What do you hope to achieve when you attend a conference or presentation? Over the last couple of days I've driven back and forth to the Convention Centre to attend the Independent Public Schools Alliance Conference. The executive committee put together a great program of speakers including:

- Dr Jim Watterston (Director-General DET);
- Professor Peter Little (Deputy Vice-Chancellor QUT);
- Associate Professor Jane Wilkinson (Monash University);
- Dr Peter Goss (Grattan Institute);
- Professor Peter Townsend (Griffith University);
- Dr Judy Smeed (QUT);
- Mr Michael Hayton (Psychologist, Teacher and Author); and
- A selection of principals who shared their IPS successes.

I sat amongst 200 of my colleagues who demonstrated various modes of note taking skills from their smart phones, iPads and laptops to the more traditional method of a note pad. I had all modes covered. My phone sat next to my laptop with my iPad in my briefcase by my chair. I politely collected half a dozen of the convention centre notepads and pencils that were scattered over the table and went about organising myself to gain the most from each speaker.

On each note pad I had my headings. These included implications for:

- Student learning
- Teaching and pedagogy
- School leadership
- School Council
- P&C
- Staff development
- Follow up

The range of speakers and topics covered were fantastic and once I have organised my thoughts and notes in a more cohesive manner, I look forward to sharing them over the coming weeks.

**ICAS – Science**

The ICAS Science Test will take place next Tuesday 31 May between 9-11am in B Block. Almost 60 students across Years 2-6 have nominated. A list of students participating in the test will be provided to teachers this week.

Each student will require a 2B or B pencil and an eraser. No other items are necessary. Years 2, 3 and 4 students will have 45 minutes to complete the test. Years 5 and 6 will have 55 minutes.

**Religious Instruction**

I received a request to provide further information on the Religious Instruction (RI) Program in our school. Mrs Karen Grenning, the RI coordinator has made herself available for any questions you may have regarding the program or the instruction. Mrs Grenning’s contact details are grening@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0408493421. Parents are also welcome to sit in on their child's RI lessons at any time.

I have attached some information on the RI programs used in each year level and these publications are available for viewing at the office for the remainder of this term.
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Patrick P (on cello) won the ‘Strings Solo (8 years and under)’ category, playing Dvorak’s Humoresque. He also came second in the ‘Instrumental Solo (memory) - 9 years and under’ section playing Breval’s Sonata in C Major.

Will P (violin) won the ‘Instrumental Solo (10 - 12 years) category’ playing Lawrence’s Elegy. Alena TK (violin) came second in this category playing Tambourin by Gossec. Will and Alena both competed in the ‘Strings Solo (9 - 10 years)’ section, with Will placing 3rd playing the Komrovsky Concerto in A Major and Alena receiving a Highly Commended for Strauss’ On the Beautiful Blue Danube. Alena also entered the ‘20th Century music’ category and won.

Congratulations to Patrick, Will and Alena on their achievements.

Parking on Boscombe Road

Please park legally on Boscombe Road and do not park over the nature strip where pedestrians should be able to walk freely without having to move around parked vehicles. Thank you for your understanding and helping to keep our students safe.

Thought for the Week

If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.

Albert Einstein

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Regular Moderation of Student Work

At this week’s Year Level meetings our teachers will moderate samples of student work. This process is an effective way of supporting consistency of teacher judgments and assists teachers to identify future planning and teaching needs.

The teaching of reading: Sheena Cameron

Comprehension is one of the most challenging issues facing teachers of reading today. Often students are able to accurately and fluently decode to read a text, however, this does not always translate into having a good understanding of the text. There is compelling evidence to show that we can improve students’ comprehension by the explicit teaching of reading comprehension strategies.

To support teachers in their teaching of reading comprehension, the school has trained and resourced teachers in the works of Sheena Cameron. Sheena Cameron’s books offer a step by step guide that an-
swer the questions teachers have about how to go about improving reading comprehension. We are very happy with the outcomes of this investment as we are seeing steady reading growth from P – 6. Congratulations to our students and teachers!

**Junior Assembly**

Prep - Year 3 assembly will be held Thursday from 1:50 - 2:30pm, we hope you can join us. Last week’s Most Respectful Class went to 3B- congratulations for being such a great example to the early year’s students!

The class that received the most brookie bears over the course of last week was Prep B, well done Prep B.

*Have a great week,*
*Tracey Campbell*
*tcamp10@eq.edu.au*

**Casual Teacher Aides Needed**

If you are interested in becoming a casual teacher aide at our school, please send your resume to admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

If you have any queries about the teacher aide role description, please contact our Business Services Manager, Calliope Ainsworth on 3374 7333 or cains9@eq.edu.au.

*Office Staff*

**Resource Centre News**

**Inter-House Readers Cup This Week**

Readers Cup is an inter-school competition each year where schools compete against each other in teams of 5. Team members read 5 books and are asked questions about their knowledge and understanding of the events and characters in the books.

The Inter-house Readers Cup Teams in Lawson, Paterson and Mackellar have worked hard reading the books and discussing them and will soon battle it out this Thursday during first break. May the best team win!

**Junior Fiction**

On the occasion of Reconciliation Week next week we are highlighting the wonderful indigenous illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft and her beautiful and colourful illustrations during lunchtime activities and on display.

*Read and Reflect*
*Fiona Allison*
*Teacher Librarian*

**Strings News**

**Tuesday lessons next week, 31 May (week 8).** There are NO lessons on Tuesday afternoon for the Beginner cellos and the year 5 group. You will have your lesson on Wednesday instead and will join the classes you have joined on other occasions. There are no lessons that day as I swapping a day that week because of Fanfare next Friday.

**Senior Strings on Assembly next Wednesday 01 June.** The Senior Strings will have the chance to perform their 2 pieces on Assembly next Wednesday before Fanfare. Please come along and watch if you are unable to see us compete on the Friday.
Tuesday and Wednesday lessons Week 9 (07 and 08 June). There are NO lessons at all that week for Strings. I am teaching at a 2 day String Workshop in the Ipswich District with my Mt Crosby students. This is an annual event and unfortunately clashes with this school. You will get some make up time at a later stage through the year. Lessons and rehearsals will be back to normal in Week 10.

Fanfare Friday June 03. The Senior Strings had their 1st rehearsal with Mrs Doyle this morning, and I thought we sounded great! Please make sure that the main focus of practice until Fanfare, are the 2 pieces that we will be performing... “Entry of the Tumblers and Dark Train”. Thank you everyone for getting the permission slips back in time.

Year 3 Beginner Workshop. The date for this workshop is still yet to be decided. We are having trouble choosing a date that suits the 5 schools involved, so it is looking like it will be early Term 3.

Please email me any time you have any questions.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 orders are due this Friday 03 June. Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order or use the Android or App Store LOOP app. Feel free to contact me by email bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or on 0413443632 if you have any queries.

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

I can’t believe we are over half way through the term! We are busy finalising our Vacation Care program and will get it out to you as soon as possible.

This week at PCYC we are preparing to welcome in hermit crabs! One of the lovely Brookfield families has donated a fish tank to PCYC and the children have decided they would love to take care of hermit crabs. We have been researching how to care for them and what they like to eat. If anyone has some great tips on how to care for hermit crabs, please let us know. Come in to PCYC next week to visit our little friends!

Cancellations

If you require cancelling a previously made booking, please ensure you give staff 48 hours’ notice so you are not charged. You can do this by emailing Liz at brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au, writing in the bookings and cancellations booklet at the service or calling 3374 2107 (leaving a message is fine).

If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldsspcyc.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

Our Sponsors:

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Phone 3374 7333

Dear Reader,

Thank you
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Thank you
Nicola Hile

Let’s meet and talk travel

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

Thank you!
Liz Gordon-Brown

Ceramics Club

On 30 May (next Monday) Sculpting Ceramics 3D Design will commence another session after school every Monday from 3:00 - 3:45 Grade 2 - 6.

Anybody interested, please confirm with Hugo on phone 0401 911 475 or email jvesara@yahoo.com. Cost will be $68 for the remainder of the term 2 (4 weeks).
TRIVIA NIGHT
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