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From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

This Friday we will be supporting Allison’s Gift Foundation for ‘Strive to be Kind’ day. A yellow ribbon can be purchased from the office for $2, otherwise students are encouraged to wear yellow and make a $2 donation on Friday.

Allison’s children attended Brookfield and still visit the area and our school regularly. Each year during the Brookfield Show, Mr and Mrs Dickie have been kind enough to visit with the girls and keep me informed of their progress. ‘Strive to be Kind’ is a wonderful way to remember Allison and support her family.

Kindness can be described as being friendly, generous and considerate. My grandmother used to tell me that being kind to all things living will get you a long way in life. I wonder what random acts of kindness we might be able to demonstrate this week?

Mrs Perry Retires

Mrs Robyn Perry retired at the end of last week after a long career in teaching. Hundreds of students have benefited from their learning with Mrs Perry over the years. I’m sure you join with me in wishing Robyn a very happy retirement and thank her for the great service she gave to Brookfield.

Robyn is looking forward to an overseas trip later this year. Thank you, all the best and take care Mrs Perry!

District Athletics

It was an outstanding performance by our athletics team last week at the West Akuna District Athletics. Brookfield won both the Bob McVey Shield and the Steve Schumacher Shield. The encouragement for all members of the team and sportsmanship by our young athletes was excellent.

We are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers who give so generously of their time to provide training opportunities, not only for athletics team members, but for all members of our school community.

I remember in 2010 when Lizel Moore first approached me about the prospect of running some sessions before school. Since then, Lizel and her band of volunteers have provided countless hours of physical activity opportunities for all students to participate at a level appropriate to their ability.

From little things big things grow. And how we have grown! Congratulations to all of our students who participate in the before school activities, well done to our athletics team, and thank you Lizel and parents who provide the healthy training opportunities.

See the details of the District Athletics later in this edition of the Banter.

ICAS Science Results

Students from our school achieved outstanding results when the participated in ICAS - Science earlier this year. Students whose achievements were outstanding were awarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The ICAS suite is developed by Education Assessment Australia (EAA). ICAS is an independent evaluation of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas.
Almost 60 students participated in ICAS – Science across years 2 to 6. Our school’s mean score was considerably above the national average in every year level. Overall we were awarded 16 Participation Certificates, 9 Merit Certificates, 18 Credit Certificates, 11 Distinction Certificates and 2 High Distinction Certificates.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this very challenging competition. The Distinction and High Distinction Certificates will be awarded on the respective assemblies this week.

**ICAS English**

More than 60 students across years 2-6 sat ICAS English on Tuesday. Those students who were not present for the competition will complete it on Friday. There is about a 6 week turnaround from when the tests are returned to the EAA until we receive the results. I eagerly await our school’s data.

**School Opinion Surveys**

You have until 31 July to complete the School Opinion Survey. The online survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially.

**Service Learning**

49 students will participate in activities with residents from the Tarry Brae Hostel beginning next Tuesday. Groups of 12 or 13 will be rostered on visits for the remainder of the year. Thank you to Mrs Clark for coordinating this opportunity which will provide benefits to both the residents and our students.

Permission forms were handed to students on Monday and should be returned to the office by tomorrow.

**Thought for the Week**

There is no need for temples,
No need for complicated philosophies.
My brain and my heart are my temples;
My philosophy is kindness.

Dalai Lama

Have a great week!
Bruce
brab66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**Prep and Year 1 Play Surface**

The play surface in the Prep and Year 1 playground has been resurfaced last week.

The students are thoroughly enjoying playing in the area - hopscotch is a big hit!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Ashleigh N  Jamie F
Lily S   Brayden C
Heidi Mc  Lily D
Kate N   Jessica B
Heather D  Oden Z
Toby L  Tyson R
Jack W

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Prep in 2016

Is your child due to start Prep in 2016 at Brookfield?

Have you completed their enrolment forms and returned them?

If not, can you please collect an enrolment pack from the office staff, complete enrolment forms for your child and return them to the office? Thanks!

We look forward to seeing our future Preppies and their parents at our Prep Orientation Morning on Friday 21 August from 9:30am. Be sure to RSVP your attendance to: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 33 747 333.

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

We are starting “Gotchas” this term. Students will receive a “Gotcha” when they are displaying responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 “Gotchas” go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly “Gotcha” draw will take place on assembly.

Last week’s “Gotcha” winners were Amy (3B) and Alira (1A), congratulations girls! The Most Respectful Class went to Mrs Spies and Prep B - these students were sitting and listening with respect throughout the assembly, well done!

Have a wonderful week,
Katie
klew114@eq.edu.au

Finance News

Please note on our new Statement of Accounts the options have changed slightly, B Point gives you the opportunity to pay with your credit card online for added security. You can still pay with a direct transfer into our account: Brookfield State School, BSB:064 152, Account No. 0009 0146. Accounts will be sent out this week.

Calliope Ainsworth
Business Services Manager

Resource Centre News

Short Story Competition 2015

Our visiting author Pat Flynn with his expert writing tips will kick off our Super Short Story Competition 2015!

Entries are due by Friday of Week 6. Students can also share their short stories over the microphone at the Circle and Sail Lawn for some fun during the Book Week Festival in Weeks 6 and 7! More details next week.

Book Week 2015 Theme: Books Light Up Our World!

Date Claimer: the Dress-as-a-Book-Character Assembly is back in Book Week (Week 7) this term! More updates in the next Banter!

Read and laugh
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Sport News

Congratulations to Keira M, Sarah L-W and Amelia H who competed in the State Soccer Trials at Brendale.

The girls finished 9th in the state! Well done!

District Athletics

For the first time in our history, Brookfield State School has won the West Akuna Overall Champions Trophy. It was a dominant display from Brookfield with 323 points over Jindalee State School (long time winners over many years) on 219 points. Brookfield also won the percentage trophy, with OLR School placing second. Brookfield’s 10 and 11 year old girls showed their dominance by taking out both the gold and silver medals for age champion. In the 10 year old girls, Sophie M won gold from Amelia H. In the 11 year old girls, Keira M had a one point win over Rachel B. Jake HR took out the silver medal in the 10 year boys age championships.

There were many great performances over the two days with the highlights being Jake HR breaking a 10-year discus record and Amelia H, Sophie M and Miranda Mc sweeping the podium in the 800m.

Athletes/teams who placed in the top three:

9 years
Georgie G Gold: 80m
Jake Mc Silver: 80m

10 years
Jake HR Gold: multi, 800m, discus
Will P Silver: shot put
Edward R Silver long jump
Sophie M Gold: multi, long jump, high jump
Silver: 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put
Amelia H Gold: 100m, 200m, 800m
Silver: multi
Bronze: long jump
Miranda Mc Bronze: 800m

11 years
Rachel B Gold: multi, long jump, high jump
Ella E Silver: 100m
Keira M Gold: 100m, 200m, Silver: 800m

12 years
Tara B Gold: shot put
Sarah LW Gold: 800m

Relay results
10 year girls Silver: Amelia H, Sophie M, Miranda Mc, Emma N
11 year girls Silver: Keira M, Rachel B, Jada S, Ella E
12 year girls Gold: Chloe W, Layla I, Farmer N, Meg S

This brings to a close a great year of running where we have taken out the West Akuna district Cross Country and Athletics, as well as the Queensland All Schools Cross Country.
Championships. This is an amazing result for such a small school. A big thank you to all the coaches who have given up their time before school throughout the year.

Before School Sport

With athletics season over for the majority of students, Tuesday and Thursday mornings will focus less on running. If you are able to coach or supervise any sport (no great deal of expertise needed) please contact me on the email below.

Lizel Moore
lizelmoore@gmail.com

End of Cross Country Season & Running Celebration

Wow, what a successful running season 2015 has been for Brookfield State School with great overall success at District, Regional and State level. Brookfield won "Overall Best School" at All Schools Cross Country in May for another year with so many medals won by the wonderful runners, both there and at the All Schools Cross Country Relay two weeks later, that at one point we lost count! To top it off, Brookfield won the percentage and overall trophies at our District Track and Field at QSAC last week.

I am sure you all agree these successes have come from two and a half terms of twice weekly morning training, that our amazing children have been able to attend. We would like to celebrate these successes by having a party style get together, which would give everyone an opportunity to see just how many children have been joining in every week and also for them to thank our AWESOME running coach Lizel Moore.

Please put this date in your diary:

When: Sunday 9th August 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Where: Brookfield Tennis Centre
Cost: $20 per family

We will be having a sausage sizzle, novelty tennis games, cake stall, raffle prizes and our very own FUN RUN to start at 2pm from the Brookfield Tennis Centre.

All funds raised from this day, will be going to Lizel to thank her for all her hard work, dedication and time she has put in to every individual. Especially the many hours and late nights she spent entering 60 preps/years 1’s and 2’s plus other grades into individual races and school relay teams, not an easy task!

Please RSVP to Roanne Lemmon-Warde on rojolw@gmail.com or 0434 909 392, if you will be attending so that we know how many people to cater for.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Drawing Studio

Mondays in the Hall - Term 3 - 11:15-11:40am

At next week’s Drawing Studio, we will learn techniques to draw birds. Bring a picture of your favourite bird.

If your P-6 child loves to draw, they are welcome to join us. Bring along an A4 Visual Art diary, 2B pencils and felt pens. We have spent a few weeks exploring different types of lines and spaces, so now we are going to put them all together. During the next few weeks we will learn techniques to draw birds, beasts, faces, foods and favourite things.

Elizabeth Bullock
Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 orders are due this Friday 31st July. Please order online only by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the app for iPhone/iPad or Android. No need to return forms to the office. Feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldes.eq.edu.au or 0413443632 if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile
Book Club Coordinator

P & C News

You may have already heard about the 5 CENT CHALLENGE that commenced last week and will run throughout Term 3.

What is it? The idea is quite simple. We are asking families to round up all those pesky 5 cent coins and donate them to the school. The way we see it, it’s both a fundraising activity and a community service initiative!

The coins are being collected in the school office and it is a competition between the year levels to see who can collect the most. There will be a prize for the winning year level!

We again thank you for your support.

P.S. On last check, Grade 6 was in the lead... Well done! Let’s see if they can hold the lead into next week and beyond.

Trivia Night

Dust off your formal dress and fluro boardies. 2015 Trivia Night will be 80’s themed! Held October 16th its going to be RAD! More information in coming weeks.

Louisa Wijacha and Aneta Zielinski
bsspc_fundraising@hotmail.com

P & C Fundraising

This week the P&C is launching a ‘fundraising thermometer’ to keep the school community updated on funds raised to date.

The P&C kindly requests a donation annually of $100 per child or $250 per family with additional donations welcome to cover significant gaps in government funding. Funding from the P&C, including voluntary contributions and fundraising, allows teachers to access highly valued resources contributing to our school excelling.

The P&C’s fundraising target in 2015 is to raise in excess of $65,000. Annually, the P&C aims to provide a substantial amount to the school budget and for a key project. This year the key project is:

• WIFI to every classroom for teacher and student use - Costing in excess of $50,000 all classes will benefit from this project and not just iPad students ensuring computers can be used efficiently anywhere in the classroom. The P&C would like to contribute $40,000 to this expensive but worthwhile project. Voluntary contributions are also used for valuable projects including:
  • Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscription - The P&C has made these valuable learning tools possible for every student costing $10,000 annually.

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• Resources - Musical instruments, PE equipment, computers, iPads, library books, electronic white boards, helping with seniors gift to the school and road safety initiatives are examples of resources funded in previous years. The P&C aims to allocate $10,000 annually to resources.

You can make your contribution to the P&C voluntary and building funds via your Flexischools account, cheque, cash, credit card or direct deposit using the form attached and under P&C on the school website. Please fill out the form and put in the returns box so a receipt can be issued.

If you would like further information please contact myself, Victoria Brown on 0429 475 625.

On behalf of the P&C and entire Brookfield State School community thankyou for your support.

Nadine McGrath

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 03 September. Lots of great gifts for Dad! More details to come in future Banters.

Sarah Stefanaras and Shelley McGregor

Burger Bar

This months Burger Bar will be hosted by the amazingly capable parents of 2B...it is sure to be a ripper!!!!

Due to the Brookfield Long Lunch, a function held at the Showgrounds on Saturday 8th August, we have decided to postpone the Burger Bar from the 7th August until.......FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks,
Andy Dart

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program once again. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points by shopping at Woolworths from now until Tuesday 8 September 2015.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program provides an amazing opportunity for our school to get free educational resources. Every point we earn through the program goes towards items from MTA - the largest supplier of classroom resources in Australia.

In the past, we were able to select amazing resources for our library and music department. These items currently benefit every student in our school. This year, with your support, we are hoping to earn enough points to purchase something for each classroom.

So please remember to ask for your stickers when shopping at Woolworths.

You should receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Stickers and completed Earn and Learn sticker sheets can be placed into the box at the school office or in our box at Woolworths Kenmore. Earn and Learn sticker sheets are available from the office or the Service Desk at Woolworths.

Please note that shopping receipts cannot be used by the school so please ensure stickers are collected from the checkout or service desk.

Thank you for your support.
Tamar McCullough
PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

I have spent the last two weeks in beautiful New Zealand but I am so happy to be back with my little PCYC family and the children.

We are looking forward to the introduction of our sewing lessons, Nature Play passports and music program as well as continuing our active sports and games, arts and crafts and cooking activities. We have now also got a mini greenhouse in our courtyard and are looking forward to growing our fruits and vegetables!

If you have any queries or would like a tour or to enrol in the services, please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 or send an email to brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Have a great week!
Kristy

Friday Soccer (Prep-3)

We will be reintroducing Friday morning soccer for Prep-3 only at 8am. The current UQFC teams that use this day as their official training sessions will continue as normal and the extra children will just form new groups.

Shin guards are compulsory and though soccer boots are not, they are recommended. Please note that the playground equipment on the oval is strictly out of bounds before and after all soccer sessions. If soccer is cancelled due to the weather we will try to post this info on the Brookfield State School Facebook page.

These will be fun-based sessions run by volunteer parents so if you have any spare time the extra help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your child on Friday.

Shameem Khan and Peter Aston
Author Visit: Pat Flynn

Ex-professional tennis player, surfer and award winning author, Pat will talk to all classes about writing, books and everything on Friday August 7 in Week 4!
Your child is now due for a dental check-up

We’ve improved our school-based Oral Health Service

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their child’s dental care.

What’s changing?

We now ask that a parent or guardian attend dental appointments with their child. To fit in with busy families, we are offering FREE dental treatment at The Gap School Dental Clinic.

That means you can now book an appointment for your child; you do not have to wait for us to arrange appointments through your child’s school.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line - 1300 300 850 - to arrange an appointment at The Gap School Dental Clinic. Or you may contact the clinic directly on 3300 6754

Who can now attend?

✓ ALL students 4 years of age through to year 10
✓ Students in years 11 & 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
✓ 0 - 3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
✓ 2 - 17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility visit the website at my.gov.au or phone 132011

We look forward to welcoming you and your family soon.