From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

Plato was correct when he said, “Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”

The annual Music Concert is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year. That’s the great thing about music, it brings everyone together and in this case it was to showcase the music programs offered at our school. With about 25% of our students involved in choral, strings, band or marimba groups, it was a wonderful celebration!

I would like to thank Ms Hemmings, Mr Lougheed, Mrs Kienzle and Mrs McMillan for the commitment and the enthusiasm they bring to their lessons. It shone through in the performances on the evening. Mrs Mardi Doyle also gives generously of her time to accompany the choral groups and strings and we are very appreciative of this.

My music tastes are varied. This is evident from my station hopping to and from work or from my CD collection which my youngest son frequently remarks is from last century. My favourite song currently is ‘Every Breaking Wave’ by U2, but it has to be the MTV version with The Edge playing piano with Bono singing and accompanied by a strings ensemble and his band. It is very similar to Adele’s performance of ‘Someone Like You’ at the Brit Music Awards last year.

Music really gives flight to imagination and can mean something to each of us that is quite different to someone else. The students at our school have wonderful opportunities to participate in many extra-curricular activities and it wouldn’t be possible without your support and encouragement. I thought all of the students performed credibly last week but I particularly liked ‘Fanfare and celebration’ by the Senior Strings. Congratulations to all of our students on their performances.

National Athletics Championships

Keira Moore and Lachlan Gorringe returned from Tasmania this week following their campaign at the National Athletics Championships. It is an outstanding achievement to represent Queensland and our school community is very proud of them both.

Keira finished 7th in the 800m and 13th in the 200m while Lachlan did not finish his 800m event. Keira and Lachlan are both very humble and inspire many of our students to work hard on their fitness and be the best they can.

The results over recent years have been outstanding and can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and supportive H&PE staff. Well done Keira and Lachlan!

Whole School Assembly

Our final whole school assembly of the year will be held on Monday 08 December beginning at 9am in our school hall. At the completion of the assembly all students will make a time tunnel for our Year 6 and 7 graduands to meander through on their way back to their classes.

The time tunnel is a lovely opportunity for younger students and staff to formally wish the Year 6 and 7 students farewell and thank them for their leadership. Parents are invited to take their place in the line and wish students all the best.
Graduations

The **Year 6 Graduation Ceremony** will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 09 December**. Doors will open at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. The Band, Toft Brothers, will begin playing at 8pm and the evening will close at 10pm. Please see the email from your class representative with further details regarding seating, food and beverages.

The **Year 7 Graduation Ceremony** will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 10 December**. Doors will open at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. The Band, Toft Brothers, will begin playing at 8pm and the evening will close at 10pm. Please see the email from your class representative with further details regarding seating, food and beverages.

**Thought for the Week**

*Overcoming my dad telling me that I could never amount to anything is what has made me the megalomaniac that you see today.*

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-Bono

Have a great week!
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

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**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**Classes 2015**

Classes and teachers for 2015 will be released on Thursday 11 December. These lists will be displayed on the Resource Centre veranda and the undercover area near the Tuckshop.

**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**

Congratulations to Year 1A for being awarded “Most Respectful Class” on last week’s assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 1A! Congratulations to the winners of our Gotchas – Ellie (Prep A) and Thomas (3A) – well done!

**Report - Semester 2**

Reports will be sealed in an envelope and handed to students on Thursday 11 December.

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

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**From the Deputy – Mandy Salisbury**

On Tuesday 25th November, 11 Living Legend Unit students embarked on a well earned excursion. These students had worked hard for over ten weeks to create a biography of our own living legend: Eric Sydney Whittle Kay. All 11 students earnt either a Gold or a Silver award and the opportunity to visit the RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre. Our volunteer tour guide, Warren, was very passionate and helped the students discover many relics from the past including a World War II Boston Bomber, a Vietnam-era Canberra bomber, Caribou airlifter, Sabre and Mirage fighter jets, F-111s, Sioux and Iroquois helicopters and a WWII jeep. The highlight of the day was hearing the new F18’s roaring overhead! We also fell in love with the gorgeous air force puppies which we were allowed to pat and hold. We’d like to give a big thank you to Mrs Melissa Fanshawe of Pullenvale State School who, along with staff members from Kenmore State High School, developed and organised this unit. The students work hard and achieved great results, but more importantly developed a deep respect for all those who have fought for our country.
Congratulations also to Amelia N-R, Emily P, Sarah L-W and Adam C, all who won a GOLD award for the high standard of work they presented. They attended an additional excursion day at Kenmore State High School where they participated in extension workshops in history and research followed by an award ceremony. Each of these students were presented with a book on the ANZACs.

Mandy Salisbury

Tidy Trays

Your child will bring their tray home this week. Please clean it over the weekend and return it next week.

Thanks

Classroom Teachers

Sport News

We had a great day at the Swimming Carnival yesterday. Well Done to all students who swam in the various events and the team spirit that cheered them on. A big THANK YOU to all the teachers, teacher aides and parents for all their hard work in making the Swimming Carnival a great success. Congratulations Mackellar on winning!

We have many students who made district qualifying times and they will be listed in next week's banter to give them opportunity over the holidays to train.

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Resource Centre News

Student Loans

We ask that students return all outstanding Library books.

Bookie Book Amnesty at the Office

Please post any past Library books or home readers in Bookie at the office. All books very welcome!

Book Mending Parent Help

We are in need of a parent who could come and help some of our library books in need of mending. We would love to show you how to easily wield the sticky tape and glue. These are often our most loved books by our students who would be most grateful to see them back in circulation! Please call in at the Library or call/email the office to help.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who has ordered books this year. As a result, approximately $1000 worth of school books and resources have been purchased for use in the library and classrooms!

You can still order online from Issue 7 & 8 until 19th December but a $4.95 late fee will be charged for delivery to your home. Go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app for iPhone or iPad. If you have any questions, contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413443632.

Thank you!

Nicola

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School Banking

Just a reminder that this Friday 5 December will be the last school banking day for the year. We will start up again in week 2 of Term 1, 2015. Have a great holiday.

If you have any queries, please call 0408 199 690.

Louise Rae and Fiona Himstedt

PCYC News

Wow what a fabulous time we had on Friday night at the disco! Everyone seemed to have a great time dancing and jumping on the jumping castle which was great to see. A big thanks to everyone that helped out and to Inala for providing the entertainment!

A new month means new food at PCYC! Check out our menu for this month.

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To celebrate the fast approaching school holidays, we are inviting everyone to come and enjoy a free breakfast this Friday 5 December outside PCYC (downstairs from the admin carpark). We hope to see you there! Check out our vacation care program too!

Thanks
Kristy Nuttall
OSHC coordinator

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  - Kenmore
  - Fig Tree Pocket
  - maqld.com info@maqld.com 1300 766 634
End of Year Staff and Parents Celebration

Staff and Families will come together to say ‘Thank You’ on one night with one sharing area.

When: Thursday 4 December 2014
Who: Staff & Parents Prep – Year 7
Where: Brookfield Showground’s Bar Area
Time: From 5.00pm

Details for the night:
• Show Bar will open from 5.00pm
• The show society will provide some trestle tables for all to use together
• Parents are asked to bring a plate to share with everyone
• Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children
• Show Society volunteers will operate the bar, however everyone is asked to help CLEAN the area at the end of the evening.

Come and enjoy the night together.

Zooper Dooper Fridays

Thank you for purchasing Zooper Doopers this term. A special thank you to Caron Neale, her family and their friends, who sold icypoles last week. Thank you Cathy Liddy and Coles Kenmore for their freezers. See you at the Tuckshop on Friday at 11.15 (when released by staff from eating) with your 50c for our LAST ICYPOLE DAY.

Marimba Clockstop - ONLY 255 MINUTES LEFT, GET IN QUICK!!

Thank you to the wonderful group of people who sold minutes on the night of the concert. The phrase of ‘We couldn’t have done it without you’, rings through my ears. Thank you for your support and to the people who have purchased minutes. Clockstop minutes are still on sale this week only through the office. Please send money in an envelope with your name & number with your child or drop in to complete yourself. With everyone buying a few minutes, together we can buy a marimba for all students to use, only $2.00 each. Alternatively, you might like to donate money, as we will be short $260. Remember to take a 2 for 1 coffee voucher from Michel’s Patisserie, Kenmore Village as a thank you. The prize has kindly been donated by Haemen Mendis Jewellers Kenmore Village - A gift voucher valued at $225.00.

Covering of Library/Reading Books

Thank you to all of the parents who have covered books this year. Mrs Allison still needs your help, please drop in and see her.

Years 6 & 7 Graduation

A note will go home through the Class Reps with more information. Please read email sent yesterday about Ticket Distribution procedure - many apologies for the confusion. If you have any queries, please contact me directly (details below) for prompt answers.

End of Year Celebration at QCCC for Years 6 & 7

Some families have not yet paid or notified the committee or the school as to their child’s attendance. Please could you do so immediately, so your child doesn’t miss out on this super fun day!
How Clever Are We...

The extra money spent on our children at school, is from You the Parents, when you pay voluntary fees, buy Uniforms, order from the Tuckshop, Volunteer at any of the Fundraisers, bake, buy tickets, minutes, cakes, preserves and the list goes on, you know because you are at the heart of it all. Without you, our children wouldn’t have all of the fabulous things they enjoy at Brookfield. This year alone you have worked to provide:

- Mathletics Subscriptions ($4,305)
- Reading Eggs Subscriptions ($3,000)
- Teaching and Learning Areas – a donation to the school ($35,000)
- Teacher’s Wish Lists ($15,200)
- Air-conditioning Repair & Maintenance ($13,000)
- Installation of Turf & Shade Sails in CPA2 Area
- Additional Shade Shelter outside A Block
- Additional Turf outside C Block
- Concrete in Disabled Car Park
- Water Bubblers for Tennis Courts
- Tarps and Shade for Athletics Events
- Replacement Technology and Equipment for Tuckshop
- Running Singlets
- Marimba for Music
- Life Education Sessions for Students
- Road Safety Sign for Brookfield Road
- Contribution to Years 6 & 7 Leaving Project

I am sure there are some items I haven’t listed. Without you and the very hardworking P&C members, these things wouldn’t happen. Thank you for making a difference.

Please get behind the P&C and support them in what they do because they are working to support you and your family. Please consider paying the Voluntary School Fees because these funds are used directly on your children’s education and welfare. You might like to consider one of the many roles available next year like Fundraising or Burger Bar Coordinator. Your time and ideas are valuable, now is the time to speak up and make a difference by being involved and hands on.

Upcoming Events

Icypole Sales 5/12 (Last one)
4 Dec Staff and Parents Celebration from 5.00pm
9 Dec Year 6 Graduation & Dance
10 Dec Year 7 Graduation & Dance
11 Dec Years 6 & 7 Breakup Party QCCC

Thank You

It has been a big year, but I thank you for the memories. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my role as Fundraiser Coordinator. It has not always been easy, but there has always been a light at the end of the tunnel. Be proud of yourselves for what you have all achieved this year. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to lead the way and make a difference in the life of your children. My family and I will miss our primary school years, but we look ahead to the next amazing chapter. Have a wonderful Christmas and all the very best in the years ahead. Thank you.

Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator
arleneaitchison1@bigpond.com & 0417 0417 32
Brookfield School Tennis

After 6 Sundays of hard fought tennis, this past Sunday saw the Orange and Green Ball Teams compete in the finals and play-off rounds of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre. We had 9 schools participate in total and amazing tennis to watch with some very close matches in particular the Green Ball Final.

Below are the final results:

**Orange Ball Teams:**
- Fig Tree Pocket beat Brookfield A to win the competition
- Brookfield B beat Pullenvale to come 3rd

**Green Ball Teams:**
- Brookfield A beat Fig Tree Pocket Boys by 2 points to win the finals
- Kenmore South Beat Brookfield B, so Brookfield B came 4th.

Our Red Ball Finals will be played this Sunday at Queensland Tennis Centre, with the winners going through to play at the State Finals during the Brisbane International.

Good luck to all our Red Ball players this Sunday!

Roanne Lemmon-Warde
See you at the Brookie fun run this Saturday

It's time to pull on the running shoes for the 2014 annual Brookfield fun run/walk this Saturday morning 6 December.

Grab the kids and the neighbours, dust off the Bush Christmas cobwebs from the night before and head down near the Brookfield General Store and Café to sign up.

Registrations opens at 6.15 in the rotunda near the shop on Brookfield Road. The flat course will start at 7am in Boscombe Road near the Brookfield State School this year. Runners and walkers will head down Boscombe Road, turn left into Rafting Ground Road on the bike path and head to Huntington and back past the Brookfield Produce and finish in the Brookfield Showground.

While the run is on, junior cyclists with helmets can try the easy mountain bike course with Kenmore Cycles in the horse paddock opposite the Brookfield shop.

Entry remains at last year’s prices: $7 for individuals and $25 for families with all the profits going to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. This year’s Appeal, run by the National Council of Churches of Australia, provides food rations, as well as vegetable seeds, tools and training to help families living in refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border.

A gold coin donation funds a light breakfast from the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers afterwards and there’s a great random prize draw thanks to local businesses with everything from pool toys to haircuts.

More information: facebook.com/brookiefunrun or contact: Dee Morrison on 0409 763 991 or Jan Martin 0418 875 547.

Cheers
Jan Martin

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