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World Teachers’ Day - 31 October

This Friday we celebrate the great work and commitment of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. Teaching is a very noble yet complex profession and I’m sure students will think of something creative to thank their teacher/s for the work they do.

Thought for the Week

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.

Lao Tzu

Have a great week!

Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Stop, Kiss, Go…

A Brisbane City Council Parking Officer visited the school regarding the Stop, Kiss, Go Zone and parking in Boscombe Road.

Council will be issuing fines ($85 to $110) to people who:

- Exceed the 2 minute time limit in Stop, Kiss, Go Zone
- Leave their vehicle whilst in the Stop, Kiss, Go Zone
- Parallel park on the side of the road in the opposite direction to traffic

Please be sure to keep to the 2 minute time limit in Stop, Kiss, Go and, if you need to leave your vehicle, please be sure to park it in an appropriate parking area.

2015 Booklists

It is time to order your school stationery for 2015! Our 2015 supplier is Brodies Bookstore.

Important information to assist you with ordering:

1. Order on-line from Brodies Bookstore website, www.brodiesbookstore.com.au. Our school code 024257. You will require this to access your booklists. You can complete your order online or if you require print your list from here.

A free courier delivery service is available from Brodies to your home, if you use the on-line ordering service by Friday 07 November, 2014. After this time there is a $8.95 per address delivery charge and a $3.00 packing fee per order.

2. Order distribution via the school, for those who do not want home delivery, is on Monday 08 December, 2014. Late orders received after Friday 07 November, 2014, cannot be sent to the school.

3. You can also go the School’s website, www.brookfields.eq.edu.au, click on the link to download the relevant Year level requirement list.

4. If you do not have access to the internet, either the School or Brodies can email/post you a copy.

5. If you do not have access to a computer, you can obtain a printed copy from the school office, phone 33747333 or Brodies Bookstore phone 33615777.

Please complete your orders by 07 November to enjoy free home delivery or free delivery.
to the school. Families living up the back of Upper Brookfield or other remote areas are recommended to use the school delivery service as a courier will not deliver to your home. These deliveries will be made by Australia Post.

For more information, please refer to your email from your Parent Representative, or contact Rebecca Harrison (our Stationery Coordinator).

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Congratulations to Year 2B for being awarded "Most Respectful Class" on last week's assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 2B!

Students 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. Well done to this week's winners - Emily (1B) and Ava (2C)!

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

Resource Centre News

Book Fair Finished

The Book Fair is now unfortunately over. I’d like to thank the many parents and students who showed their support of books and reading by coming to the Fair and making it such a success. It was enjoyed by all and we look forward to it’s return next year.

New Book Release Next Week

On Monday we will have a book release with new series and new titles in some current series. New series include these easy reader series: EJ Spy School, Perfectly Poppy, Katie Woo and Rocky and Daisy. Older series additions include: Red Dirt Diary, City Farm, The Science of Speed, Survival Squad, Minecraft Handbooks, Cathy Cassidy and Robot Races.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

NUDE FOOD - It's that time again!!

National nude food day is a day in which we all come together as a school and show our support towards healthy eating and waste reduction.

This day is about promoting healthy lunches and a healthy planet, by everyone bringing fresh, healthy and rubbish free lunches to school. We want our food to be nude!

We will be celebrating Nude Food day on Tuesday the 11th November. On this day we ask that your child use less/no wrapping in their lunchboxes, as possible - there will be a prize for the class with less wrapping.

Thank you for your support.
Tracy Findlay
Year 4B Classroom Teacher

Disclaimer: Inclusion of an advertisement for a product or service in the "Brookfield Banter" is not to be considered as an endorsement or recommendation by Brookfield State School.
**Working Bee - THIS SUNDAY**

Please put aside Sunday 2nd November from 8am until 1pm to join our annual Working Bee. Our school relies on this event to help provide what cannot be funded elsewhere.

This event also provides a great social time to catch up with friends (old and new). The P & C will be providing a sausage sizzle and drinks to make sure everyone is well fed and hydrated throughout the morning. Please could we ask that you let your class rep know whether you will be able to assist for a couple of hours, so that we know how many people to cater for.

We have a long list of jobs that need to be attended to such as mulching and planting near the Year 5 and 6 classrooms and also next to the stairs going down from the hall to the netball courts.

We will be needing additional tools to help us with these jobs, so would be much appreciated if you could bring any of the following: wheelbarrows, mulching and gardening forks, crowbars, matics, garden spades both big and small.

Look forward to seeing you and catching up.

*Thank you from the P & C*

**P & C News**

**Zooper Dooper Fridays**

I apologise to Mrs Evans, Mr Stephens and their classes for not thanking them last week for the tremendous posters they produced and put up around the school at a moment’s notice. Thank you, we really appreciate you getting behind the marketing aspect of trying to raise funds for your Graduation. Thank you to the families of our school for your support last Friday in purchasing Zooper Doopers.

Thank you Mrs Kym Doyle, Zara, Willowbie, Aisha and Skeie who served. We had plenty frozen ready and will again for this Friday, thanks to Cathy Liddy and Coles for their freezers. We will open two windows from now on to make the service faster. A Special thank you to Coles who will be sponsoring our day this Friday and providing us with 8 bags of Zooper Doopers. Let’s try to sell them all! See you at the Tuckshop on Fridays at 11.15 (when released by staff from eating) with your 50c.

**Trivia Night - Friday 24 October**

Congratulations to Deb Minczanowski, Ori Lissner and their team of dedicated helpers, for organizing a fabulous Trivia Night. For those of you who bid so enthusiastically on your children’s artwork, please call into the office to make a cash payment or phone to give your credit card details. We would like to finalise all payments this week please. Together you have raised a substantial amount, but you will need to wait until next week when all payments have been made, to release this figure. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this a very successful fundraiser for our school.

**Burger Bar Friday 7 Nov**

This is the LAST Burger Bar for the year and the last one for many of our Year 6 and 7 families moving onto high school. We are hoping for a mega turnout! We start selling burgers (steak & salad) $6.00, sausage sizzle (bread & sausage) $2.50 and icypoles (on a stick) $1.00 from 6.00 - 8.00pm. Please support our last Burger Bar fundraiser for the year.
Covering of Library/Reading Books

Thank you to all of the parents who have covered books. We still have more reading series books to cover and will have the new books from the Book Fair, that were donated to the school.

Fundraising Coordinator Role

My family leaves primary school at the end of this year, so it is important to find someone to take on this very important role. It is an extremely rewarding job because this role coordinates the funds needed to purchase things that directly benefit our children’s education. Our hard working P&C spend as much money as they can in the year in which it is raised. Of course some money is held over for big projects planned for coming years. There are many wonderful Coordinators within the Fundraising umbrella that the Fundraising Coordinator oversees and makes their job a lot easier. If you like writing up articles and organizing people, then this is a job for you. Please feel free to contact me directly on my mobile 0417 0417 32 or email me at arleneaitchison1@bigpond.com to discuss any aspect of this role.

Years 6 & 7 Graduation

Tickets are now on sale, please have all forms and money into the office by Monday 10 Nov, so the committee can finalise the making of the tickets and pay for items booked and needed for these nights. If you have misplaced your form, please see the staff in the office for another. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me on my mobile 0417 0417 32 or by email arleneaitchison1@bigpond.com. Thank you to the families who have already done this.

Upcoming Events

- 2 Nov Busy Bee 8.00 - 1.00pm
- 7 Nov Burger Bar hosted by 7A 6.00 - 8.00 eating
- Icypole Sales 31/10, 7/11, 11/11 (G20 14/11), 21/11 (For P-5), 28/11, 5/12 (Last one).
- 26 Nov Music Concert 6.00 - 8.00pm

Thank you,
Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator

Kenmore State High School German Immersion Program

Are you beginning secondary school at Kenmore State High School as a Year 7 student in 2015? Would you be interested in doing the highly successful and regarded German Immersion and Extension Program? Where even HPE is taught in German!! There are still a few places left in COG (Click onto German - laptop class). Contact the GIEP Admin Officer on 3327 1538 for more details. [https://kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au](https://kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au)

Kenmore High Staff

Brookfield School Tennis

On Sunday morning our six Brookfield Tennis Teams competed in the first round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre. It was so wonderful to see all the local schools participating in this event. Our teams played exceptionally well in soaring temperatures and did Brookfield School proud! Below are the results:

Red Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Fig Tree Pocket A
Brookfield B beat Chapel Hill/Pullenvale (combined Team)
Brookfield C was on a bye
Orange Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Upper Brookfield
Brookfield B lost to Fig Tree Pocket

Green Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Kenmore State
Brookfield B lost to Indooroopilly State

Well done teams, good luck for your second round of matches on Sunday.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

For Sale Violin
½ size Enrico 2007
Comes with case, rosin, shoulder rest and bow
$130 non-negotiable
Fantastic for a beginner
Call Lisa on 0413546467

LOST KEY
Can you Help? Dropped in the Grass at school.
Single black Car Key.
Please hand into to the office if you find it.

Cartoon Dave
Kenmore Library

To celebrate the launch of quite possibly the GROSSEST book on the planet, Cartoon Dave will be holding a FREE workshop at Kenmore Library.

You’ll learn how to draw awesomely-gross stuff, meet and chat with Cartoon Dave, have a chance to win some cool TEXTA stuff, and also purchase signed copies of GROSS cartooning (plus some of his other books as well)!

Thursday 13 November
4-5pm*

*Bookings essential.
Call Kenmore Library on
(07) 3407 0258 for more information.

For more events at Kenmore Library visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries.