We were gathered on the front lawn of Government House listening to the student captains thank staff and parents for the fabulous week in Canberra when the 72 strong student group responded, "HERE, HERE!"

That was the moment when I knew it had been an incredibly successful tour of the national capital.

The weather was perfect, the guides at each location were interesting, the food was plentiful, the accommodation was comfortable, the coach drivers were entertaining, the students were well-behaved and cooperative, the parents were also well-behaved and cooperative and the teachers maintained a positive camp environment. Dare I say it might have been the best Canberra trip to date!

Our year 6 students undertook an educational tour of the national capital with students participating in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate was deducted from the cost of the trip.

Students participated enthusiastically throughout the week and will remember these experiences for a very long time. Thank you to the staff and parents who attended and contributed to an enjoyable and educational experience.

Service Learning

Service Learning at the Tarry Brae Hostel has finished for this year; 50 students from Prep to Year 6 have been involved in a number of interactions with residents through activities including games, gardening, knitting, singing, playing instruments, reading and completing puzzles.

Yesterday at Tarry Brae, residents were handed a gift from our students. The visits have proven to be very successful with many benefits for our students, the residents and our staff/parents attending.

The Service Learning initiative has presented its share of challenges. Thank you to Mrs Clark who has been instrumental in liaising between Tarry Brae and our school. Mrs Clark has given a great amount of time to ensure every detail was attended to and that each visit was successful. She has provided each student with a special card to thank them for their contribution and presence. The Service Learning program will continue to be successful next year as a result of Mrs Clark’s work. We wish Mrs Clark and her family all the best as they will be heading back overseas in December.

I’d also like to thank our bank of drivers, Mrs van Wyk, Mrs Clark, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Ainsworth, and Blue Care Diversional Therapist, Mrs Sandy Ryerson, for her energy and enthusiasm in greeting our school each Tuesday when we visit. Details of the Service Learning program in 2016 will be shared early in the new school year.

2016 School Captains and Vice Captains

Only school captains and vice captains for 2016 will be elected in the final weeks remaining. Other student leadership appointments will take place in the first few weeks of the new school year. The process of electing school captains involves:
- Student nomination and endorsement by a staff member
- Short-listed applicants attend a lunch-time leadership workshop with the principal
- Students complete an application (at school) outlining their qualities for a school captain position
- Applicants are short-listed
- Successful applicants deliver a short speech to students and staff
- School captains and vice captains are elected and announced on the final assembly of the year.

**Congratulations**

Tom N has qualified for the 100m Freestyle in the Queensland Long Course State Championships in a few weeks. This is the premier event in the Qld Swimming calendar. He will compete against the best swimmers in the state for the opportunity to represent Queensland in the National Championships. Well done Tom and all the best!

**Thought for the Week**

The quieter you become, the more you can hear.

Ram Dass

Have a great week!

Bruce

brobe66@eq.edu.au

Belong - Strive - Succeed

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**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**BYOD iPads in 2016**

To assist us in planning for 2016, a questionnaire will be sent home with students in Years 2 - 5 on Monday 30 November to ascertain the number of students who intend to bring an iPad in 2016. This questionnaire will be required to be returned to school by Friday 04 December.

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.

**Report Cards**

Report Cards will be sent home with students in a sealed envelope on Thursday 10 December. If your child will not be at school on that date, or if it is your preference, Report Cards will be posted. Should you wish to provide an alternative address for postage, please inform the office staff.

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

For Term 4, students will receive a “Spotya” when they are “spotted” displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Spotyas” go into the draw for a class prize. The weekly “Spotya” draw will take place on assembly. Last week’s winner was Thomas and Prep D students - well done Prep D - two weeks in a row!
The Most Respectful Class on assembly is awarded to the class who are showing respect, sitting and listening throughout our assembly. Last week Year 2C were our Most Respectful Class - well done Mrs Nembach and Year 2C students.

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

Resource Centre News

Student Loans

We ask that students return all Library books by next Monday in Week 9.

Big Book Swap

The three days of last week’s Book Swap were very successful with almost 400 hundred books swapped by our highly enthusiastic Brookfield readers who now have new reading material for free. Well done to all who participated! Students can keep and re-use their tokens for next year’s Swap in the first half of next year.

Parent Ship-Shape-Shelf-Sergeants

OUR SHELVES NEED YOU!

After another fun-filled fantastic year in our fabulous Library, we are needy of some parent recruits to get our Library shelves ship-shape and ready for action in 2016!

If you are willing to serve your country school with a smile, we want you in the last two weeks of school! In return we offer coffee, cookies and kind company to combat our collection.

Either, write your name on the library volunteer schedule outside the Resource Centre or pop in to see us. We look forward to working with you - so please enrol NOW! All help greatly appreciated!

Read and relax!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Swimming Carnival 2015

The permission notes for the Swimming Carnival have gone out so please have them back to the office as soon as possible. For students who have not received one it is attached to the Banter. Also any year 2 students who are born in 2007 and have times to submit that are on par with the district times for 9yr olds (2016), please email them to me ASAP.

There will be 2015 age champions for 9yrs olds - 12yrs olds (children born 2003-2006), not for 8yr olds. Age champion points come from the 50m events only, and will be calculated on the best times in each age group. 50m and 100m events will be timed and 25m will not be timed but house points will be given for the fastest 3 swimmers in each heat.

All 100m events are open events, meaning all age groups compete together. Children swimming in these events must be competent swimmers and able to swim these events in under 2 minutes at a minimum.

The 2 fastest times that meet the qualifying time for all the 50m events and 100m freestyle event will go through to districts. A third spot will be added from eligible students.
before the District Carnival at the beginning of next year. Students who want to nominate for the 200m Medley will need to show times from a recognised swimming meet in order to be considered for district selection.

District Qualifying Standards 2016

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Year 6 Graduation

The dress code is smart casual. For you to nominate what table you would like to sit at, there will be table lists posted on the library verandah from today.

Graduation Committee

Nativity Play

Kenmore Anglican Church will once again bring their very popular Nativity Play to our school at 9.30am on Thursday 3 December. The wider school community is also welcome to attend.

All students from Grades 1-6 who participate in the RI program will be attending. Prep students and other Non-RI students are also welcome to attend if they bring in a signed permission note from home.

Karen Grenning
RI Co-Ordinator
Mob: 0408493421 or grenning@bigpond.net.au

End of Year Teachers/Parents Celebration

Just a reminder that the End of Year Teachers/Parents Celebration will be taking place next Wednesday 2nd December at the Brookfield Show Grounds.

Details for the night:
- Show Bar will open from 5pm.
- The show society provides trestle tables & each class can decorate their table (or not!).
- Parents are asked to bring a plate to share.
- Parents are responsible for the supervision of children.
- Show Society volunteers will operate the bar however each class is asked to leave their table / area CLEAN at the end of the evening.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Brookfield P & C
Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 is now out and is the final issue for the year. Orders are due Friday 27 November please and should be delivered to school the following week. To order, go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app for iPad, iPhone or Android. If you would like an alternative pickup arrangement to avoid spoiling present surprises, then please contact me on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

There are also some Warehouse sales coming up in the next two weeks at Morningside, Bracken Ridge and Springfield. Here is the link to check times and locations.


Thank you,
Nicola Hile

Yoga

Term 4 Yoga classes will finish this week on Friday morning in the music room. I hope all the kids who have attended have enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about their own hearts, bodies and minds. It has been a pleasure to teach them throughout this year.

Janine Lee

PCYC News

Hi everyone! We are fast approaching the end of the year and are very busy taking our new prep enrolments for next year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for next year please visit https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au to enrol or alternatively contact us for more information.

Existing families of PCYC: In preparation for the new year, can you please login to the parent portal at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au using your username and password (if you do not know it please ask us!) and check all the information for your children is up to date and current. Can you also please let us know any changes to your bookings for next year ASAP.

Vacation Care: We are very excited about the upcoming school holidays and look forward to seeing some new faces. Please check out the program attached and book in for some days of awesome fun!

At PCYC we have implemented a behaviour incentive scheme whereby if we see the children doing our rules “Be Respectful” “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe” they will receive a “Like” and go into the draw to win a certificate and prize on parade each week. Last week our winners were Ryan Bethel and Kelly Eekhout for outstanding behaviour. Well done Ryan and Kelly!

If you would like to enrol your children or would like a tour of our service, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

Have a great week!
Kristy Nuttall

Brookfield School Tennis

On Sunday morning our seven Brookfield Tennis Teams competed in the fifth round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield School courts. This was the last round before the finals is played this weekend for Orange and Green Ball and the Red Ball finals will take place on 6th December on the Pat Rafter Arena.
Red Ball Teams:
Brookfield B beat Fig Tree Pocket (By one point!)
Brookfield A beat All Stars Team
Moggill beat Brookfield C
Brookfield B lost to Fig Tree Pocket
Finals - Brookfield A vs Brookfield B
Brookfield C beat Pullenvale

Brookfield A vs Fig Tree Pocket

Green Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Fig Tree Pocket B
Fig Tree Pocket A beat Brookfield B
Pullenvale narrowly beat Brookfield C
Finals - Brookfield A vs Fig Tree Pocket A

Good luck to all our teams playing in the Finals and best of the rest this Sunday.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

HO-HO-HO-LY MOLY it’s the LAST BURGER BAR for 2015…

Friday 04 December, to be held in conjunction with Brookfield Show Society Bush Christmas event. The P&C will be hosting a Burger Bar that promises to see the year out with a bang!! Come and get a sausage in bread or a Christmas ham roll with rocket and relish!! There will be a movie screening for the kids with lollies and popcorn available. See you there!

Andy Dart

Two weeks till the Fun Run

With two weeks to go, you need to at least find some shoes for the annual Brookfield Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, 5 December. The 5km run/walk is all flat, so you might as
well forget training and focus on raising funds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The event leaves Boscombe Road outside the Brookfield State School at 7am, heads down along Rafting Ground Road to Huntington and back into the Showground. Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish with a gold coin donation for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers. Registration opens near the Brookfield General Store from 6.15 am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family. More information: Check us out on Facebook or Dee 0409 763 991, Jan Martin 0418 875 547, Megan 0409 106 069.

Chores
Jan Martin

Drifting Down the Darling by Tony Pritchard

Tony Pritchard, who taught at Brookfield State School for 6 years, retired in 2010 to write a book about a trip he took in the seventies. He has completed the book Drifting down the Darling, and it is now available on Amazon, and at the book launch here at Brookfield State School on 11 December. The story is about drifting down the old river in a ten-foot boat (no motor, no oars) looking for adventure and a place to belong. Or, more to the point, escaping West Dubbo before he was asked to leave. He got lost, bitten by two goannas and a snake, and says the river trip made a man out of him. There are some who disagree with that last bit, but never mind. He caught fish, made odd bird observations and found special things by staring into little campfires.

Around Brookfield, Tony is fondly remembered for his cricket umpiring skills (…Going upstairs with that one…what do you mean, there's no third umpire?), his constant reference to native birds (…okay kids, put the math books away, today is watching tawny frogmouth day…) instead of factors, fractions and operations. When pressed, he admits he taught English and read books to the class all day. Tony also said that dreams will only come true if you have them in the first place.

Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten

2016 Pre-Kindergarten Vacancies

We currently have 2016 Pre-Kindergarten places available for three year old children. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like to visit our centre or enrol, please contact us on the details below.

Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten
27 Ferriker Street, Chapel Hill, 4069. Phone: (07) 3378 2008
Email: chapellhillkindy@optusnet.com.au Website: www.chapelhillkindy.com.au
please come and share the book launch of

DRIFTING DOWN THE DARLING

by Tony Pritchard

“I drifted over a thousand miles down the Darling River in western NSW in a ten-foot boat with no motor or oars…”

11 December 2015
Brookfield State School
Boscombe Road
Brookfield, Brisbane 4069
6pm start

Enjoy a glass of wine & finger food
After half an hour of absolute truth and out of focus 1970’s photos, all questions will be answered, even the tricky ones like, ‘What did you do each day?’

More info 0411 566 413
The Combined Brookfield Churches present

Christmas Carols 2015

Sunday 6th December 2015
6.30pm to 8.00pm

Brookfield Uniting Church
2 Upper Brookfield Road, Brookfield

Offering to go to Drought Stress relief in Western Queensland

Bring rugs/chairs and your best singing voice

Children are encouraged to bring a small decorated Christmas tree
MOGGILL STATE SCHOOL is turning 150 Years Old in 2016.

Did you or your parents attend Moggill State School?
Did you work at Moggill SS?
Everyone is invited to celebrate with us.

Past students are invited to participate in our Hall Of Fame. If you are proud of what you have done since your MSS days, then tell us about it and we will put you in the Hall Of Fame.
Email us your name (plus maiden name), years attended MSS, a photo and a paragraph or 2 about yourself. Email to the address below. Or phone Tina (0413 026 087) for more information.

Can you help us with historical memorabilia? Old photos (at school, on camp, on excursions, with friends, in uniform, school days), uniforms, school projects, books, equipment from your days at MSS? Let us know by emailing to the address below if you can help. All items will be labelled and be available for collection afterwards.

13th February 2016  Heritage Day
• 12:30pm  Choir & Official Ceremony in the school hall
• 1:30pm  Heritage Trail – displays, activities, afternoon tea, souvenirs, open classrooms throughout the school. Lots of the activities are free.
• 4:30pm  BBQ & Bushdance – finish the day catching up with old friends and teachers with a free bushdance. BBQ, cold drinks, hot drinks available for purchase.

14th February  Continuing the Celebrations
• 8:00am  Reunion breakfast at the Bellbowrie Tavern
• 10:30am  Celebration Service at St Michael’s & All Angels Anglican Church

Here is a link to the Moggill State School 150th website page for all the details:
https://moggilss.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Pages/150-Year-Celebrations.aspx
and here is a link to the Facebook page we created specifically for the event, please “Like” us and invite your friends:
https://www.facebook.com/150yearsMoggillSS

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