From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

I was privileged to join our year 6 and 7 students on a tour of Canberra last week. This is truly one of the highlights of a student's primary school years. It was a very tight schedule in order to visit as many national capital attractions as possible and undertake the educational activities.

Each student will be able to give an accurate account of their favourite place. It never ceases to amaze me that on every visit to places like the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House, there are new things to observe and learn.

Over the last couple of years we have been able to lay a wreath during the closing ceremony at the War Memorial. This is a special experience and one we shared this year with the Australian cricket team members. During the afternoon, students broke into small groups and explored each of the galleries. Lieutenant Colonel Rick Maher also joined us for this visit and led a group around the memorial.

I am grateful to the parents who joined us and contributed enormously to the success of our tour. All students are to be commended on their behaviour. You get to know people reasonably well when you are with them 24/7 and I must say I was very proud of our 87 students.

Master Teacher

On Monday I joined with the principals from Chapel Hill and Milton State School to interview eight candidates for the master teacher position. Brookfield will share a master teacher with Chapel Hill State School. This is a three-year appointment beginning in January 2015.

The responsibilities of the Master Teacher in our shared cluster arrangement will include:

- Working with leaders to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school’s curriculum and pedagogical framework;
- Improving and enhance pedagogical practice for all staff by researching and modelling quality teaching across all year levels;
- Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching;
- Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning; and
- Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data.

The successful master teacher will be announced in early December.

Congratulations Ms Nikki Spanner

Nikki Spanner has been acting as deputy principal in various schools over the last couple of years. I am delighted to inform you that Nikki has won the permanent position of deputy principal at Gumdale State School. I'm certain that Nikki will add significant value to Gumdale's improvement agenda. I have expressed our school's congratulations to her.

ARL/Brisbane Broncos Challenge Cup Win

All week in Canberra I had Ms Evans telling me how wonderful Gareth Thorne had been coaching one of our school's flag tag teams. Following the Year 6 Girl's Flag Tag success in winning the West Akuna...
District Flag Tag competition, our girls set their sights on the Challenge Cup. This is a competition where the premiers play against an All-Stars team from other schools within the district.

The final was a hard fought game in the heat and at full time it was locked at 2-2. After 4 overtime sessions, both teams were eventually reduced to only 4 players under the drop off system. Finally Brookfield SS got the break through and scored the winning try to claim the cup. A first for Brookfield SS and the first time an individual school has won it in 6 years of competition.

Congratulations to the team members: Tess M, Jamie C, Zoe T, Nikita M, Lily W, Holly D, Sarah B, Isabella C, Lily M, Ella Mc and Bella T. Lily W was awarded player of the match.

Congratulations also go to Anya F and Gabrielle L who represented Brookfield SS in the Year 7 District All Stars Team. They over-powered Pullenvale 6-2 to put another Year 7 win down to the All Stars.

A special thank you to Gareth, who like many of our parents, has given his time so generously to help the girls.

Thought for the Week

I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.

Abraham Lincoln

Have a great week!

Bruce
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From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Talented writers in Prep

This week, I have had the pleasure of visiting some of our Prep classrooms and seeing their fabulous writing inspired by the “The Three Little Pigs”. Students worked in groups to innovate on the existing text. It is wonderful to see how much progress our students have made, and continue to make, particularly with their writing abilities. Definitely more budding authors in Prep!!

“The ten big black pigs built houses to escape the wolf.” by Michael, Eden, Lizzie, Dhugal and Libby

“The three big brown pigs built big houses.” Pierce, Baxter, Caitlin and Sunny

More wonderful writing in Year One

Students in Year One have read the text, “The Bear’s Lunch” and have written a retell based on the text. Here are some samples from some of our keen writers:

One day Wendy and Oliver set out for a picnic in the clearing. But they did not know that a big black bear was foraging for food. First he looked under a log and he scared a little mouse in its hole. He frightened three fish away and then he came out to the clearing and frightened Wendy and Oliver to the end of the jetty. Oliver let out a big, “AAAAARRRG!” and the bear took a big step back. Oliver did it again. Wendy and Oliver did it together and the big black bear ran away. Wendy and Oliver ran home and told their mother all about what happened and their mother gave them a big hug. That is how the bear got its lunch.

By Anastasia
One day Wendy and Oliver set out for a picnic in the clearing near a lake. They set their towels out but they didn’t know that there was a big black bear. They didn’t know he was looking for food. He looked up a tree then a frightened bird flew up into the sky. There were some other animals who got away but the bear didn’t catch anything. He was so hungry! He could smell Wendy and Oliver’s picnic food. He went down and sat on Oliver’s towel and ate all Oliver’s honey sandwich and Wendy’s salad sandwich. He was so thirsty he drank all Oliver’s orange juice and all Wendy’s apple juice. He was still hungry and he smelled more food at the end of the jetty. He took a step forward, another step forward, another step forward until the children could smell its hot breath and could see its sharp teeth and its red rolling eyes. He let out an enormous, “AAARRGG” and he took a step back and the bear ran home to his mum and never came back again. Wendy and Oliver ran home and mum made another lunch and they gobbled it all up.

By Jason

One day Wendy and Oliver set out for a picnic near the clearing but they didn’t realise a big black, hungry bear was looking for his lunch. He looked in a log but he didn’t get the mouse or the bird or the squirrel or the fish. Then he went into the clearing. He growled at the children! The children ran to the end of the jetty. The bear ate Oliver’s lunch and Wendy’s lunch as well. The big black hungry bear had only had a small lunch. He wanted more! He smelled around and looked around. He saw some food at the end of the jetty. He went closer and closer and closer until he was so close that Wendy and Oliver could smell his hot breath and see his sharp teeth. Oliver said an enormous, “AAARRRG!” and the bear stepped back and back and back. Wendy and Oliver said, “AAARRGG!” together. The bear was so scared that it ran so fast. It made him run into the deep dark forest and Wendy and Oliver ran so fast too. As soon as a flash they were off and the bear was so frightened that he never came back again. They told their mum all about the bear. When she heard about the bear, she made them another lunch.

By Trinity

ICT Update

With the support of the P&C, we have purchased 6 new laptops and 14 new iPads for use in the school. Two of the iPads will be allocated to Prep (to make their suite of iPads up to 12) and 12 iPads to Year 1 for use across the year level. Our Year 1 teachers are very excited and looking forward to using iPads to enhance the teaching and learning in their classrooms. Our plan is to invest in a similar suite of school purchased iPads for use in Year 2 during 2015.

The ICT Committee met for the last time this year to celebrate the successes in ICT enhancements during 2014 and to plan our focus for ICT at Brookfield during 2015. We are happy with the continued progress with ICT initiatives in the school and will continue to improve in this regard over the coming years.

Classes 2015

Draft class groups for 2015 will be composed this week. Once they are finalised they will be made available to the school community.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Congratulations to Year 3A for being awarded "Most Respectful Class" on last week’s assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 3A!
Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 12 December 2014. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Please be sure to inform your child’s teacher if they are going to be away for an extended period of time, for example, a family holiday. It is important for teachers to be aware of this and work the student’s assessment around it as best as possible. With enough notice, and at parental request, teachers will also be able to provide work for students to complete whilst on an extended holiday.

Have a great week,
Katie
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Music News

Tonight is the big night! Starting at 6pm, all of our music groups are performing in our end of year celebration concert. Students are asked to arrive at 5:40pm as per the letter that was sent or emailed home. The kids (and staff!) have all worked hard to be able to present a great night’s music, so come along and enjoy the evening. We plan to be finished by 8pm, so it won’t be a late night for the kids. We look forward to seeing you there!

With our concert done for the year, all of our music ensembles have held their final rehearsals. Thankyou to all of the parents who have supported us by getting their kids to practices on time, often early in the morning. Band and String lessons will continue until next week, no lessons in week 10, while Jen and Damon collect and organise the school instruments and equipment, ready for 2015.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Resource Centre News

Student Loans

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

Bookie Book Amnesty at the Office

Please post any past Library books or home readers in Bookie at the office. All books very welcome!

Book Mending Parent Help

We are in need of a parent who could come and help some of our library books in need of mending. We would love to show you how to easily wield the sticky tape and glue. These are often our most loved books by our students who would be most grateful to see them back in circulation! Please call in at the Library or call/ email the office to help.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Swimming Carnival

The Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be next week, Tuesday 2 December 2014 for Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 at Kenmore State School. Shuttle buses have been booked to transport chil-
dren to and from the pool. **All children must be at school by 8:30am so the carnival can start on time at 9:15am. The Year 5–7 students and the 100m medley swimmers will go on the first buses followed by the other classes.**

Children need to come to school dressed in their sports uniform with swimmers underneath, including wearing sports shoes. Children will need to have a swimming cap (house colour preferred), togs (boys may wear board shorts, girls no two piece suits), sun shirt, towel, sun-screen and a water bottle. Students will also need to wear shoes whilst not competing. There will be a canteen and the menu is available in the Banter.

If leaving early with parents, children must be signed out by their class teacher. If you wish your child to go home with another parent, a permission note will be required.

Make sure permission slip and returned to your child’s teacher by Friday 24 November.

Any parents who can help time keep for the 100m medley, please come and see me at 9am at the pool on Tuesday as this will enable us to get underway more quickly.

Libby Wark
PE Specialists

**PCYC News**

This week at PCYC we welcomed back our year 6s and 7s and have enjoyed hearing their stories about their trip to Canberra. This week is the last week of our current menu as December’s menu will be more refreshing for summer including “Make Your Own Salad”, “BBQ Wednesday” and of course our array of fresh fruit.

This Friday 28 November we have the disco down at the hall. Entry cost is $5 and glow sticks and other products will be available for purchase.

Preps- 3 will be at 5:30-6:45pm and year 4-7 will be 7-8:30pm. We hope to see you there for a boogie!

If you would like to book in vacation care, please call Kristy on 3374 2107 for your custom quote. It is much cheaper than you think and we guarantee happy children J Why not join us for a magic show, masterchef day, circus skills, laser tag on the oval or in our Ultimate Games Day at the park.

Thanks
Kristy Nuttall
OSHC coordinator

**Tuck Shop News**

Only 1 week left till dads BBQ and we still have no volunteers to man the tongs, if you have 3 hours to spare on 4th December please call me 0422640594 or email camliddy@hotmail.com.

Last day of normal tuck shop orders is Wednesday 3rd December, with counter sales only for snack items on Wednesday the 10th, no other food available on this day.

Cathy Liddy
Tuckshop Convenor

**Christmas Food Appeal**

Each year the RI teachers ask the school community to consider supporting a different charity in the lead up to Christmas. Last year you may remember that we supported Compassion Australia’s relief appeal in the wake of the devastating typhoon in The Philippines.

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This year we are supporting The Salvation Army’s food drive here in Brisbane. Boxes have been placed in all classrooms and we are encouraging all students to bring in donations of non-perishable food items. Donations of tinned hams and Christmas puddings also boxes of mince pies are especially welcome and will be used by The Salvation Army on Christmas Day. Other food items are also welcome and will be given out to families in need on Christmas Day.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring these items in to school by Friday 28 November.

**Salvation Army Food Drive**

As Christmas approaches, the RI teachers have organised a food drive to support The Salvation Army’s work amongst the poor in Brisbane. Please note that this Monday 1st December is the last day to bring in donations of tins of food. Boxes for your donations have been placed in all classrooms. Thank you for your support.

**RI Christmas Assemblies**

This year’s Christian Religious Instruction (RI) Christmas assemblies will be held in the school hall at the following times:

- 9am Friday 28 November Grades 1-3
- 10am Friday 28 November Grades 4-7

Families and friends of the school community are very welcome to attend.

**P & C News**

**Zooper Dooper Fridays**

Thank you for purchasing Zooper Doopers. Thank you Trish Dore and Robyn Bowman who sold icypoles while the Years 6 & 7 were in Canberra. Thank you Cathy Liddy and Coles Kenmore for their freezers. See you at the Tuckshop on Fridays at 11.15 (when released by staff from eating) with your 50c.

**Burger Bar Friday 7 Nov Hosted by 7A**

Thank you for a very successful Burger Bar. From the donation of items and Volunteers on the night, to the families who attended, together we raised $1,608.55. It was the best BB this year, but Ross still holds the record apparently of just over $1,800 it is believed!

Mark Minczanowski Senior, he’s the Man! He operated two BBQ’s by himself. By the time Justin Doyle came to help, Mark had these well-oiled machines under control and didn’t need anyone else, so Justin sold raffle tickets for us. What a trooper, his first time ever and a magnificent job he did, alongside Monica Wareham and Monica Harley! Included in the profit above is the raffle total of $417.80, which nearly covered our expenses for the night, thanks to these wonderful people.

Deb Minczanowski, Mel Mc Ardle and Trina Sutton took control of the money and serving and were worked off their feet feeding the masses. Lisa Frazer kept everything running smoothly by getting supplies from the fridge, topping up everything and keeping everyone happy. I did two runs to Coles for more meat and bread. Rachel Frost jumped in early and helped set up salads.
Kym Doyle kept the children happy selling ice-blocks along with Emma Aitchison and Jenny Frazer. Jenny lasted the longest, braving the crowd and getting those ice-blocks out to the masses. The 100 ice-blocks that were bought sold in no time, so Justin Doyle not only did a run for more boxes, he also donated them, such a generous family!

Congratulations and Thank You Everyone.

Special thanks to Bronwyn and Richard Toft, who provided the raffle prizes of wine and $50 vouchers for their Brookfield Veterinary Surgery over the course of the year and to Bronwyn Allan who subsidises the cost of the loaves of bread and rolls from her bakery in Graceville and delivers it as well. We are very lucky to have this support from our business families.

Covering of Library/Reading Books

Thank you to all of the parents who have covered books this year. Year 3, we have a number of books that require covering for your children to use, if you could spare a little time, that would be helpful. With this heat upon us, the library is an excellent place to hang out - free air conditioning! I had half an hour spare the other morning, so I popped in and covered 6 books. If we all did this, the books would be covered in no time at all. Please help when you can.

Fundraising Coordinator Role, Secretary or Burger Bar Coordinator

If you are considering taking on any of these roles, please contact any member of the P&C Executive for further information.

Years 6 & 7 Graduation

Thank you parents, all Graduation forms and money have now been submitted.

End of Year Celebration at QCCC for Years 6 & 7

Some families have not yet submitted their child’s form and $10. Please do so immediately, so your child doesn’t miss out on this super fun day!

End of Year Staff and Parents Celebration

Staff and Families will come together to say ‘Thank You’ on one night with one sharing area.

When: Thursday 4 December 2014
Who: Staff & Parents Prep - Year 7
Where: Brookfield Showground’s Bar Area
Time: From 5.00pm

Details for the night:

• Show Bar will open from 5.00pm
• The show society will provide some trestle tables for all to use together
• Parents are asked to bring a plate to share with everyone
• Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children
• Show Society volunteers will operate the bar, however everyone is asked to help CLEAN the area at the end of the evening.

Come and enjoy the night together.
Teacher's Gifts

Your Class Rep may organise this on your behalf, so consult them directly for any relevant information. It is completely voluntary.

Music Concert

We would like to purchase another Marimba to add to our collection, increasing the number of children who can play them at any one time. If you would like to help me sell minutes for BSS's first ever CLOCKSTOP, please let me know on 0417 0417 32 or offer your help at the door tonight. If we sell all of the minutes @ $2.00 each, we can make $1,440 profit. We will also have a donation box for anyone not wanting to buy minutes, but wish to support the cause. A new marimba with everything is approximately $1,700 delivered. Michel's Patisserie, Kenmore Village, has donated 120 - 2 for 1 coffee cards for those families who get in quick to buy their minutes. The one and only prize, has been kindly donated by Haemen Mendis Jewellers Kenmore Village - A gift voucher valued at $225.00. Now who wouldn't like to win that and buy themselves a beautiful piece of jewellery? Please buy minutes and help us buy a marimba.

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 2 Dec Years 3 - 7. Volunteers needed for BBQ, see Roanne Lemmon-Warde.

Upcoming Events

Icypole Sales 28/11, 5/12 (Last one)
26 Nov Music Concert 6.00 - 8.00pm
28 Nov Disco $5.00 entry fee P-3: 5.30 - 6.45, Years 4-7: 7.00 - 8.30pm
2 Dec Swimming Carnival Years 3 - 7
4 Dec Staff and Parents Celebration from 5.00pm
9 Dec Year 6 Graduation & Dance
10 Dec Year 7 Graduation & Dance
11 Dec Years 6 & 7 Breakup Party QCCC

Brookfield School Tennis

This past Sunday morning 23rd November, saw 8 Brookfield Tennis Teams compete in the semi-finals and play-off rounds of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre. It was amazing to see the improvement from the beginning of the competition to this past Sunday.

Below are the results:

Red Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Fig Tree Pocket B
Brookfield B lost by only 4 points to Fig Tree Pocket A
Brookfield C beat Upper Brookfield
Brookfield All Stars Team beat Chapel Hill
**Orange Ball Teams:**
Brookfield A beat Brookfield B

**Green Ball Teams:**
Brookfield A beat Indooroopilly
Brookfield B beat Fig Tree Pocket Girls Team

This Sunday will be the finals of the Orange and Green Ball Divisions and all the other schools teams will play out for best of the rest. We are very proud to have our Brookfield A Team playing Fig Tree Pocket Boys in the Finals of the Green Ball Competition and our Brookfield A Team will be playing Fig Tree Pocket in the finals of the Orange Ball Competition too. Our Red Ball finals will only be held on Sunday 7th December.

Good luck to all players this Sunday!

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

**HOLIDAY CLINIC**

School holidays are around the corner. Looking for something for your kids to do - look no further.

Our coaching team is ready to deliver another fantastic tennis clinic over the first week of the holidays.

**When and Where:**
Five days from Monday 15th to Friday 19th December - 8am to 10am each day. Brookfield Tennis Centre and Brookfield State School.

**What's on:**
Coaching clinics for all ages with classes specifically structured to cater for the following

- **Little Kiddies** aged 3 to 5 with focus on basic tennis, hand eye coordination, spatial awareness, balance, catching etc
- **Red Ball** - beginner tennis with little nets and bigger softer balls
- **Orange Ball** - intermediate tennis with smaller balls that are a little harder
- **Yellow Ball** - players who've been playing for a while looking for some great drills, game play and tactical instruction.

Tournament on the final day with prizes and trophies on offer.

The clinic is a great way for your kids to get ahead on their game to improve for next year's Inter Schools Tennis Challenge. Programs are targeting all skill levels and are designed to develop fundamental skills as well as introducing advanced concepts to more experienced players. For most kids this clinic equates to an entire terms coaching in one week as many kids get one hour coaching a week - so its great value for money at $155 for the week.

We will hold a sausage sizzle on the Friday after the clinic ends.

To register please call us 07 3374 1046 so we can lock your kids and grandchildren in. Classes are already filling up and numbers are limited.

Regards
John & Roanne Lemmon-Warde

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**OUR SPONSORS:**
Two weeks til the Brookie Fun Run/Walk

It’s less than two weeks now until the 2014 Brookfield fun run/walk on Saturday 6 December and it really is time to dust off those shoes. The annual 5km run will start in Boscombe Road this year. We’ll head down Boscombe, left into Rafting Ground Road on the bike/pedestrian track to Huntington and back, round the corner past Brookfield Produce and Pet Pavilion and into the Brookfield Showground.

Registration will be in the rotunda beside Brookfield Agencies from 6.30 and the run/walk starts at 7am. All proceeds go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Registration stays the same as last year: $7 per person or $25 per family.

Junior cyclists with helmets can join John Forbes from Kenmore Cycles from 7am on a minibike course in the paddock opposite the Brookfield General Store and Cafe.

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.

More information: Like us on Facebook. Dee Morrison on 0409 763 991 or Jan Martin 0418 875 547.

Cheers
Jan Martin

Christmas Carol Night

Combined churches Christmas Carol Night Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd Boscombe Road, on Sunday 30th November at 7pm.

Adults or children are welcome to dress up for the nativity story there will also be costumes available for angels, shepherds and kings.

Supper will be served afterwards.

Thanks,
Maxine Chandler

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