From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Our school is blessed with a wonderful P&C and community. Today, your child will receive a notice detailing the highly valued contribution schemes that our P&C channel directly into improving educational opportunities for every child. Your support helps provide an optimal learning environment and resources where every child can learn and experience success.

The P&C aim to raise $60,000 this year. These funds will help to install Wi-Fi throughout the school, pay for Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions and purchase resources for the library, music and PE programs. In addition, our P&C take responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of air-conditioners across the school, dedicating $15,000 to replace and maintain these systems.

The two schemes you can contribute towards are the P&C Voluntary Fund and the P&C Building Fund. Payment can be made through flexischools, cheque, cash, credit card or direct deposit. I encourage you to contribute to these schemes that benefit all students at Brookfield State School.

This Friday is P&C Day. I would like to acknowledge the great work being done by our P&C. Thank you!

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to our students who competed on Tuesday for West Akuna in the Regional Cross Country Trial. We had great representation from Brookfield with all students performing very well and encouraging other team members.

Six students were selected for Metropolitan West to compete in the Queensland Cross Country Trials at Runaway Bay, with another two students listed as reserves. The first five placegetters were selected for the regional team.

Girls born 2005: Amelia H (1st), Miranda M (2nd), Sophie M (3rd)
Boys born 2005: Jake HR (2nd), Will P (6th - 1st reserve)

Girls born 2004: Keira M (2nd), Rachael B (7th – 2nd Reserve)
Boys born 2003: Jack M (5th)

Fanfare

This Friday our Senior Choir will be performing at Fanfare. Our music program, led by Melissa McMillan, is outstanding and performance opportunities are important for further development. The choir has been rehearsing for Fanfare and I look forward to their performance. All the best to our Senior Choir and Mrs McMillan.

ICAS - Science

56 students in Years 2-6 have nominated for ICAS - Science on Wednesday 03 June. Students will sit the test in B Block during school time (see below) and require a B or 2B pencil, sharpener and eraser. Absent students will sit the test on Tuesday 09 June following the long weekend. Teachers will remind students of these details closer to the test date.

Years 2 & 3 B Block 9-10am (students must go to their classroom first)
Years 4 - 6 B Block 10-11am

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Issue 4 due back:
Saturday 08 June
Nicola Hile: 0413 443 632
bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Independent Public School (IPS) - School Council

A reminder that nomination forms for the School Council are available from the office or by contacting admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

Thought for the Week
You don’t have to be great to start,
but you have to start to be great.

Zig Ziglar

Go Queensland!
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy - Katie Lewis

Reading Focus at Brookfield

Comprehension is one of the most challenging issues facing teachers of reading today. We know that although many students are accurate and fluent readers, this does not always translate to them having a solid understanding of the text they have read.

There is a growing body of research on reading comprehension. One of the most significant findings of this research is that proficient readers are active readers. They actively engage with the text using a number of strategies to gain meaning from it.

Attached to this week’s edition of the Banter is a great poster for you to use with your children when reading at home (we are using this information in all of our classes at Brookfield). The poster outlines “What do good readers do?” and discusses what should be done before, during and after reading. I encourage you to use this to further support your child in their reading development.

Prep Orientation Morning

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and prospective 2016 prep students to meet our Principal, Deputy Principal and Prep Teaching Team and to find out about our Prep Program and schooling expectations for 2016.

When: Thursday 20 August, 2015
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Where: School Hall
RSVP: By 14 August, 2015
Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 3374 7333

Your 2016 Prep aged child will be invited to spend time in the Prep classrooms while you are in the hall. We ask that, if possible, child care is arranged for your other children on the day.

We are more than happy to accept enrolments before the Orientation Morning, and enrolments will also be taken on the day. Please ensure you have your child’s birth certificate as proof of age.

At the Orientation Morning, we will also be encouraging parents to book in for a 15 minute interview with your child and a member of the Prep Teaching Team on Monday 19 October, 2015. We will be conducting these interviews to enable us to get to know our future students and families better and to assist us with our preparations for classes in 2016. More infor-
mation about these interviews and Prep in 2016 will be available at the Orientation Morning. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school either by phone or email.

**Brookie Bears and Brumbies**

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of **Be Safe**, **Be Respectful** and **Be Responsible** through Brookie Bears (P-3) and Brookie Brumbies (Years 4-6). Students will receive “Brookie Bears” or “Brookie Brumbies” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Brookie Bear and Brookie Brumbies recipients will be drawn on assembly and one class per week will have the privilege of having Brookie in their room to acknowledge their quality choices.

Brookie Bear will spend the week with Prep C – congratulations Prep C! We can’t wait to hear what Brookie got up to with you during the week!

**Have a wonderful week,**

Katie

eklew114@eq.edu.au

**Resource Centre News**

**Hidden Library Treasure Month - Find reading treasure just outside your comfort zone!**

A Hidden Library Treasure is a book which is very special but not often borrowed. There is a token hidden inside the pages of 60 hidden library treasures in the fiction, non-fiction, junior fiction and junior non-fiction sections of our collection.

If a student borrows one of these books which has a token they can see Mrs Allison to collect a prize.

The goal of this program is to challenge students to explore and borrow beyond their own comfort zone of popular series, titles and genres therefore broaden the range of books they would consider reading. It starts on Monday June 1!

**Junior Fiction Star Author – Bob Graham**

Australian author Bob Graham’s funny, charming books about family life, pets and special times together are the focus in the next few weeks in the Junior Fiction section and are reflected in lunchtime art at first breaks. Among his wonderful books are Queenie the Bartam, Let’s Get a Pup, Max and A Bus called Heaven.

**Read and escape**

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

**Sport News**

Congratulations to Keira M, Sarah LW and Amelia H who were selected for the Met West Girls Football Team. They played really well last week at the trials and 7 out of the 14 girls chosen for the Met West team were from our West Akuna district. A fantastic result. A big thank you to one of our parents, Dave Findlay, who gave up much of his time to help with the coaching of the team.

**Libby Wark**
PE Specialist
Music News

Next week, we have 14 students heading off to WestCent Music camps for the entire week. Congratulations to Annalise B, Cody H, Nicholas H, Laryssa B, Meg S and Jack M who gained a place on the Honours camp. Sammi C, Laura H, Curtis M, Chloe B, Pascha M, Alena T, Will P and Ria S all were successful in gaining a spot on the Intermediate camp. These students all auditioned for their positions back in March against some very stiff competition. Congratulations to all of these students for all of their hard work. I am looking forward to hearing the results of all their rehearsals at the concert next Friday night.

There will be NO instrumental lessons or ensembles (Strings and Band) for ANY groups next week as Jen Hemmings and Damon Lougheed will both be away all week at the WestCent camps. Every Instrumental Teacher from around the western and centenary suburbs is involved in this camp, so you aren’t the only students missing lessons next week. Lessons and rehearsals will return to normal the following week (week 8). Choirs will all continue as normal.

Our Senior Choir heads off to compete in Fanfare at Kenmore High this Friday. They have been working hard to perfect their songs for the day and I know that they will be proud representatives of our school. Keep an eye out in next week’s Banter for news of their progress.

Thanks
Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 is due Friday 8th June please. Brookfield SS uses the Scholastic LOOP system to order so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app for iPhone, iPad or Android. No need to return forms to the school. Please feel free to contact me with any queries on 0413 443 632 or bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au.

Thank you!
Nicola Hile

PCYC News

Hi everyone!

Can you believe we are into the second half of this term? It’s crazy that next week is June and what is at the end of June? HOLIDAYS!!! Our vacation care program has just been released so please have a look at it (attached)- we are very affordable and the children always have a blast! If you would like to book in for any days please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au We hope to see some new faces!!

Our Life Skills program has been very successful so far but we would love to see more children attend. Our Life Skills program aims to teach children skills that are not generally taught in this common day and age. This Thursday our theme is sewing buttons! How cool is that?!

If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au

Have a great week!
Kristy Nuttall
Nominated Supervisor
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Local venues include: Sitar Indian Restaurant, Plumb Café, Subway, Red Rooster, Pizza Capers, Hundred Acre Bar, St Lucia, Hog’s Breath Café, Event Cinemas, Curry Story, Baskin Robbins, Coffee Club, 85 Miskin Street, Crema Espresso, Movenpick and much more!

Thanks,
Tamara Hamilton
brookfieldentertainmentbook@gmail.com

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The workshops will be held at the Graceville Presbyterian Church Hall in Banks Road on July 7th, 8th and 9th with two sessions a day, starting at 9:30 and 1:30.

The workshops will only cost $35 per child with all materials supplied… and to stretch your holiday dollar even further, there are family discounts and parents and carers are free.

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