From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Welcome back, especially to new families who are joining our school community for the first time. I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday and have returned energised to face the challenges and opportunities of the new school term.

Our four day Student Free Day Program addressed a variety of mandatory professional development topics and school priorities with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy. Teaching staff are focused on improving learning outcomes for every student through differentiated teaching and learning and a supportive classroom and school environment.

We welcome three new members to our teaching ranks. Miss Hitzman is teaching 1D, Mrs May is teaching 2B (each Friday) and Miss Priest is teaching 4A. We also welcome back Mrs Wheatley who will be teaching 3C (Thursday and Friday).

You will shortly be receiving information regarding our upcoming Parent Information Evenings. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and learn about important school procedures and routines. These meetings will take place in your child’s classroom. You are encouraged to attend as a strong and productive relationship between home and school will benefit your child.

Parent Information Meetings are scheduled for:

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West Akuna (District) Swimming Carnival

The first district carnival of the year is swimming on Thursday 11 February. Our PE teacher, Mrs Wark, will disseminate the information shortly. The school swimming team will be selected from the carnival in Term 4 last year, along with consideration of times submitted from recognised meetings.

Our Aged Champions from the school carnival were:

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Bounce Back

All students will participate in Bounce Back, a wellbeing and resilience program that aims to help young people function well, both at school and in life. The program provides practical strategies to help them cope with the complexity of their everyday lives and learn how to ‘bounce back’ when they experience sadness, difficulties, frustrations and challenging times.
Bounce Back is built on a combination of research, cognitive behaviour theory and the use of children's literature to teach key wellbeing and resilience concepts. An article will appear each week in the Banter to inform you of the concepts being covered across the school.

**Thought for the Week**

Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.

*Henry Ford*

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to working closely with you again in 2016. We had a wonderful holiday period with lots of quality time with family and friends.

**Uninterrupted Learning Blocks**

As part of our focus and implementation of consistent teaching practices at Brookfield, we are continuing with our implementation of Uninterrupted Learning Blocks, with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. To help us achieve this goal, can you please assist by ensuring your children are at school ready to learn by the first bell at 8:50am each day? This sets the right tone for the day and ensures that students are able to make the most of the prime learning time in the morning.

**Assembly in 2015**

To support our Uninterrupted Learning Blocks for Literacy and Numeracy, assembly will continue to be in the afternoon session as follows:

- Year 4 - 6: Wednesday 2:25 - 2:55pm
- Prep - Year 3: Thursday 1:50 - 2:30pm

To start the school year, there will be a **Whole School Assembly on Thursday 28 January at 2:25pm**.

**Gotchas**

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible** through Gotchas. Students will receive Gotchas when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Gotcha recipients will be drawn on assembly and will receive a prize to acknowledge their quality choices.

**BeLearning BYOD iPads 2016**

The current list of apps is available through our website, under the [BeLearning section](#). We will update these lists as more apps are added during the year.

If you are bringing an iPad to school, don't forget:

- Bring your iPad in a case to school each day.
- Make sure your iPad is charged (don’t bring chargers to school).
- Update any apps when you are requested to do so.
- Back up your iPad at home regularly.

**Student Participation Agreements** were sent home with students this week – please return these to school as soon as possible, thanks. A copy of this note is also attached to this week’s Banter.

Thank you once again for your support of this exciting initiative.

**Medication**

If your child has a medical condition, (for example - Asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy) a note is coming home to your child this week (in a sealed envelope) with the necessary forms to be filled out by parents and signed by a Doctor. These forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 12th February, 2016 to ensure our medical records are up to date. It is an Education Queensland requirement, that we cannot administer medical aid unless these forms are provided to the school.

If medication is held in the office from last year, an adult needs to come to the office to collect it to take home. We cannot send the medication home with a student. If it is not collected, and is out of date, we will dispose of it.

There are new guidelines with Ventolin. If the school receives written permission from parents regarding the child’s competent independent use of Ventolin, then inhalers can be kept in school bags for student use. A letter to known asthmatic students will be coming home this week outlining this information and reflecting the new guidelines.

**Sun Smart Policy - Review**

We are in the process of reviewing our Sun Smart Policy. If you are interested in reviewing the policy, please locate it from the Brookfield State School website (go to: Support and Resources/Forms and Documents/Documents/Sun Smart Policy) and email any suggestions to me at: klewi114@eq.edu.au by Friday 05 February.

These suggestions will be considered and a revised policy presented to the P&C at their meeting on Tuesday 09 February for approval. Once approved, the revised policy will be loaded to our website.

*Have a great week,*

*Katie*

-klewi114@eq.edu.au-

**West Akuna District Swimming Carnival 2016**

The carnival will be held at Bellbowrie Swimming Pool (Birkin Rd, Bellbowrie) on THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 9am - 3pm. (warm up from 8:30am).

Any new families who have children aged 9-12yrs who have swimming times that are on par with the district qualifying times below please email me this week. These times need to be from a recognised swimming meet.

Parents of students who qualified in term 4 for districts and would like to submit faster times, please email these to me this week. Also if you would like to enter your child in any of the Open 100m events or the medley please submit times as well.

The Carnival format is below with approximate times of events. Permission notes will go out...
next week. Feel free to email me if you have any further enquiries, lwark3@eq.edu.au.

Libby Wark

District Qualifying Standards 2016

Freestyle Events

100m Freestyle (Open) - 1min 21 sec
9 years 50m Freestyle (born 2007) - 48 sec
10 years 50m Freestyle (born 2006) - 46 sec
11 years 50m Freestyle (born 2005) - 44 sec
12 years 50m Free (born 2004) - 41 sec

Breaststroke Events

100m Breaststroke (Open) - 1min 44 sec
9 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2007) - 1min 1 sec
10 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2006) - 57 sec
11 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2005) - 55 sec
12 years 50m Breast (born 2004) - 52 sec

Backstroke Events

100m Backstroke (Open) - 1min 37 sec
9 years 50m Backstroke (born 2007) - 56 sec
10 years 50m Backstroke (born 2006) - 54 sec
11 years 50m Backstroke (born 2005) - 52 sec
12 years 50m Back (born 2004) - 49 sec

Butterfly Events

100m Butterfly (Open) - 1min 34 sec
9 years 50m Butterfly (born 2007) - 53 sec
10 years 50m Butterfly (born 2006) - 51 sec
11 years 50m Butterfly (born 2005) - 49 sec
12 years 50m Butt (born 2004) - 46 sec

Medley Events

10 years 200m Medley (born 2006) - 3min 35 sec
11 years 200m Medley (born 2005) - 3 min 24 sec
12 years 200m Medley (born 2004) - 3 min 18 sec

Carnival Format

At the District Carnival there will be no finals. All heats will be timed and the children will be selected on times.

50/100 metres and medley:
Children will be selected with Heat 1 being the slowest and the final Heat in each event being the fastest.
Only one relay team per school per event.

Event order and estimated times: The carnival will not stop for lunch. There will be a short 15 minute break at the completion of each session.
Session 1 Butterfly events, 9am
Session 2 Backstroke events, 9.50am
Session 3  Breaststroke events, 10.45am
Session 4  Freestyle events, 12pm
Session 5  200 m Individual Medley events, 1.15pm
Session 6  4 X 50 m Freestyle Relay events, 2pm

Individual Events

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** 9 year olds do not do medley and can only go as far as the District Carnival.

Uniform Shop / Tuckshop news

Volunteers are needed for Uniform Shop (Monday mornings) and Tuckshop (Wednesdays and Thursdays especially). A volunteer form will be coming home with your child today. If you are available to volunteer we would love to have you! Please complete this form and return to the office by Friday this week.

Thanks
Susan Sansbury
0449 115 888

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

Welcome to the 2016 school year! We trust you all had a safe and restful school holidays! We had a fantastic few weeks at vacation care and have enjoyed meeting some of the new prep children as well as children from Kenmore SS and Moggill SS.

The start of the year is very busy for us but we are always looking for children to join us. Some of the feedback we have received from children, families and school staff are:

"The staff at PCYC are caring and lots of fun. The children always want to go to PCYC and often we have difficulty getting them to come home!"

"Kristy is extremely well organised and well liked by staff, children and families. She endeavours to provide the best care to children and we trust her and the staff of PCYC to provide safe, enjoyable and educational experiences for our children. We can’t recommend them enough!"

"I love PCYC because it is lots of fun!"

OUR SPONSORS:

** 9 year olds do not do medley and can only go as far as the District Carnival.
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).

Here are a few things we offer:

- 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.
- Homework club on Monday afternoons- children are given time with an educator with a Bachelor of Education to assist them with their homework. Children are welcome to do homework anytime but on Mondays we have a designated educator to help.
- Life skills programs- cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly.
- Limited technology use- children can use ipads for homework / research purposes but otherwise we limit screen time until 5:00pm.
- Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader.
- Art and craft.
- Nutrition lessons- we have an educator studying Nutrition and we research how much sugar/fat is in products and discuss healthier alternatives.
- Spontaneous play- we have plenty of games and toys for all ages.
- 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.
- Intentional teaching activities with the children being the contributors to the program – they ask, they receive!

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

Kristy Nuttall

Scholastic Book Club

Welcome back to Term 1 and Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club will be out soon with orders due back Friday 12th February. For those not familiar with Scholastic Book Club, catalogues are sent home to all year levels twice a term offering a selection of books. They can be as little as $2 and vary across reading levels and interests. Orders usually arrive two weeks after the due date. Also, every parent order benefits the school by helping to earn free books and teaching resources but there is no obligation to purchase. Last year the school earned over $1400 worth of resources.

Orders are only done online by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the app on the App store (Apple) or Google play (Android). No cash or cheque orders please and no need to return forms to the office. If you have any questions, I am more than happy to help. Please contact me through bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Book Club Organiser

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SCHOLASTIC
Chess Club

Term 1 is a Competition Term for chess players at Brookfield SS!

Starting in the second week of the term, both Seniors (Grades 4 to 6) and Juniors (Grades 1 to 3) can match their wits on Wednesdays from 11.00am (the start of big lunch) until 12.00pm (children are allowed to stay after the bell). Children should wait outside the chess room until the teacher arrives.

At the end of the term there will be certificates for all players. The Senior and Junior winners will receive trophies, and there will also be medals for other Senior and Junior prize winners.

Beginners will be given a week of coaching (and an extra week if needed) before joining the competition, and all players will be given help with their games.

Parents should enroll their students for these classes at the Office.

Sculpting Club

We are hoping to continue our Sculpting Club Tuesday February 09 (week 3) with Ceramic Artist Hugo J. Vesara, member of Australian Ceramic Assoc. and contractor for 15 years with Brisbane City Council.

As a lot of people are aware, Ceramic and Clay are slowly disappearing from the world. Because of that Sculpting Club would like to make it popular again. This is one of the most popular fun & design activity where students learn how to make sculptures, pots, cartoon figurines and design them.

The cost would be $170 for week 3 - 10 in term 1 for students in grades Prep - 6. The cost includes firing in the kiln, clay, glazes, underglaze and all tools. Students also receive Easter and Christmas figurines from Hugo as gifts. We are planning to start Tuesday lunch time 11:00 - 11:45 outside the hall.

Please register your interest by emailing jvesara@yahoo.com or phoning 0401 911 475

Sincerely,

Hugo J. Vesara
Ceramics | Sculpting | 3D Design

WHIZ KIDZ – Science

HANDS - ON EXPERIMENTING = LEARNING THAT’S FUN

Is your child driven by curiosity?
Does your child love science?
Does your child ask lots of questions?
Your child will have fun and enjoy learning about the world and how it works!

SUPER SCIENCE CLUB PROGRAM
Fortnightly on Tuesdays
Time – 3.00 – 4.15pm
CONCEPTS (Term 1)

1. ENERGY - what is it? - Energy drives the planet and everything on it. Energy makes things happen. It moves things, shapes things, it moves itself and changes itself.

2. WEIRD WATER - This colourless liquid has no taste, no smell, gives life and can kill.

3. A SHOCKING EXPERIENCE - Static electricity just will not obey the rules, it is out of control so watch out you don`t get Zapped!

4. BUBBLE, BUBBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE - What are bubbles? How do you make them, how do they behave and what forces are responsible?

WHO - Years 2 - 6
WHEN - Fortnightly from Tuesday 2nd February
WHERE - Hall Foyer
FEE - $100 (Cash or cheque payable to D. Bennett)
Enrollment - Your child must be properly enrolled to be accepted. For the enrollment package and a full program - contact Donna Bennett before Session 1- see below

Donna Bennett
Email - scedau@optusnet.com.au or Mobile - 0427 644 490

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Girls-Ladies - Julie 0422 986 848
Boys-Men - Barry 0488 132 486
Or Email: bhc.strikers@gmail.com

WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB SIGN ON DAY
Saturday 30th January 2016

Centenary State High School Sports Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee.

8.00am - 9.00am U7, U9 & U11 Boys & Girls;
9.00am - 10.00am U13 Boys & Girls;
10.00am - 11.00am U15 Boys & Girls;
11.00am - 12.00pm U17 Boys & Girls, U19 Boys
(U19 Girls Sign Up for our Senior Women’s Program)

Please arrive prior to the designated time for your age group and be dressed ready to train.
Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle.

Further details: 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au

AFL 2016 at the Mighty Kenmore Bears!

Boys and girls aged 5 to 16. New players welcome. Girls-only competitions in U11, U13 and U15

Sign on days 6th and 7th of February, 10am to 12pm at AFL Clubhouse, Akuna Oval, Hepworth Street, Chapel Hill

See www.kenmorebears.com.au or call the Registrar on 0430 583 420 for more information