From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers

We are blessed with fabulous volunteers at Brookfield and where would we be without them? Whether it be the P&C, tuckshop, uniform shop, a sub-committee, sport, athletics, classroom or library, we have a talented pool of volunteers who give their time willingly to provide enhanced opportunities for our students.

I remember holding my first working bee at a small school in central Queensland. There were only 28 students in the one-teacher school which represented about 12 families. And all 12 families turned up with every piece of machinery imaginable, from earth movers and tractors to chain saws, shovels and brooms. The 'sense of belonging' and pride in the school is something that I have always endeavoured to emulate in every school I've been associated with following my time in Comet.

The Working Bee last Sunday was no exception. Thank you to the parents, students and staff who came along to help plant shrubs and trees, spread mulch and generally help beautify our school grounds. Your time is very much appreciated. And yes! We had a tractor and utes and plenty of tools too!

The recent survey on the best things about Brookfield State School revealed that our school culture and staff, the Brookfield community and our grounds and facilities were appreciated the most. After visiting Toorak Primary School last week I must admit we are somewhat spoiled with space, facilities and the natural environment. It's often the things we take for granted that we should be most grateful for!

Independent Public Schools

The Minister for Education, Training and Employment, John-Paul Langbroek, announced today that our application for Independent Public School (IPS) status for 2015 was successful.

As an IPS school we will receive additional funding and support from the department, including access to professional development, networking and strategic development opportunities. The department has a dedicated IPS Support Team within State Schools - Performance who will assist with this transition.

In addition to this, IPS principals have formed an Alliance that fosters networking and mutual support, while providing access to experienced and accomplished principals who have been on the IPS journey for some years.

This is exciting news for our school and will provide greater autonomy to improve our school’s operations.

National Capital Tour - Years 6 & 7

87 students in Years 6 and 7 will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. They will participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate has been factored into the cost for this tour and is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

This week, teachers will arrange the likely cabin groupings with students for the duration of our time in Canberra. As you would be aware, security measures will be in full swing with our departure coinciding with the conclusion to the G20 summit. A note will go home this week with further details about our departure time and tour requirements.

Thought for the Week

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

--Vince Lombardi

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

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Stop, Kiss, Go...

To help make our Stop, Kiss, Go Zones function more effectively, we are suggesting that parents display their family name on the sun visor of the passenger side of their cars. This will enable the teacher aides on gate duty to easily see which children are required for pick up at that time. This system is effectively in place at a number of local schools.

These signs could be easily made by folding an A4 piece of paper in half and writing or typing your family’s surname for display. The larger and darker the letters, the easier it would make it for our teacher aides to read and assist with locating your children. For example:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Joshua C
Liam D
Jack B
Oliver C
Lily M
Sarah L-W
Sam R
Kai S
Paige H
Abby B
Evie W
Bridget B
Will S
Grace B

Elizabeth W

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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

Please note that the FREE delivery service for 2015 booklists ends this FRIDAY 07 NOVEMBER. To make the most of this offer, please be sure to place your orders this week.

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

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 – Anthony (3B) and Maddison (1C)!

Have a great week,
Katie
klew114@eq.edu.au

Resource Centre News

New Book Release Next Week

We 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, new Boy Vs Beast, Billie B Mysteries, Double Trouble, Adventure Time, Perfectly Princess, Katie Woo and Rocky and Daisy. Older series additions include: Red Dirt Diary, City Farm, more Jake Maddox, The Science of Speed, Survival Squad, Minecraft Handbooks, Cathy Cassidy Chocolate Girls and Robot Races. Some beautiful fiction novels are also on the way.

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Swimming Carnival YRS 3-7 - Tuesday Dec 2nd

The swimming carnival is fast approaching and the teachers will be asking students this week what events they want to swim in. The 50m events only will have points that go towards the age champion and the 25m will have house points for their house. Students need to choose either to swim in the 25m or the 50m for the events. They can swim a combination of 50m and 25m events as long as they don’t swim both 25m and 50m in the same stroke.

There will be an open 100m Medley that will be at the beginning of the day for proficient swimmers only. This will not go towards age championship points.

All Years 3-7 Students will be attending the carnival this year and 50m event times will be used to qualify for districts in 2015. Year 2 students who are turning 9yrs old in 2015 are able to qualify for district swimming held in February next year if they can provide me with times from a recognised meet that are under district times.

For children nominating to swim the 100m Medley, they need to be able to swim it in under 2 minutes.

50m events are for competent swimmers only who can swim the distance at a good pace and without stopping. In 25m events children must be able to swim 25m without stopping.

Libby Wark

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State Primary School Athletics Carnival

A big congratulations to all of the athletes who competed at the recent State Primary School Athletics Carnival.

An extra big well done to Keira Moore for finishing in 1st place for the 10 yr girls 800m and to Lachlan Gorringe for coming 2nd in the 12 yr boys 800m. Both are off to the Nationals in Tasmania in a couple of weeks’ time. An amazing effort! We look forward to hearing how they go!!

Thanks
Kieron Skehan

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

Tuckshop News

With the end of the year fast approaching, its time to start planning the end of year Dads BBQ, this year it will be held on Thursday the 4th of December, as always egg and bacon rolls and sausage in bread will be available on the day, to make this day a success we need at least 4 Dads to man the bbqs, so if you can help out on the day give me a call on 0422640594 or call in to tuck shop. The last normal day of trading will be Wednesday the 5th. Tuck shop will be open for counter sales only on Wednesday 10th no lunches will be available on this day. We also have a large amount of home baking containers in the tuck shop so please stop by to see if any belong to you.

Thanks,
Cathy Liddy

More Tuckshop News

Cathy our Tuckshop Convenor is leaving at the end of this term to pursue a full-time role in the Tuckshop at Kenmore State High School. While we are very sad to see Cathy go we wish her all the best for her new role and thank her for her efforts at Brookfield. Over the last 2 years Cathy has run a very successful Tuckshop and implemented Flexischools our online ordering system.

We are currently advertising for a replacement for Cathy, see the advertisement below. We are also using this as an opportunity to review our current operations and are seeking feedback from all members of the school community. Please take this short survey to help inform our review and determine how many days we will operate Tuckshop next year and help us to establish our volunteer roster for 2015.

Tuckshop needs volunteers to be able to provide this service, please consider how you may be able to assist.

The link to the survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TL7989W
**EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY – POSITION VACANT**

**Tuckshop Convenor**

The Brookfield State School P&C Association is seeking a Tuckshop Convenor available to transition into the role in the later stages of this term ready to undertake the role in full for the 2015 school year. Our online ordering Tuckshop is profitable and successful with established structures, policies and well-trained, capable volunteers in place. This is a paid part-time position with our Tuckshop currently opening 3 days per week during school terms. The current operating structure, including opening days is being reviewed to ensure adequate volunteer numbers are available to ensure an effective service is provided.

Normal working hours for a 3 day opening operation are 22 hours per week during school terms, with additional hours required from time to time. Wages and conditions will be subject to award conditions as per Parents and Citizens and Other Associations Retail Award – State 2004.

Please contact Victoria Brown for an application kit (selection criteria and position description) vicandab@bigpond.net.au or 0429 475 625.

Written applications should be addressed to:
Victoria Brown - Brookfield State School P&C Association, Brookfield State School, Boscombe Road, Brookfield 4069; left at the School Office; or emailed to vicandab@bigpond.net.au

Applications close 4pm, Friday 14th November 2014.

**Brookfield State School P & C Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

Thanking you in advance.

Victoria Brown

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**P & C News**

**Zooper Dooper Fridays**

Thank you for purchasing Zooper Doopers. Thank you Emma, Georgia and Emily who served, as well as Cathy Liddy and Coles for their freezers. A Special thank you to Coles who sponsored our day and provided us with not 8 bags, but 10 bags of Zooper Doopers. See you at the Tuckshop on Fridays at 11.15 (when released by staff from eating) with your 50c.

**Trivia Night - Friday 24 October**

Deb Minczanowski & Ori Lissner are proud to announce Trivia Night raised almost $6,000. Thank you Helen Orr – ‘Hamper Me’ for the beautiful raffle prizes. Thank you everyone. There are some promised payments for canvases that have not yet been paid. Please contact the school by Friday this week, as the last P&C meeting is on Tuesday and everything needs to be finalized?

**Busy Bee Sunday 02 November**

Wow, I’m sure as you walked around the school on Monday, you saw how beautiful our school is looking. Thank you to a group of dedicated and hard working families and staff members, who braved the heat and did a variety of strenuous activities – digging holes, moving mulch/rubbish, some not so strenuous – planting, watering, weeding and some smelly – spreading fertilizer. The legacy these wonderful families and staff members, have left for us all to enjoy is greatly appreciated. The children worked tirelessly. I told them about my 82 year old friend who planted trees at his school when he was 7 years old and recently took his children and grandchildren to have a look and how tall those trees had grown. How wonderful to know you made a difference for the generations to come. Special thanks to Calliope, Ori and Malcolm for organising the day, as well as Rachel, the P&C President who ensured we were all fed and well hydrated. Thank you to Michel’s Patisserie for their coffee vouchers. If you
didn’t receive one, please drop into the office and collect it. Students please respect the enormous amount of work that has been done for you and walk on the paths that are provided, so as the plants can grow and the mulch stays where it is meant to be. Thank you all.

**Burger Bar Friday 7 Nov Hosted by 7A**

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. With the emphasis on Literacy – Reading this year, we have purchased a huge number of reading series for our children to enjoy and learn from. There are still about 50 books to cover that need to get into the Year 6 hands, as well as the new books from the Book Fair. Please lend a hand, so the children can enjoy them over the next 5 weeks. With the reading books topped up, there won't be as many books to cover next year. Please continue to pitch in.

**Fundraising Coordinator Role, Secretary or Burger Bar Coordinator**

If you are considering taking on any of these roles, please contact any member of the P&C Executive for further information.

**Years 6 & 7 Graduation**

All forms and money need to be into the office by Monday 10 Nov. We need to finalise tables and platters, so it is important we know the exact numbers and have the money to pay for it. 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. Thank you to the families who have already done this.

**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.

**Final P&C Meeting for 2014**

Come and join us for a slice and a brew at our final general meeting for the year. We meet on Tuesday 11 November in the staffroom at 7pm for around an hour. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Upcoming Events**

- 7 Nov Burger Bar hosted by 7A 6.00 – 8.00 eating
- Icypole Sales 7/11, 11/11 (G20 14/11), 21/11 (For P-5), 28/11, 5/12 (Last one)
- 11 Nov Final P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom

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26 Nov Music Concert 6.00 – 8.00pm
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,
Arlene Aitchison
Fundraising Coordinator
arleneaitchison1@bigpond.com or 0417 0417 32

Brookfield School Tennis

On Sunday morning our seven Brookfield Tennis Teams competed in the second round of the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Challenge at the Brookfield Tennis Centre. Once again it was wonderful seeing all the local schools participating, with just over 120 kids playing in the Red, Orange and Green Ball Divisions. Our teams played exceptionally well again and showed great sportsmanship.

Red Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Upper Brookfield
Brookfield B beat Fig Tree Pocket A
Brookfield C lost to Chapel Hill/Pullenvale

Orange Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Moggill B
Brookfield B beat Moggill A

Green Ball Teams:
Brookfield A beat Pullenvale A
Brookfield B lost to Fig Tree Pocket Boys

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

Roanne Lemmon-Warde

Orienteering

This week in orienteering we will be learning all about using a compass to navigate your way around the School to collect controls. Please make sure you are on time as late comers won’t be accommodated. This is for the older group - year 3 and up. Orienteering for the younger group will still commence on Thursday. If any parents are able to help, please come to the oval for 8am on Thursday. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Megan Bye

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