It's been wonderful to see students settle quickly into the school routine. Typically, when positive school practices are established early, students develop a good pattern that is conducive to learning. I encourage you to work in partnership with your child's teacher to gain the most from every teaching and learning opportunity.

Following our visit to Toorak Primary (Melbourne) in 2014, we have implemented some school practices to establish greater links in collaboration, consistency and communication. For example, all four Prep teachers were able to work collaboratively for 1.5 hours on Tuesday when their classes attended specialist lessons. These teachers were able to work together on analysing data, discussing plans and addressing the needs of students. These processes ensure our high expectations are being met more consistently across the year level.

The uninterrupted teaching blocks has also focussed our attention on the core priorities of literacy and numeracy. Teachers have timetabled these blocks to gain the most from the resources available. These timetables will be shared with you during the Parent Information Sessions throughout the week. Our administration team and specialist teachers will minimise interruptions by only contacting classes 5 minutes either side of breaks. Please consider the importance of messages when you wish for information to be passed on to align with our practices.

Where problems arise, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention. Whether you need to speak to your child's teacher or someone in administration, we are all very approachable. We pride ourselves on the strong community culture that exists in Brookfield. By definition, all members of our school community play a role in enhancing this culture of high expectations in an inclusive and supportive environment.

I strongly believe that my greatest responsibility as principal is to get the best out of my teachers so that your child gets the best education possible. We are relentless in our work to improve achievement for every student. I am confident that we have the systems in place to ensure that quality teaching and learning will occur every day and that all students will achieve to the best of their ability.

Our first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10 February beginning at 7pm in B Block (the second building after coming past the Resource Centre). I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Congratulations Kenmore State High School

The Director General commented on the successful transition of Year 7 and Year 8 students to Kenmore SHS last week. With about 50% of our students attending the local high school, I was thrilled to read that of the 84% OP eligible students in 2014, 26% received an OP of 1-5 and 58% received an OP of 1-10. These impressive results led to 84% of students receiving a first round QTAC offer. Well done KSHS!

Interschool Sport

This week, students in Years 5 and 6 will be nominating their preference to participate in the West Akuna Interschool Sport. The likely sports include; touch football, netball, soccer and AFL. Every
consideration is given to having students play in a team of their first preference, however, we must balance some teams and consider the most cost efficient arrangements with transport and teacher-student ratios.

Interschool Sport will be played fortnightly in Semester One as a trial. Two games will be played each afternoon. The first round will begin in Week 5 on Friday 27 February.

School Voluntary Contributions

A note inviting you to make a voluntary contribution will be handed to your child next Monday. This contribution is used to enhance our school’s resources and services, ultimately benefiting your child. Please consider making a contribution to support our school.

Term Statements

Statements will be forwarded in Week 4 of this term. These statements will have details of class excursions, district affiliation fees, interschool sport (Years 5 and 6 only) and other extra-curricular activities. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

Thought for the Week

*I am not afraid of storms
for I am learning how to sail my ship.*

Louisa May Alcott

Have a great week!
Belong - Strive - Succeed
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

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.

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.
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.

REMINDER: 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

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.

Life Education

The Life Education team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting Brookfield State School from 10 March – 18 March this year. Participation in the Life Education program costs $9.00 and will be included on your Term Statement.

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Each year level engages with a different module, targeted to support their learning. This year, our students will participate in the following modules.

MODULE: ‘Harold’s Surprise’ - Prep
Harold and the class are invited to possum’s party in the park. On the way they become aware of and develop appreciation of their bodies, discuss the importance of healthy food choices and exercise, safety in the environment and identify how people grow and change.

MODULE: ‘CLUED UP’ – YEAR 1
The Children help Harold investigate the disappearance of his friend Cocky. Through being detectives and solving the mystery, they learn about friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and cooperation.

MODULE: ‘Harold’s Mystery Tour’ – YEAR 2
The class joins Harold and his friends on a mystery tour where they experience an ‘Amazing Body Adventure.’ The children explore appropriate remedies when feeling sick, issues of safety and ways to cope when feeling pressured.

MODULE: ‘bcYBERWISE’ – YEAR 3
The Children explore ‘netiquette; (Internet etiquette) and Cybersafety issues through roleplay and interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult that they trust.
MODULE: ‘Harold’s Diary’ – YEAR 4

The Children are invited to read Harold’s Diary as he shares stories relating to bullying, feelings, developing coping strategies, safety with medicines and the importance of making healthy food choices.

MODULE: ‘MIND YOUR MEDICINE’ – YEAR 5

The children develop an understanding and gain information on legal drugs, their effects on physical development and their potential for harm. The program encompasses risk-taking, responding to pressure and recognising harmful situations.

MODULE: ‘ON THE CASE’ - YEAR 5

The class identify ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development. Students also identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures to smoke.

MODULE: ‘IT’S YOUR CALL’– YEAR 6

Students clarify the definition of a drug; explore risks associated with the use of legal drugs and the short and long term consequences of misuse. They examine the decision-making process, and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations including digital media.

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.

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

P & C News

Welcome back to the year. I hope you and your family have had a fantastic start to 2015. Our first general meeting for the year is Tuesday 10 February at 7pm in B Block (second building after the Resource Centre from Boscombe Road). All welcome to attend as we discuss our fundraising plans for the coming year.

I will be stepping down as President at the conclusion of the meeting having accepted a teaching position here at Brookfield. If you are interested in the role or any of the positions we need to secure (Secretary, Fundraising coordinator, Burger Bar coordinator) feel free to contact me on rbeitzel@bigpond.com.

I look forward to seeing you next week.
Rachel Beitzel

Music News

Letters were sent home this week to all students who are involved in the Strings, Band and the Intermediate and Senior Choral Programs. This letter contained information for families...
regarding rehearsals and lessons starting for the year, and Music Staff contact details. If you missed yours, please see Melissa McMillan (Classroom Music Teacher) for your copy.

Below is a list of rehearsal times for groups that are starting next week. Set those alarm clocks for that early start!

Monday 8am **Intermediate Choir** (Years 3 & 4 in the Music Room)
Tuesday 7:45am **Intermediate Strings** (in the Hall)
Tuesday 8am **Senior Choir** (Years 5 & 6 in the Music Room)
Wednesday 7:45am **Senior Strings** (in the Hall)
Thursday 8am **Senior Band** (in the Hall)

An Expression of Interest form for participation in our Marimba Groups was also sent home to interested Year 5&6 students. The response forms will be accepted only on Wednesday Feb 11 in the Music Room, starting at 8am. Places will be allocated in order of receipt of these forms and in consideration of establishing a balanced ensemble of ability and year level. Copies of this form are available from Melissa McMillan or from the Office.

*Melissa McMillan*
*Classroom Music Teacher*

**Resource Centre News**

**Book Covering Help**

In the Resource Centre we have hundreds of new reading books which are in urgent need to be covered to get out into the classrooms for year 1-3.

The contact is already cut so books could be taken home and returned to the Resource Centre.

If you are here early for school pick up you are very welcome to sit with a friend and cover books outside on the Resource Centre verandah while waiting for the bell or in the air-conditioning.

We also always have less urgent middle and upper school Fiction books that need covering.

All help would be greatly appreciated!

Please pop in Mon-Thurs to Mrs Allison in the Resource Centre.

*Happy Reading*
*Fiona Allison*
*Teacher Librarian*

**Classroom Representatives**

As we start the new year, we are looking for new Class Reps. Being a Class Rep is a fantastic way to make a difference to our beautiful school. It’s a great opportunity to make new friends and get to know other parents throughout the school. You can make the role of Class Rep as big or small as you like and it’s only for one year!

There are just 3 things we ask you to do to help our school run smoothly.

1. Organise a coffee morning, park play, dinner or something similar to welcome new parents to the class and catch up with old friends.

2. Assist with communication between your classroom teacher, school, P&C and parents.
3. Help us bring together other parents in your class to work on one or two fundraising activities for the year.

If this sounds like it may interest you (or you would like to share this role with a friend), please contact me on 0434 909 392 or e-mail at rojolw@gmail.com for more details.

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

School Banking

Welcome back to School Banking for 2015. We will start collecting your deposits from this Friday, 6th February. Just hand your bank books and money in to the office or to your teacher.

The Commonwealth Bank have launched the new reward items for 2015 from their Outer Space Savers range. Once you make 10 deposits at school, you can choose a great reward.

- ET DVD and Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3

Outer Space Savers Money Box and Lunar Light Band, released Term 4.

There is also a new competition for one lucky School Banker (nationwide) to win a family trip to Disneyland, California. Students who make a minimum of 25 deposits in 2015 through School Banking will be automatically entered into the draw.

If your child would like to start banking at school, you can open a Commonwealth Account at your nearest branch, just take along your child’s birth certificate and your ID (e.g. driver’s licence).

Thank you,
Louise Rae and Fiona Himstedt

Scholastic Book Club

Everyone should have received the new style Club catalogues by now. By putting in an order from Issue 1, your class will be entered into a draw to win a year’s supply of books! Also, there is a chance of finding Golden Tickets worth $2, $5, $10 or $20 in your Issue 1 books when they arrive. Orders will close on Friday 13th February. See the attached flyer on how to order. NO cash is accepted, LOOP (online) payments only please! Contact me with any questions or to make alternative pick up arrangements for your order through bookclub@brookfieldes.qld.edu.au or 0413 443 632.

Thank you!
Nicola Hile

Before School Sport

Brookfield for the last two years has been the top Queensland Primary School in Cross Country. Brookfield not only won the West Akuna District Championships, but the State All Schools Championships and the State Relay Championships.

In order to do well in the State All Schools Championships we need as many students as possible to participate. These championships are in May, and are open to all students.

Presently there will be Cross Country training on a Tuesday and Friday morning starting at...
8am. These sessions are open to all students and cater for all abilities. Students do not need to be fit, but they need to be keen to work hard. Simply turn up, no need to register.

This term there will only be soccer on a Friday for students who are in the Kenmore Football Club teams that are training at Brookfield.

Lizel Moore
lizelmoore@gmail.com

Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!

Book now for Term 1 groups!
Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and develop resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking.

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Volunteers Needed

Now that the kids are back at school, do you have a spare 2 hours a month to help.

Kenmore Meals on Wheels deliver meals to the more vulnerable members of our community?

We are looking for people who can help out on various delivery runs around Chapel Hill, Kenmore, Brookfield, Bellbowrie and Moggill.

Deliveries are done in pairs, so why not join up with a friend or meet some new people.

Deliveries take place weekdays between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Please contact Mandy, the Volunteer Coordinator, via the Kenmore office on: 3378 4518 (Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm) or email kmow1@optusnet.com.au.

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Drama Classes

Held in the Music Room from 3:10 to 4:15pm on Thursdays from 5 February to 2 April.

Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination. Practical presentation and public speaking skills.

Classes for Prep to Year Six. Junior and senior class will be offered if numbers permit.

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TERM 1 - KIDS YOGA

WHEN: Friday Mornings
TIME: 8.00 – 8.40pm
WHERE: Music Room
BRING: Yoga Mat

You are invited to bring the kids along to learn a range of traditional yoga poses, breathing techniques and relaxation practices through music, songs, stories and fun interactive games. It’s a great way for children to balance their thoughts, connect with their true nature and build strength and flexibility in their bodies and minds. The benefits of yoga are numerous and super easy to experience in a fun and happy kids class. Parents are welcome to participate or stay and view the sessions (feel free to volunteer any support if you can). I look forward to meeting some of you then. For more info call Janine Lee on 0407 698 277.

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