From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Running is great fun. I’m reminded of this every time I hit the pavement in my trendy running shoes only to come unstuck with a calf strain from years of not having physiotherapy on old injuries. Well that’s my excuse anyway, but I’m looking forward to supporting everyone this Saturday from 4pm as you line up for our school’s Fun Run.

The P&C are hoping to make $10 000 which is earmarked for playground equipment and landscaping. I’m sure you’d agree that every child benefits from this fundraising so I hope you can support the event. You can nominate to run 1km, 2km or 4km with the first run scheduled for 4:30pm. Even better you can run in fancy dress and win a prize.

Following the Fun Run there will be refreshments and a Burger Bar to feed everyone before heading home. The top car park will be open from 3:30pm with limited parking available on Boscombe Road. I look forward to your company on the day.

ICAS GOLD

Two of our students and their parents will be invited to attend the ICAS Medal Ceremony on Saturday 03 December at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to receive their award for achieving the highest score in an ICAS Test in Queensland.

Congratulations to Heather D for winning the Year 2 ICAS English Medal and Luke B for winning the Year 5 ICAS Science Medal. This is an outstanding achievement and follows on from our success previously.

Bounce Back Values

The National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools was developed from a values education study in 2003. The National Framework was agreed to and endorsed by all state and territory Ministers of Education and distributed to Australian schools in 2005.

The Framework recognised the existing policies and programs in schools, along with a significant history of values education drawing on a range of philosophies, beliefs and traditions. A poster was made available that identified 9 Values for Australian Schooling. Do you know the 9 values?

The nine values are listed in alphabetical order and are used currently as our Values Vouchers short-term rewards on the P-3 and 4-6 assemblies:

• Care and Compassion (care for self and others);
• Doing Your Best;
• Fair Go;
• Freedom;
• Honesty and Trustworthiness;
• Integrity;
• Respect;
• Responsibility; and
• Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion

Throughout this term and with the launch of our new Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework, we will transition from the above values to those reflected in our Wellbeing and Resilience Program, “Bounce Back”. The Bounce Back resources are available in three phases (Years P-2, 3-4 and 5-8). I have outlined the core values in each program for the 3 phases in the following table:
You can clearly see the similarities. The Bounce Back program contains resource materials and strategies to teach students the social-emotional learning skills that underpin wellbeing and resilience. Discussion on the values is a great meal time or car travel topic.

**Music Concert**

One of the best evenings of entertainment will be the Music Concert in our hall on Wednesday 02 November. If you are a parent or grandparent of one of the 220 students involved in the concert, I hope you can join us.

*Thought for the Week*

*When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: You haven’t.*

- Thomas Edison

- Have a great week,
- Bruce
- brube66@eq.edu.au

**From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell**

**Water Works Excursion**

As part of their Science unit, the students in Year 2 undertook a full day excursion to the Wivenhoe Learning Centre (WLC) and the Mt Crosby Water Treatment Plant.

At the WLC student’s learnt about water and water systems such as catchment issues, catchment creatures, catchment management and water saving measures. On the excursion day, students were introduced to a water story that has since been followed up in class.

Thank you to all the parent helpers that assisted on the day, the teachers truly appreciated the extra sets of eyes. The students loved having you along too.
The Water Works excursion is such a fun and engaging way to learn about water!

Revived playground

This week as I have been out and about checking out the great work going on in our classrooms, it’s so good to see such great progress taking place. Though, I have to say, more often than not of late I have found an empty classroom where I am expecting to see a sea of children.

It seems our revived playground has become a fantastic outdoor learning area for classes as well as brain break spot of choice.

What a great way to enjoy this beautiful, shady spot in our school. I think I will have to start taking my morning tea down to this area to take in some sunshine with the children!

Prep Classroom Awards

It was my pleasure to award many of the Prep A students a classroom based award for moving up another level in their sight word book. These students continually work hard each day to recognise and recite their list words.

What is just as exciting is several other students in the class are very close to reaching their next goal, I look forward to going back again soon to award the next round of sight word achievers!

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly is held at 1:50pm this coming Thursday. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to assembly to knock some metres off Mrs Campbell’s Fun Run head start! The coins will be added to the tin during assembly.

Have a great week!
Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au
Resource Centre News

Book Fair – finished today!

It was terrific to see so many parents and students enjoying the Scholastic Book Fair in the past week but alas now it is gone! Thank you to our wonderful school community for your excellent support in making it another successful event.

New Series Return

The new Fiction series released last week are again on display and are able to be borrowed again by students at the back of the Library.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2016

We recognise the participation of our students in these prestigious awards by writing and entering their thoughtful poems. Well done Samuel Hamilton, Sophie David, Caitlin Viskovich, Emily Rae, Maeve McCowan and Isabelle Mortensen!

Book Covering Help Needed

We have some wonderful new resources ready for release to students and classrooms requiring covering with contact already cut. If you are able to take some home or cover them here it would be greatly appreciated. It’s as easy as wrapping a present - we’ll show you how if needed.

Read and feel refreshed!
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

The countdown is on! Our annual Music concert is on next Wednesday, 02 Nov. All of our groups are putting the finishing touches onto their pieces and excitement is mounting. (The Senior Choir sounded particularly fantastic at their Tuesday morning rehearsal!) All participating students are asked to be at the school hall by 5:40pm to tune / organise uniforms and instruments and so on, ready for a 6pm start.

We will also be announcing a variety of awards throughout the night for outstanding musicians and group members. If you have any questions regarding the evening, please don’t hesitate to contact any of our music staff.

Instrumental Music Program 2017

Thankyou to everyone who has returned their Expression of Interest forms for beginning in our program for 2017 (and so many of them!) Our Instrumental teachers are in the process of working through these and will be seeing these students in the next week or two. Our Parent Information night had previously been set for Tuesday Nov 8, but we have had to change this date to the following week (Tues Nov 15) due to delays in seeing some interested students.

If your child is already a member of our program (Years 3-5) but you will not be returning to Brookfield State School in 2017, please let us know as soon as possible so that we are able to plan ahead for next year’s intake of students.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

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Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the State Athletics Trials last week. What a fantastic effort and results from these students.

Millie H - 5th 800m
Georgie G - 3rd Multi, 3rd 800m
Sophie M - 6th Multi
Jake H-R - 4th Discus, 7th Multi
Erica M - 800m

Congratulations to Georgie G who has made the State Athletics Team and will compete at Nationals in the 800m.

Libby Wark

Graduation Committee Meeting

Final preparations are being made for this year’s “night with the stars” graduation celebration, a really special time for our senior students and their families.

There will be a progress meeting this Friday 28 October at 2pm in the Staff room in the Admin building.

We would also like to invite any Year 5 parents who may be interested in organising next year’s graduation to come along and see what’s involved and get an insight into the celebration format.

Thanks,
2016 Graduation Committee

adidas School Fun-Run

This weekend is our Twilight Fun-Run!

The event will kick off 4pm, Saturday 29 October on the school oval.

We look forward to seeing students, and parents, get involved - All students will be getting a fruit juice icy pole at the event to help cool off.

Remember to dress up to be in contention for the best dressed prize!

If any parents would like to get involved please contact Taryn gtnoonan@gmail.com, but even if you can't help, we'd love to see you down there on the day cheering the kids on!

Don't forget to return your money along with your sponsorship form and chosen prize. This can be done on the day, or next Friday at school. We already have the money you raised online, however please also put that on the form!

P&C Fundraising

PCYC News

Hi all and welcome to a new week.

As most of you are aware the Christmas holidays is fast approaching. This week we are finalising our Vacation care program for the Christmas holidays.

We are planning a fun filled and exciting program for the children. If you have any suggestions on some activities you think the children will like please let us know.

Over the last week we have been working with the children on respecting our environment.
With the introduction of the new outdoor play area “that looks amazing” this is a very important lesson.

Inside the children are really enjoying board games, drawing and stamping.

On Thursday our ASC menu special is "Bush Tucker" this has been organised by Charlene and is going to very exciting.

If you have any suggestions on how we could improve the service we provide please don’t hesitate in talking to myself or any of the awesome staff.

Till next time from Andrew and the team, stay safe.

Have a great week,
Andrew and the team at Brookfield PCYC

You’re Invited to the Brookfield Members’ Bar Official Opening

The school community’s invited to help celebrate the official opening of the renovated Brookfield Members’ Bar at 6.30pm on Saturday 26 November at the Brookfield Showgrounds. It’s a cocktail party with live music under the stars by covers band First Summer, champagne on arrival, canapes and ‘live’ food stations, and a cocktail mixologist to get the party going.

Buy your tickets by Monday 21 November at www.brookfieldshowground.com.au. Contact bar@brookfieldshow.com with any questions. See the attached flyer for more details.

Brookfield Show Society’s organising committee

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1km, 2km, and 4km runs

Students, families and friends are
invited to spend an evening together
being active and having fun!

All family members are
invited to participate.

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

BURGER BAR WILL BE OPEN

We are aiming to raise $10,000
to contribute to the landscaping
and new play equipment on
the school grounds.