I would need to see some times showing their capability. If you are a new parent and feel your child is up to district standard, please see the times below and forward their times from a recent recognised swimming meet.

Please don’t hesitate to email me if you have any further questions (lwark3@eq.edu.au). Permission notes will go home shortly and the cost is $6 per student.

2017 Ages for District Selection

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### Chess Club

**Term I** is a Competition Term for chessplayers at Brookfield SS!

Starting in the second week of the term, both Seniors (Grades 4 to 6) and Juniors (Grades 1 to 3) can match their wits on Wednesdays from 11:00am (the start of big lunch) until 12:00pm (children are allowed to stay after the bell). Children should wait outside the chess room until the teacher arrives.

At the end of the term there will be certificates for all players. The Senior and Junior winners will receive trophies, and there will also be medals for other Senior and Junior prize winners.

Beginners will be given a week of coaching (and an extra week if needed) before joining the competition, and all players will be given help with their games.

Parents should enrol their students for these classes at the Office.

### Scholastic Book Club

Welcome back to Term I! Issue I of Scholastic Book Club will be out soon with orders due back on **Friday 10th February**. For those not familiar with Scholastic Book Club, catalogues are sent home to all year levels twice a term offering a selection of books. They can be as little as $2 and vary across reading levels and interests. Orders usually arrive one to two weeks after the due date. Also, every parent order benefits the school by helping to earn free books and teaching resources but there is no obligation to purchase. Last year the school earned $1500 worth of resources.

Orders are only done online by going to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or by downloading the app from Apple or Google. No cash or cheque orders please and no need to return forms to the office.

If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. Please contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

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Thank you
Nicola Hile
Hi everyone and welcome back for 2017. I hope we all had a great and safe holiday. Over the Christmas break Brookfield PCYC were hard at work delivering a fun filled and exciting vacation care program for the children. There were so many memorable moments over the break but a few of the stand outs were the excursions to the Bellbowrie swimming pool, this is one of the children’s favourites. We are happy to say even though it was really hot we had no sun burnt children. The day we received the most feedback from both families and children was Survivor day. We all had the best time and the children especially enjoyed all the challenges that were given to them. Before we know it the next set of holiday are going to come around. For your convenience we will be releasing the April holiday program very shortly.

A few of the things that are going to continue this year are, Homework Club! This will be held every Monday afternoon where the children will have the opportunity to do their homework. Every day the children will also have a half an hour opportunity to do more homework, reading, research etc. Extracurricular activities, we will continue to support the children in their extracurricular school activities. If your child attends any of these activities such as, soccer club, running club, tennis, choir, music, etc. Please let us know and you can fill in the escort form to allow us to take and pick up your child from these activities if there is anything you need to know please contact the service and we will be happy to help.

All here at Brookfield PCYC would like to thank everyone for their continuing support and look forward to an awesome 2017.

From Andrew and the team.

Lost Property

The School Lost Property is located under the stairs of A Block and already it has a pile of hats and various other items overflowing the containers! Please check lost property for any items you think you are missing.

Thank you

Andrew Scovell

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