Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a refreshing summer vacation and is ready to face the challenges of the new school term. My wife and I have laid down the rules to our children at home. We have two at university, two at high school and one here at Brookfield. We have told them, with the holiday behind us, there will be less social interactions with friends (face to face and social media); established homework, extra-curricular and study routines; and jobs to contribute around the house and yard. It sounds like fun at the Robertson household doesn’t it? Parenting isn’t a popularity contest after all!

We go through the same process every year, some years are more successful than others. It’s sustaining the momentum once new routines are established that’s important and we believe our role as parents is to actively encourage and facilitate those desirable behaviours that will provide the greatest opportunities whilst maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Our Student Free Day program began in a similar fashion, sharing our high expectations for teaching and learning, looking at our Strategic Plan, discussing the school improvement agenda and the implications of being an Independent Public School.

Ultimately, being an Independent Public School comes with increased trust, autonomy and higher expectations for elevating school and student performance. Our school council will be established over the course of Semester One. This will be discussed at the first P&C meeting of the year on Tuesday 10 February beginning at 7pm in B Block.

Our school improvement agenda is designed to improve school and student performance. It is focused on evidence-based pedagogical (our teaching craft) practices that have the greatest effect on both teaching and learning. These include:

- High expectations that every student will learn and improve;
- Differentiated teaching and learning to cater for the range of learners;
- Explicit instruction so students know the intent of lessons;
- Literacy and numeracy goals for every student based on data;
- Data collection, recording and analysis to inform teaching and learning;
- Feedback on progress and learning goals;
- Supportive school environment where students are nurtured, encouraged and challenged;
- Professional engagement where school staff work collaboratively and reflect on teaching and learning; and
- Integrating ICTs in the teaching and learning process.

Outlined in our Strategic Plan (2015-2018) are targets and strategies to meet performance measures in literacy, numeracy, science and general school operations. The Parent Information Evenings being held in week two will provide further information on these school agenda items and also the expectations, curriculum, timetables and routines for each class. I strongly encourage you to attend where possible so you are able to work in partnership with your child’s teacher/s and the school to achieve the best possible learning outcomes.
We are absolutely student focused and believe we provide a very balanced approach to meeting the diverse needs of our school community. I look forward to working with you in 2015.

Road Safety

Please take care when parking in and around the school. Young children can act unpredictably so caution is always necessary. Please follow the rules for the top car park and at Stop, Kiss and Go. Constant reminders about road safety and drop-off and pick-up routines will help keep everyone safe.

Where possible, students are encouraged to actively travel to and from school by walking, riding (bikes and scooters), parking and striding, or even car-pooling. These measures all help to reduce the traffic around the school.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. The most common allergens or trigger substances that may cause anaphylaxis in school-aged children are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, egg, dairy products, sesame, soy, insect stings, latex and certain medications. Brookfield State School has a number of students who experience severe reactions to particular allergens.

Although it may be possible to minimise students’ exposure to potential allergens within the school environment, the implementation of blanket food bans or attempts to prohibit the entry of particular food substances into schools is not supported by Education Queensland, Queensland Health and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA).

Our school does not claim to be ‘peanut or tree nut free’ as this is impossible to guarantee and may lead to a false sense of security about exposure to allergens. I would ask that we all consider the list of allergens and avoid including them in lunchboxes where possible. Your child’s teacher will draw further attention to students who are particularly vulnerable to these allergens.

Student Leadership

The student leadership positions will be discussed with Year 6 students this week. We will have 15 leaders in total. The positions will be:

- 2 School Captains
- 2 School Vice-Captains
- 2 Lawson House Captains
- 2 Mackellar House Captains
- 2 Paterson House Captains
- 2 Environmental Captains
- 3 Music Captains (Choir, Band, Strings)

Thought for the Week

Either I will find a way, or I will make one.

-Philip Sidney

Have a great week!

Belong - Strive - Succeed

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 2015. We had a wonderful holiday period with lots of quality time with family, time at the beach, and a little boy who is now walking certainly kept us on our toes!

Our focus in 2015...

We have worked hard over the Student Free Days to refine and focus our intentions for 2015 including a revision of our Brookfield State School Pedagogical Framework and Teaching and Learning Cycle. These will provide clarity and focus for our teaching and learning at Brookfield during 2015 and beyond. Our Pedagogical Framework encourages a cohesive professional learning community regularly engaging in pedagogically focused dialogue and is based on six key principles of effective schools:

- Student centred planning
- High expectations
- Aligned curriculum and pedagogy
- Evidenced based decision making
- Explicit teaching
- Supportive school environment

Our Teaching and Learning Cycle outlines the teaching and learning implemented by teachers in our classrooms, cycling through Building Field Knowledge to Deconstructing, Joint Construction and Independent Construction. This cycle is informed by Ongoing Assessment and Differentiation to meet the needs of individual learners.

The consistent implementation of our Pedagogical Framework and Teaching and Learning Cycle will continue to support students as we work towards our goal of continuous student achievement.

Bruce and I are happy to discuss the Pedagogical Framework and Teaching and Learning Cycle with you further should be interested in doing so.

Uninterrupted Learning Blocks

As part of our focus and implementation of consistent teaching practices at Brookfield, we have implemented 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.

Parent Teacher Information Evenings

We would like to extend an invitation to parents to meet with their child’s teacher and discuss the year ahead. Parent Teacher Information Evenings will take place in classrooms at the following dates and times:

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Please meet with your child’s teacher in their respective classrooms.
Assembly in 2015

To support our Uninterrupted Learning Blocks for Literacy and Numeracy, we have moved assembly to 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 29 January at 2:25pm.

Values Vouchers

This term, we will promote the Values for Australian Schooling and our Brookfield State School qualities of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible through Values Vouchers. Students will receive “Values Vouchers” when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Values Vouchers recipients will be drawn on assembly and will receive a prize to acknowledge their quality choices.

BeLearning BYOD iPad Classes 2015

We will have six BYOD iPad Classes in 2015:

- Year 2B with Mrs Steph Weigel,
- Year 3C with Mrs Fiona Ryan and Mrs Bec Moore
- Year 4B with Mrs Tracy Findlay
- Year 5B with Mr Kieron Skehan
- Year 5/6 with Mrs Deb Minczanowski
- Year 6B with Mrs Fiona Echberg.

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 part of the BYOD iPad trial, 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.

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) please come to the office to collect the necessary forms to be filled out and signed by a Doctor. These forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 6th February, 2015 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 this 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.

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 06 February.

These suggestions will be considered and a revised policy presented to the P&C at their meeting on Tuesday 10 February for approval. Once approved, the revised policy will be loaded to our website.

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

Sport News

District Swimming 2015 - Friday, February 13

Any additional Swimming times from recognised meets will need to be submitted to me this week. All times must be emailed by Friday, January 30th to me at lwark3@eq.edu.au.

Notes will go home to children who have made district times in the next week or two. The carnival is on Friday February 13.

If you have times for 100m events or 200m medley please submit them to me by Friday.

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Resource Centre News

Library Bags

Students in Prep - Year 3 need to have a protective Library Bag to borrow a book and will need to bring it to the Resource Centre on each class borrowing day or if they wish to borrow at other times.

Celebrating Australia - Mem Fox

We are highlighting the wonderful and humorous books of the famous Australian author Mem Fox at the moment. Lunchtime art activities are also based around the Australian animal theme.

Resource Centre Activities

The Resource Centre is open at 8:30-8:50am and 2:55-3:10pm for borrowing and reading. We are open at first breaks for students to enjoy art/craft activities, reading, borrowing, board games, puppets and computers. The Library computer lab will be open on Monday in Week 3.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Brookfield School Tennis

Well Done to Brookfield’s Red Ball Tennis Champs!

After winning the Western suburbs Inter Schools Tennis Red Ball Challenge on 7 December 2014, Brookfield State School A team took part in the State finals held during the Brisbane International at the Qld Tennis Centre on 8 January 2015.

Brookfield State School won the State Red Ball Championships last year at Qld Tennis Centre and this year defended their title making them champions two years running. They received their trophy and medals in front of 5 000 people on the Pat Rafter Arena Centre Court.
It was a wonderful experience for the kids involved, their parents and great exposure for the school. We are very proud of our local sporting champs!

OUR SPONSORS:

ANZ HOT SHOTS COACHING
BEFORE SCHOOL  MONDAY TO FRIDAY  7:45am TO 0:45 am  $210
AFTER SCHOOL  MONDAY TO THURSDAY  3:00pm onwards  $210

LUNCHTIME CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR PREP + YEAR 1, 2
These classes adopt the ANZ Red Ball Hot Shots program (See attached details)
Children are collected from their classrooms (with their lunch) at first break 10:50am, taken down to the school courts and delivered back to their class meeting area at 11:45am.
PREP  Monday first break  commences 2nd week of term  $135
Year 1  Tuesday first break  commences 1st week of term  $150
Year 2  Thursday first break  commences 1st week of term  $150

CHALLENGES  - competition open to all students
RED BALL  Wednesday first break  commences 1st week of term  $150
CARDIO TENNIS (FOR ADULTS ON SCHOOL COURTS)
9 am TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
8am and 9am THURSDAYS  commences 1st week of term  (10 WEEKS)  $210
FIT TENNIS (FOR ADULTS ON SCHOOL COURTS OR AT BROOKFIELD TENNIS CENTRE)
Uniform Shop and Tuckshop - Openings and 2015 Volunteer Roster

The Uniform shop will open once a week on a Monday morning between 8.00am and 9.00am. If you are unable to make it to the shop or prefer the convenience of online shopping you can order online using your Flexischools account. The shop operates with the assistance of fantastic parent volunteers. We are calling for volunteers (mums, dads, grandparents and carers) to fill the roster - it is really easy, fun and a great way to get involved at school and meet people. You can ask to be placed in a group with other parents of students your children's age, it is a great way to get to know others. If you would like to be part of the team and volunteer please complete the attached volunteer form and contact Susan (details below).
Tuckshop will reopen on Wednesday, 4th February and will operate on Wednesday’s, Thursday’s (1st and 2nd breaks) and Friday’s (1st break only) each week during school term. Tuckshop provides a healthy range of food items including freshly prepared home-made items, the attached menu has been reviewed and updated with some exciting new options for the new year. The success of Tuckshop requires strong assistance from the school community who volunteer their time on roster, preparing home baking and donating grocery items.

We are calling for volunteers (mums, dads, grandparents and carers) to fill the roster - it is really easy, fun and a great way to get involved at school, you will help prepare food and serve the students (your children will love to see you in their world). Being on roster involves 3 hours of your time (8:30am-11:30am) once per month, you are welcome to stay until end of second break on a Wednesday and Thursday too if you wish. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers, your help is greatly appreciated. New volunteers are always welcome, it is a great way to meet new people and interact with the students and teachers within the daily school environment. You can ask to be placed in a group with other parents of students your children’s age, it is a great way to get to know others. If you would like to be part of the team and volunteer please complete the attached volunteer form and contact Susan (details below). If you are unable to work on the volunteer roster you may be able to contribute by providing home baking or donating food items, please contact Susan to be put on the roster.

All profits from the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop are distributed through the P&C Association to improve services, equipment and facilities at our school. We thank you for your support.

To volunteer or for further information please contact our Uniform Shop and Tuckshop Convenor, Susan Sansbury email robinandsusan8@bigpond.com or mobile 0449 115 888, or leave your details at the School Office.

Susan Sansbury
Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor

Scholastic Book Club

Term 1 has started and Issue 1 of Book Club has arrived. For those not familiar with Scholastic Book Club, Club flyers are sent home twice a term offering a selection of books. They can be as little as $2 and vary across reading levels and interests. Also, every parent order benefits the school by helping to earn free books and teaching resources but there is no obligation to purchase.

The flyers will be distributed this week and you may notice they look different to last year’s. Scholastic now have specific catalogues for every year level. Ordering is only online (go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or by using the Scholastic LOOP app for iPhone or iPad. No cash will be accepted, only online credit card payments please. See the attached flyer for instructions on how to order. Orders will close Friday 13th February. Remember, no need to return any order forms to the school. Orders will arrive 1-2 weeks after the order close date to your child’s classroom. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to make alternative arrangements for delivery of your order through bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au or on 0413 443 632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
**Piano Tuition**

Hilary Yates has several positions available for piano students. She lives locally in Pinjarra Hills and has over 30 years experience in teaching the piano at all levels from beginners to Letters.

Mrs Hilary Yates  
A. Mus. A. Piano, performance  
P: 3202 6329 or M: 0414 320 264

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**WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB**

**SIGN ON DAY - Saturday 31st January 2015**

Centenary State High School Sports Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee.  
8.00am - 9.00am U8 Mixed and U10 Boys & Girls;  
9.00am - 10.00am U12 Boys & Girls; 10.00am - 11.00am U14 Boys & Girls;  
11.00am - 12.00pm U16 Boys & Girls, U18 Boys & Girls

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](http://www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au)

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Phone James on 0435 998 453 or Email: james@pendrith.net