I attended the State Principals’ Conference last week and listened to a number of experts from around the world speak on collaboration, innovation and elevation. The conference theme was, ‘A great school has a great school down the road.’ Professor Jim Spillane, Dr Yong Zhao and Dr Adam Fraser all delivered a keynote address.

During the conference I took the opportunity to network with both our local Kenmore Cluster principals and the Independent Public School alliance of principals, to consider what collaborative opportunities exist that would ultimately build capacity at Brookfield. These are being explored further and will be implemented next term.

The Director General, Dr Jim Watterston, opened the conference and spoke passionately about collaboration and support for best practice and improved outcomes for all students. He also focused on value adding and achievement and shared his recipe for doing the right work to bring about success. The key ingredients he discussed included: collaboration, capability, alignment, empowerment and accountability.

Professor Geoff Masters, the CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research, reinforced the need for highly effective practices. He emphasised the key factors of principal leadership that make a difference: a culture focused on improving learning and achievement, building capacity through feedback, and high expectations for significant gains by every student.

An organisational structure we introduced this year was a 30 minute briefing to explore some key concepts in greater depth. Initially it was designed to share administrative procedures, however, we have shifted the focus to explore principles of effective teaching and learning. Teachers meet, on a voluntary basis each Tuesday morning at 8am, to gain a greater appreciation of the performance measures and strategies related to our school’s improvement agenda and other evidence-based research on effective teaching and learning.

These meetings provide opportunities for teachers to hear from and engage with their peers, compare thoughts and explore ways of doing things differently that improve learning and student achievement. The collaborative capital gained from these discussions is invaluable.

Student Leaders’ Ceremony

Our student leadership group will receive their badges from our Federal Member for Ryan, Jane Prentice MP, on Wednesday 11 March from 2pm in the hall. Parents of our student leadership group will be invited to pin the badge on their child’s shirt.

The student leadership group will attend the National Young Leaders Day to be held on Friday 20 March at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. They will join more than 2500 students from across Queensland and Northern New South Wales to hear from speakers like Bindi Irwin, Coen Ashton and Juliette Wright. Mrs Echberg will accompany the students to and from the Convention Centre.
From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

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 has been 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.

Belong, Strive, Succeed – Art Competition
As you know, we updated our School Vision this year to “Belong, Strive, Succeed”. This Vision represents our Brookfield State School (BSS) ethos and our focus on our sense of community, effort and achievement. To foster this new Vision, we are running an Art Competition for students to create works of art encompassing the words – Belong, Strive, Succeed. The winning entries will be framed and displayed in the B Block Meeting Room and also in the main office.

Competition Guidelines:
1. Three categories:
   a. Prep to Year 2
   b. Year 3 and Year 4
   c. Year 5 and Year 6
2. Art work is to be completed on A3 size paper.
3. Art work is to be completed at home.
4. Entry is optional.
5. Entries are due Friday 20 March, 2015 to the office.
6. Ensure you include your child’s name and class on the back of the entry.

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.

Our value for the week was ‘Honesty and Trustworthiness’. Miss Noonan shared an example of how important it is to be honest.

Our Values Vouchers winners for the week were Madeleine (2C) and Sophie T (3C) – well done! Madeleine and Sophie receive a voucher for an ice block from the tuckshop. The Most Respectful Class on assembly this week went to Prep A. Students in Prep A showed respect by being on time to assembly, sitting with their legs crossed and paying attention to the speakers. Well done Ms Higgins and Prep A students!

Bank Transaction With No Name
A deposit transacted on the 25 February went into the School bank account with the reference “School fees”. The payment was from the Bendigo Bank.

If you believe that it is your payment could you please contact the school office on 3374 7333 so we can receipt it to the correct account.

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

Office Staff
**Music News**

**Strings**

Nominations for Westcent District Camp were due on Monday 2nd March. If there are any outstanding nomination forms, please get them to the office ASAP as I have to enter details this Friday online. Just send me an email if you are still intending to nominate, as I am only at Brookfield SS on Tuesday and Wednesdays this year and will miss any late forms.

Thank you,
Jennifer Hemmings
jhemm15@eq.edu.au

**Junior Choir Begins Thursday 5 March (TOMORROW)**

Junior Choir is open to all interested students in years 1 and 2. Members are expected to attend all rehearsals. Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 8:10am in the Music Room. Please contact Mrs Melinda Kienzle (mkien1@eq.edu.au) if you would like your child to be a part of Junior Choir this year.

Melinda Kienzle

**Sport News**

**Training for Interschool sport**

Training for interschool sport this week will take place on Friday at 2pm, unless otherwise advised.

**Interschool Sport Results for Week 5 Term 1**

**Touch**

*Game 1*
- Year 5 Broncos: defeated JHSS 7 - 0
- Year 5 Cowboys: drew 1 all with Chapel Hill 2
- Year 6 Boys: lost to KSSS 7 - 0
- Year 6 Girls Ice: defeated OLR 7 - 0
- Year 6 Girls Fire: drew 1 all with JHSS

*Game 2*
- Year 5 Broncos: drew 1 all with Chapel Hill 1
- Year 5 Cowboys: defeated KSSS 6 - 1
- Year 6 Boys: lost to Moggill 4 - 0
- Year 6 Girls Ice: lost 3 - 1 to Moggill 1
- Year 6 Girls Fire: drew 1 all with Moggill 2

**Regional Swimming**

Last Wednesday, a group of Brookfield State School swimmers were at Chandler Aquatic Centre competing at the Met West Regional Trials. With many talented swimmers competing in a variety of events, there were many personal best times smashed as our swimmers did their very best and achieved some great results. Well done to all those competing! It was great to see our swimmers supporting and cheering each other on. Special mention to those swimmers who were successful in being selected into the Met West Team to compete at the State Trials at the end of March, including Sophie M, Tom N and Liam M. A great result against some tough competition.

Kieron Skehan
German News

The following students won the annual German title page competition:

4A - Jess H and Abi W  
4B - Kelly E  
4C - Alena T-K and Miranda Mc  
5A - Aaliyah C and Sophie M  
5B - Rachael B and Olivia S  
5/6 - Kei W, Ella L, Nicola D and Tia F  
6A - Angus J, Sammi C, Ellie T, Zara W and Chloe W  
6B - Sarah L-W, Laura H, Nicola F, Keira M and Laryssa B

Once again, we had some brilliant work handed in. Congratulations to all the winners. I hope you enjoyed your Lindt chocolate!

Frau Cheney

Year 1 Excursion to Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre

Year 1 children had a tiring and adventurous day as Nature Detectives with Lucinda at the PEEC engaged in role play, adventures and nature walks.

There are many wonderful feelings the children expressed about nature and they showed respect for the environment they explored. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who earned their weight in gold "dust"!

Year 1 Teachers

Clean up Schools Day

Last Friday, year 1C ventured out into the school grounds on a mission to clean up the litter in their areas.

For our Pullenvale Environmental Education Excursion we took on the role of nature Detectives and have looked at how to care for our environments. We were also proud to be actively showing our Values of Responsibility and Respect (for place). Our posters will be going up around the school this week. Let’s all help to keep our school beautiful.

Miss Noonan

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 orders have been delivered. Issue 2 catalogues has now been distributed and orders will close next Friday 13th March. Please order and pay online by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the app for iPhone or iPad. No cash is accepted. No need to return any paper forms to the office.

Miss Noonan
If you have any questions you can contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.qld.edu.au or 0413 443 632.

Thank you,
Nicola Hile

Resource Centre News

Students are enjoying all things poetry this week at both break-times. Here's our program:

Poetry Festival 2015
Random Acts of Poetry!

Jump in and have some fun.

Poem-in-Your-Pocket Tuesday - We're handing out poems just to fit in your pocket! Read them and keep them this week to have a fast poem to share with anyone!

Poetry Stations - Stop with a friend and read the poems put around our school walls!

Poetry Chairs - Sit in the poetry chairs anytime at the Circle and Sail Lawn and read some poems attached to the arms! Read your pocket-poem to a friend.

Poetry Slam For Fun with the microphone at the Lawn. Read your own poetry, a pocket poem or a favourite from home. Come and listen to a poem!

Spotty Paper Plate Poems on the Lawn: Get creative, come along and have a ball writing a quick poem to decorate our beautiful big sail poles.

Poetry Trailer - Record yourself or a friend reading a poem with an iPad. We'd love to see it at Wednesday/ Thursday lunchtimes in B Block beside the Lawn!

Poetry We've Written on the Bunting display space - at the Sail and Circle Lawn

RESOURCE CENTRE IS CLOSED AT BREAK-TIME THIS WEEK.
MRS ALLISON'S ON THE LAWN BOTH BREAKS TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Remember: YOU'RE A POET AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT!

Read and be touched
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Burger Bar

Hello Brookfield State School Parents/Carers/Kids/Staff and Friends......

The first “Burger Bar” for 2015 is on this Friday night, 6th March 2015 at the Brookfield Showgrounds, Show Bar from 5.30pm.

6B will be hosting the evening, for what I am sure will be a great event!! Come down and support the children and the school!!

There will be a delicious steak burger or sausage on offer, enjoy this with a drink from the bar while listening to the sounds of “The Bald Eagles”. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Andy Dart
Burger Bar Coordinator 2015
Hi everyone!

We are excited for another week ahead at PCYC. We have loads of activities that the children have decided they want to do as well as room for spontaneous and imaginative play. Please see our programs attached to see what we have to offer your child.

A new week means a new menu. Please see below for this week’s menu of healthy and fun food.

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Also, stay tuned for our vacation care program which will be released shortly!

If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfield-sac@pcyc.org.au.

Have a great week!
Kristy Nuttall
OSHC Coordinator

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**Annual Brookfield State School Tennis Tournament - 2015**

We will be holding our annual Brookfield State School Tennis Tournament over the next few weeks.

**FORMAT:** HOT SHOTS - Tennis Australia recommended 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 2) **DATE:** Sunday 15th MARCH at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 8:30am (Round Robin Format)

**Orange Ball** Championship for girls and boys (Years 3 and 4) **DATE:** Friday 20th March at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7:15am (Knock out)

**Green Ball** Championship for girls and boys (Years 5 and 6) **DATE:** Friday 13th March at Brookfield Tennis Centre at 7:15am (Knock out)

Any uncompleted matches on these days will be scheduled the following Monday 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:** Wednesday 11th March

**LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED** as Draws need to be done.

If you require further information please phone Roanne on 0434 909 392.

_Roanne Lemmon-Warde_

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**OUR SPONSORS:**

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**P&C Annual General Meeting**

Our P&C AGM will be held next month, Tuesday 10 March, beginning at 7pm in B Block. The AGM will be followed by the March General Meeting. We will be calling for nominations to fill the following positions:

- President (Executive)
- Vice-President (Executive)
- Secretary (Executive)
- Treasurer (Executive)
- Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Payable)
- Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Receivable)
- Books/Stationery Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator
- Flexischools Coordinator
- Parking/Grounds Coordinator
- Student Banking Officer
- Scholastic Book Club Coordinator
- Grants Coordinator

Please see the role description attachment with this Banter for details or contact Victoria Brown on vicandab@bigpond.net.au or Roanne Lemmon-Warde on rojolw@gmail.com for more information.
Funky Hair Day

Next Wednesday 11th March students are invited to 'Get Wild and Wacky' with their hair and bring a $2 gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The money raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers and pay for research to find better treatments and cures.

Mrs Taylor-Danslow and her team will be here first break to colour children’s hair and sell some delicious cupcakes for $1.
Fair Trade in Full Colour
Talking Point Connect @ KBC
9am to 11.30am
Thursday 12 March

Our Guest Speaker, Di Stitt, is the founder of One Colour and has a story to tell of how she came to be involved creating and selling ethical fashion, jewellery, knitwear and knitted toys. One Colour is about connecting people, working together to create quality products that inspire those who wear the clothes and uplift those who make them. These connections are built on respect, ethical trade and a desire to establish long term employment in Africa.

Choosing to buy fairly traded products can make a huge difference to someone we may never meet who lives on the other side of the world. Our good choice means good things can happen around the world.

Come and bring a friend, or many friends, to listen, be informed and take advantage of the opportunity to buy some beautiful clothing, accessories, toys and other homewares.

Morning Tea provided and Childcare available if required but must RSVP.
Kenmore Baptist Church | 57a Kenmore Road, Kenmore 4069
To RSVP for childcare contact Kim on 0410 080 054 or for more information about Women Connect contact Jonquil on 0427 444 364.

A ministry of Kenmore Baptist Church - Phone 3378 3595 or email church@kbc.org.au