From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

It was an 'aha' moment! One of those moments when you have a sudden realisation. Our group was just about to leave Blue Care's Tarry Brae Hostel when Sandy, the Divisional Therapist, told Donny, one of the residents that our students were benefiting from the hard work of his generation.

And how true Sandy's words are! Our Service Learning group of 12 had taken their musical instruments to play something for the residents at Tarry Brae. Some students had only been playing their instrument for a short time and some were more experienced and could perform very competently. The residents were a great audience, showing their appreciation with applause and whispering compliments from their seats.

I was sitting next to Donny, whom I first met 4 weeks ago. Donny has been present every Tuesday since telling me how wonderful the kids from Brookfield are. Donny was in a military band and played the trumpet. He was marvelling at the ability of some students to play multiple instruments.

We often reflect on our fortunate standard of living on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, but every generation has benefited from the previous one and the one before that. It was terrific to watch the expression on the faces of the residents, they were proud and appreciative. A powerful bond is forming between our students and the residents at Tarry Brae.

Spark up Spelling

The Great Australian Spelling Bee is generating quite a bit of interest in spelling amongst students and staff.

42 students in Years 3-6 participated in ICAS-Spelling. We received 22 Participation Certificates, 5 Merit Certificates, 12 Credit Certificates, 2 Distinction Certificates and 1 High Distinction Certificate.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this competition.

Prep Orientation

It was great to talk to parents at our Prep Orientation morning last week about their aspirations for their children as they enter primary school. My introduction focused on a high performance culture and an inclusive, supportive and nurturing environment. It's so important to provide a strong, well-rounded foundation for children in the early years and build a sense of fun and enjoyment into learning.

We have approximately 74 Prep enrolments for 2016 which will equate to three Prep classes at this point in time. Thank you to our P&C who served morning tea and contributed to our presentation.

No Soccer Thursday Morning

With the Book Week assembly taking place at 9am on Thursday morning, there won't be any soccer training on Thursday before school.
Free Dress this Friday (Gold Coin)

The last Free Dress for August is this Friday. Students in Years 5 and 6 will need to bring their sports uniform to change into before departing on buses. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fund-raising venture.

Mrs Carolyn Parsons has been engaged to work with Year 6 students on an Art Project in the upper school precinct. Students are reminded to wear sun-smart clothing and have their school hat. Student leaders will visit classrooms to collect a gold coin from those participating.

*Thought for the Week*

_One person caring about another*
_represents life’s greatest value*

*Jim Rohn*

*Have a great week!*
_Bruce*

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From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

**PAT Testing – Science**

This week, all students in Years 4 to 6 completed a PAT Science Test. Students complete these tests each year and it provides us with a reliable form of data to track their progress throughout their schooling. As with the PAT Reading Comprehension Test, students completed their PAT Science Test in the new online format using the school’s iPads. Teachers are able to use the data from these tests to further inform their teaching, to set appropriate learning goals for students and to contribute to end of semester reporting.

**Book Week Assembly**

Not long to go now!!! I am sure there will be many households with excited children tonight ready to wear their costumes for our Book Week Assembly tomorrow!!

We will be having a special assembly this week – **Thursday 27 August at 9am**. This will include our usual assembly items along with special Book Week Awards presented by Mrs Allison and the opportunity for students to parade in their Book Week costumes.

We hope you can join us **at 9am in the Hall TOMORROW** for this assembly.

**Papua New Guinea School Visit**

Next week we have the pleasure of hosting students from Lihir International Primary School in Papua New Guinea. These students and their teachers are touring Brisbane and will be visiting Brookfield State School from 12noon – 3pm on Wednesday 02 September. During their time here they will be working with our Year 6 students and challenging them to a game of basketball also. The Lihir students will provide a presentation on our whole school assembly next week at 2pm. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the presentation.

Some background information regarding Lihir Island for you is provided below:

_{Lihir Island} (aka {Niolam Island}) is the largest island in the Lihir group of islands, 22 km long and 14.5 km wide, in Papua New Guinea’s New Ireland Province. The island is located 900 km (560 mi) NE of Port Moresby. The economic focal point of the island is the Lihir Gold Mine._
Ladolam gold mine represents one of the largest epithermal gold deposits in the world and it is hosted by high-potassic igneous rocks. The mine is operated by Newcrest Mining Limited. The mine holds one of the world’s largest gold resources (46 million ounces).

We look forward to the students from Lihir visiting us next week – I will be sure to share photos in upcoming Banters and on Facebook.

Prep Orientation Morning

Thank you to all of those current and future families who attended our Prep Orientation Morning last week. By all accounts it was a great success!

A few housekeeping items:
Please be sure to return any forms you may have been provided on the day.
Please ensure that you have provided a Birth Certificate to the office.
Please book in for a 15 minute interview on Monday 19 October (details below).

Prep Interviews will take place on Monday 19 October from 8:30am - 4:00pm in the Resource Centre. Your child will need to bring along their favourite book to the interview.

To book your interview time, follow the link (https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/) and enter the event code: F5T47. You will have the option of booking in with Teacher #1, Teacher #2, Teacher #3 or Teacher #4. The Prep team member who conducts your interview will not necessarily be the teacher who has your child next year. Our Prep teachers work well as a team to share information from the interviews, this is used to help us create our classes for 2016.

If you have any queries please contact: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 3374 733.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Our “Gotcha” winners from last week were Eden (1C), Jessica B (2A) and Hilary (PD), congratulations! The Most Respectful Class went to Mrs Nembach and 2C - these students were sitting and listening with respect throughout the assembly, well done!

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

Prep - Year 4 Science Day 2015- “Light the way”

The Prep - Year 4 Science Day will be held on Thursday 10th September (Term 3 - Week 9).
Every child and teacher will be encouraged to dress up as a type of scientist to celebrate this critical learning area. More information is attached to today's newsletter email.

Thank you
Steph Weigel

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents are encouraged to book in for an interview with their child’s teacher. We conduct these interviews to enable us to communicate with parents regarding student progress and plan for the term ahead to improve student outcomes.

When: End or Term 3 or beginning of Term 4 (see below)
Duration: 10-15 minute interviews
Where: Individual Classrooms
5B parent/teacher meetings will be offered in both Term 3 and Term 4. If there is no availability in one term please check the other.

Steph Weigel

Resource Centre News

Book Week Festival

It has been fabulous to see students actively participating in the Book Week Festival activities around the school and on the Circle and Sail Lawn. They have been caught reading at the Book Week Benches, reading the Book Stops on the walls, reading their writing Sizzling Starts into the microphone and creating art based around the Children’s Book Council of Australia's Shortlisted books!

Short Story Competition 2015 - There were many wonderfully creative stories entered in the Short Story Competition and we look forward to the announcement of winners in each category at the Book Week Assembly as judged by visiting author Pat Flynn.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Reading Record Sheets due back to office this Friday 28 August.

Book Week Dress-as-a-Book Character Assembly - Thursday 27th August 9am
We look forward once again to the marvellous array of book characters at this year's assembly by teachers and students!

Read and Celebrate
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Sport News

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport starts this Friday for students in Yr 5 and 6. Students need to wear their sport’s uniform and make sure that they have their school hat as well as a water bottle. Even though Friday is a free dress day students will need to get changed into their sport’s uniform prior to departure. All permission forms need to be returned to school ASAP. Team coaches will be arranging training times with their teams - these normally occur at a suitable lunchtime. Teachers are hoping to have some parent assistance with their teams on Friday at the venues. If you could assist please contact your child’s coach.

Thanks
Mr S
PE Specialist

Before School Soccer Cancelled Tomorrow

Soccer will be cancelled tomorrow morning before school, due to the children being dressed up for the Bookweek assembly. Thank you.

Lizel Moore and Gareth Thorne

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**Friday Soccer**

Just a reminder that soccer is on as per usual this Friday 28th at 8am. Please ensure your child arrives on time as it’s difficult for us to create groups and allocate parents to groups if children arrive after 8am.

There will be **NO SOCCER on Friday the 4th Sep** as the oval is being used as a carpark for the Father’s Day breakfast. Please check the Brookfield State School Facebook page for last minute updates and cancellations for Friday soccer.

Thank you

Shameem Khan and Peter Aston

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

Dad’s Granddads and Friends... come and see your children’s work and spend some time with them in an informal setting in their classroom, followed by some delicious muffins and tea or coffee on the Library Veranda. This will be happening on Friday 4th September at 8:30am. Cost is $7 per adult. This is a very special catered event, so to ensure quick entry and to enjoy every minute, we encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. Please RSVP with your booking sheet, along with your payment by Friday 28th August.

Payment can also be made online via FLEXISCHOOLS.

Parking will be available on the School Oval that morning for the Dads and Granddads that will be attending the breakfast.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

**Year 6 Cup Cake Fundraiser**

Did you know that the United Nations estimates that 1 in 10 people globally (748 million) do not have access to safe water and 2.5 million lack basic sanitation? Drinking dirty water, and eating food prepared with dirty water, can cause diseases like diarrhea, cholera and intestinal infections. These preventable diseases affect children’s ability to learn and attend school. Globally severe diarrhea is the second biggest killer of children.

I would like to raise much-needed funds to provide water to a community in Zambia. If we raise $600, through World Vision, it would go towards installing borehole pumps to provide clean water for drinking, cooking and washing.

On **Tuesdays during weeks 8,9 and 10**, the Year 6’s will assist by baking cupcakes to sell at school during both breaks to raise as much money as possible. The cupcakes will be selling for $2 each.

Thank you all for your support

Sarah Lemmon-Warde

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

A very big thank you to all those families who have brought in their Earn & Learn stickers and sticker sheets. Our school total is currently 5,700 points. A great effort Brookfield!

Remember, the more stickers we collect, the more free educational resources we’ll be able to select for our school. So please keep collecting those Earn & Learn stickers and remember to drop them into the box located in the school office or at
Woolworths Kenmore. Also ask family, friends and neighbours to collect stickers for you too.

Please also keep an eye out for the Everyday Rewards School prizes at the bottom of your receipt and products that give bonus stickers.

Thank you for your support!

Tamar McCullough

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 has arrived and orders are due Friday 4th September. Please order online only by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by using the LOOP app for iPad, iPhone or Android. No need to return forms to the office. Contact me at bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413443632 if you have any questions.

Nicola

PCYC News

Hi everyone!
I'm back (again!) and so happy to see the Brookfield children and staff J We are fast approaching the end of term three and I am pleased to announce we have released our vacation care program (attached to the email). We have many fun days planned including:


For a more detailed description of these activities please read the attached program. If you would like to book any days please contact Kristy on 3374 2107.

Have a great week!

Ashleigh

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