Brookfield had three teams competing in the Brisbane West Regional Final of the Opti-Minds Challenge last Sunday. Two teams entered the Language Literature Challenge with one of them winning the Spirit Award, and one team entered the Science Engineering Challenge and were awarded Honours in their division.

Mrs O’Donaghue and Ms Evans had been working with students and helping prepare them for Sunday’s competition. Congratulations to the 14 students who competed and thank you to Sarah and Hilary and the parents for supporting the Opti-Minds Challenge. See all the details on the following pages of this Banter.

Senior Citizens Concert

Residents from Carinity Aged Care - Brookfield and many grandparents and family members of our students were treated to a wonderful performance by our young musicians and choral groups on Tuesday.

Olivia, Will and Jasmine did a fabulous job of hosting the Senior Citizens Concert with outstanding performances from the Junior Choir, Senior Strings, Senior Choir, Senior Marimba Group and the Senior Band.

Thank you to Mrs McMillan, Ms Hemmings, Mr Lougheed and Mrs Kienzle for preparing students and thank you to parents who baked and served at the morning tea following the concert.

I’m sure our senior citizens are in awe of the modern educational facilities and opportunities afforded to students. The interactions between young and old are priceless and I’m sure there were many very satisfied grandparents who went home with a smile on their face. Thank you to our students who performed and for making some people very happy.

Prep Orientation

More than 70 students attended our Prep Orientation today. It was an opportunity to showcase the early years and identify pathways for parents to consider for their child. Tracey Campbell has put a lot of time and effort into the presentation along with our Prep teachers. Katie Lewis also took the time to present to parents so that she will be a familiar face when they begin next year. Thank you to those members of our community who contributed to our presentation and our P&C who coordinated the catering.

Q Parents

Don’t forget to register as a QParent Account Owner for your child/ren at our school. More than 50 parents have signed up to date.

Year 6 End of Year Dates

With the general chaos that is associated with end of year functions, please note the following dates on your calendar:
07-11 November – Year 6 Canberra Tour
Wednesday 30 November - Year 6 Musical "Reach for the Sky" 6:30pm

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BOOKCLUB

Issue 06 due back 02 September
Nicola Hile: 0413 443 632
bookclub@brookfields.eq.edu.au
Friday 02 December - Bush Christmas
Monday 05 December - Whole School Assembly (Final assembly for Year 6) 9am
Wednesday 07 December - Year 6 Graduation 5:30pm
Thursday 08 December - Year 6 Break-Up QCCC
Friday 09 December - Last day of school

Thought for the Week

Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way.

Edward de Bono

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Beginner Strings Workshop Day

Last week, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Beginner Strings Concert held at Kenmore South State School. Our Brookfield State School, Year 3 Beginner Strings students attended an all day workshop that involved 6 schools. These very talented and dedicated students learnt four new pieces and many new techniques throughout the course of the day. That is quite an achievement! These pieces were then performed, by the group of around 80 students in total from across all 6 schools, for their parents and extended family, as well as several classes of students from Kenmore South State School.

I was personally blown away with how wonderful they sounded, and admittedly, pleasantly surprised. It takes great teaching and attentive learners to make such wonderfully sounding music in a mere day! What an amazing opportunity for our instrumental music students.

A very special thanks to Jennifer Hemmings our String Instrumental Teacher for providing such a fabulous opportunity for our students to learn and perform in such a magical way.

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Henny Penny Visit

There has been additional excitement across Year 2 over the past two weeks as the teachers and students have welcomed fertilized and incubated eggs into their classrooms.

This term in Science, the Year 2s are exploring the life cycles of animals and plants. To support their studies, over two weeks students have been given the opportunity to observe the changes that occur in the lifecycle of chickens. In addition to observing the eggs hatch, students have learnt how to care for the chicks (including gentle cuddles) and how to keep detailed notes on what they have observed.

What a fun and interactive way to learn about lifecycles!

If you would like to adopt a free chick, 2B have 13 baby chicks who have not yet been adopted. We are are hoping to see the chicks go to loving homes rather than back to the hatchery. If your family is able to house a chick and keen to adopt, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Weigel via email on sweig7@eq.edu.au by the morning of Thursday, 1st September. Chicks will need to be collected at 2.55pm on Thursday in a suitable container.

Junior Assembly

Prep – Year 3 assembly will be held Thursday from 2:30pm – 2:55pm, we hope you can join us.

Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

Book Week Festival

The Book Week Festival progressed last week with the whole school assembly last Wednesday! Well done once again to parents and students for getting into the Book Week spirit to show us your marvellous array of book characters, Australian-inspired characters and countries of origin!
Premier's Reading Challenge

The Reading period has finished now but if you still have a completed Reading Record sheet please return by this Friday September 2 at the latest.

Father's Day Art activities are currently running in the Resource Centre at lunchtime this week.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

TERM 3 BOOKINGS CLOSE TODAY! A meeting between parents and teachers is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and plan for the remaining term ahead. Parents are encouraged to book a suitable time in the upcoming round of meetings.

When: End of Term 3 or beginning of Term 4 (see below)
Duration: 15 minute interviews
Where: Classrooms

-ball games-
The Ball Games carnival is coming up on the last week of term, Tuesday September 13th. This is a great opportunity for students to work together in their houses and with their peers. It will go from 9am -11am. Please send students in their house shirts, hats, sunscreen already applied and drink bottles. We will start with the Preps and go up the year levels from there. It will be a fun way to finish the term!

Libby Wark
PE Teacher

Ball Games

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Mrs Michele Higgins/Mrs Jemima May PC Mrs Alicia Nembach 2C
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Susan Sansbury
Uniform Shop Convenor

Father’s Day Breakfast

The P & C would like to invite all those fathers, grandfathers or student’s male role models, to please come along with your children to our Family Fathers’ Day Breakfast this Friday 02 September. Class rooms will be open from 8:30am, followed by a gathering on the library veranda deck. Cost is $7 and bookings can be made through Flexi Schools or cash in a named envelope dropped into the office.

Disco and Burger Bar

Bring the whole family to this Friday’s Burger Bar, being held in conjunction with the PCYC Disco at our school hall. While the kids boogie inside at the disco (6pm-8pm), the school’s P&C will be running this month’s Burger Bar, selling the usual BBQ sausages, burgers and soft drinks (note - as this is a PCYC event, this is an alcohol-free event).

Disco entry is $6/per child...and there’s also a jumping castle inside the hall. So come along, bring your children for the disco and stay for the Burger Bar. Remember...all money raised from the Burger bar goes back into facilities for our kids.

Taryn Noonan

Lost Property

Last Friday morning our lost property parent volunteer spent over an hour and a half sorting through the lost property and sending named items back to classes. By Monday this week (one school day later) there were another 21 unnamed jumpers in lost property. In the last week of this term all unnamed school uniform items will be given to the uniform shop to sell as second hand uniforms and all unnamed non-uniform items will be taken to the Lifeline bin.

Thank you
Office Staff

Year 6 Graduation Save the Date - Wednesday 07 December 2016

Dear Year 6 Parents - With end of year commitments starting to come through, please save the date for your child’s Graduation Ceremony. Wednesday 07 December 2016, from 5:30pm, Brookfield State School Hall. Tickets will be available soon via Flexischools. More information will follow.

Thank you
Year 6 Graduation Committee

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 is out this week and orders are due back this Friday 2nd September. Please order by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app for iOS or Android.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413443632.

Thank you
Nicola Hile
PCYC News

The PCYC Disco is this Friday evening! We would love to see you there on Friday 02 September from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Entry is $6 for children and free for adults. There will be disco lights, a DJ and jumping castle to enjoy. Join us for a night of fun!

Bookings - A reminder that if you need to make a casual booking for your child/ren for PCYC, please let us know. You can call us on 3374 2107 (leave a message if no one answers) or email us on brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au to make a booking. Please also remember to sign you child/ren in at before school care and sign out at after school care.

Like us on Facebook! Did you know that PCYC School Age Care is on Facebook? We post regularly about what your kids have been up to at Brookfield as well as posting some important information. Like us on the page - PCYC School Age Care. If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can do so at https://brookfieldsspcyc.hubworks.com.au or by visiting us (we are in A block under the music room).

Here are a few things we offer:
- Breakfast provided until 8:00am and afternoon tea provided at 3:00pm - our menu is healthy and nutritious and negotiated with the children and families of the service.
- Life skills programs - cooking, baking, sewing and gardening are all on our program regularly.
- Sports and outdoor games every session with our recreational leader.
- Art and craft.
- Intentional teaching activities with the children being the contributors to the program - they ask, they receive!

ANNUAL BROOKFIELD SS TENNIS TOURNAMENT - 2016

We will be holding our annual Brookfield State School Tennis Tournament in September.

FORMAT: HOT SHOTS - Tennis Australia recommended age groups and format - Red ball (Round Robin) Orange and Green Ball (Knock out)

DIVISIONS - Girls & Boys are separate

Red Ball Championship for girls and boys (Prep to Year 3) DATE: Friday 09 September 11am (First break) at the school courts.

Orange Ball Championship for girls and boys (Prep to Year 5) DATE: Thursday 08 September at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7am (Knock out)

Green Dot Ball Championship for girls and boys (Prep to Year 6) DATE: Thursday 08 September at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7am (Knock out)

Any uncompleted matches on these days will be scheduled for Monday 12th September in the afternoon.

COST: $10 per player. Entries restricted to one division only per player. Can elect to play up a division but not down

ENTER VIA EMAIL: tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au Include: your child’s name, division entered & your home/mobile number CLOSING DATE: Monday 5th September

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