**Wednesday 05 October 2016  Issue 31**

**From The Principal - Bruce Robertson**

Welcome to Term 4! I hope that all of the students and staff had a relaxing and safe holiday.

Bruce Robertson is on leave this week and I have the great pleasure of spending time at Brookfield again. It is certainly great to be back. Bruce will return next Tuesday from leave and I’m sure that you will welcome him back.

The students were all straight into learning today. It won’t be long before the assessment period begins, so maximising this learning time is very important.

**Fun Run**

It was announced on assembly today that there will be a fun run held on the afternoon of Saturday 29 October at 4pm. This is a fundraiser with the focus being school grounds. It is also a great opportunity to blow away the winter cobwebs and get outside and active.

Sponsorship forms with more information will be going home with students this week.

**Prep Enrolment**

There are two prep enrolment sessions coming up on the 17 and 20 October. If you have a prep aged child would you please make the time to book an interview time? This is very helpful to the school in getting organised for next year. This is an online process following the details below.


**Sad News**

It is with much sadness that we let you know of the passing of one of our school dads. Grant Parnell passed away unexpectedly over the holidays. Grant and Peta’s son Hamish is in one of our Year 1 classes. Our sincerest condolences go to Peta, Hamish and his brothers and the extended family. As a school community we would like to offer our support and sympathy.

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**From the Deputy - Tracey Campbell**

**Welcome Back**

It is great to be back at school, ready and raring for another great term of teaching and learning ahead. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break.

This last term of the school year is a jam packed one in the Junior School, with swimming lessons beginning Friday next week (week 2) for Years 2 and 3, a Fire Truck visit for Year 1 in week 2, Book Fair being held in week 4 and the Swimming Carnival taking place at Kenmore State School pool in week 9. The upper school has camps, music concerts and alike going on throughout the term too.

For teachers, there is a training day on **Monday week 3, Student Free Day**, and assessments to collate, moderate and evaluate before the writing of report cards for the end of year reports.

**Exciting but busy times ahead!**
Working Bee

Attention Brookfield State School families, we are having a working bee here at school on Sunday 9 October, 7:30am to midday (with a P&C run BBQ afterwards).

We would appreciate as many families as possible coming down to lend a helping hand with making our school that much more beautiful… as the saying goes, “Many hands make for light work”.

Please bring:

• Wheelbarrows
• Rakes
• Garden forks
• Spades
• Post diggers

And of course gloves, hats, sunscreen and covered in shoes.

We hope you can join us!!

P/1 Playground upgrade

Our fabulous P/1 playground upgrade is coming along nicely but requires a little more time to be completed. The P/1 Playground and artificial turf above Resource Centre will be closed until end of week 1. The area that is fenced off remains out-of-bounds. Please ensure you remind your child(ren) to stay clear of this area before and after school for their safety.

During break times, our P/1 students will have access to Circle and Sail Lawn and CPA 2 outside the tuckshop for play. The Years 2-6 continue to have access to CPA3, the sandpit outside tuck-shop and the oval. Thank you for your understanding.

Baby News

Congratulations to Grant Stephens, our wonderful SEP teacher, on the arrival of his beautiful baby girl, Bonnie. We wish Grant and his wife, Hayley, all the best.

Whole School Assembly

No Junior Assembly this week, rather there will be a Whole School Assembly held this afternoon from 2:15pm - 2:55pm, we hope you can join us.

Have a great week!
Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au

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Resource Centre News

The Last 120 Book Release for 2016

New Fiction Series that are proving to be very popular with other Australian primary schools at the moment which will also be released here this week include:

RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Medical Adventures- 4 books, The Last Series -6 adventure survival books, Judy Blume titles - Tales of a Fourth grade Nothing, Blubber, Double Fudge, Fudge, Fudge-a-mania and more, Friday Barnes - 6 books in a high school setting with mystery girl detective Friday to solve all the crimes!

These belong to the reading genres of adventure, school stories, mystery and humour.

New Titles also being released include new books for our existing series, special stand-alone titles, joke books, non-fiction and junior fiction. All are on display on the back Library wall.

Book Fair begins on Wednesday in Week 3 October 19 for one week for any early-bird Christmas shoppers!

Instrumental Program 2017

This week all students in Years 2 and 3 were given letters with information about beginning in our school instrumental program for 2017. Our Instrumental staff will begin the testing process with all of these students next week during class time. If you are interested in having your child join our program next year, please remember to return the Expression of Interest form to the All returns Box in the Office no later than Friday October 21. If you did not receive your copy of the information letter (with attached Expression of Interest form) please ask at the Office or contact Melissa McMillan (mmcmi10@eq.edu.au).

If your child is successful in gaining a position in the program, a parent information evening is being held on Tuesday Nov 3 at 6pm. Attendance at this session is strongly recommended for families entering the program in 2017.

Chess Club

Term 4 is a Competition Term for chessplayers at Brookfield SS!

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At the end of the term there will be certificates for all players. The Senior and Junior winners will receive trophies, and there will also be medals for other Senior and Junior prize winners.

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Happy Reading
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

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School Banking

We will continue school banking from this Friday.

We have two new rewards this term.

Kim Bristow
School Banking Coordinator

Western Suburbs Inter Schools Tennis Challenge - Term 4

Brookfield Tennis Centre will again be hosting the third Western Suburbs Inter Schools Tennis Challenge. Brookfield State School will be competing against 6 other Western Suburbs schools. This competition will commence on Sunday 16th October and will run for 6 weeks.

The schools that will be competing in the challenge will include:
• Brookfield State School
• Kenmore South State School
• Moggill State School
• Pullenvale State School
• Fig Tree Pocket State School
• Indooroopilly State School
• Chapel Hill State School

This competition was started to allow school kids to represent their school playing the Tennis Australia approved ANZ Tennis Hot Shots format. There are 3 levels: Red, Orange and Green.

Red Level - Sunday 8am - 9:15am is open to children in Prep to Year 3 and is run as a round robin event with school teams consisting of 8 players allowing for maximum participation. The Red Hot Shots program uses modified balls, smaller nets and a smaller court designed to make play easier and allowing more kids to develop their tennis skills.

Orange Level - Sunday 9:30am - 10:45am is open to Prep to Year 5 (depending on their skill level) and is also run as a round robin event, with the school team consisting of 4 players. The Orange program also uses modified balls and equipment and is played on a three quarter court.

Green Level - Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm is open to Prep to year 6 (depending on their skill level) and is also run as a round robin event, but uses green balls and a full court. The team consists of 3 players.

There will be a Red, Orange and Green Ball competition and the duration for each division will be approximately 1 hour.

Teams will be selected from results from Challenges, fixtures and lessons. If your child did not participate in the school championships and is interested in participating, please contact Roanne Lemmon-Warde by Thursday 6th October on 0434 909 392 or tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au.
Before School Sport

There will be touch coaching every Friday 8 to 8.30 am for year 4 and year 5 girls for Term 4. All welcome.

Kay Gilroy

adidas School Fun-Run

We’re holding the adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on Saturday Oct 29th at 4pm! This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we’re looking to raise $10,000, so all help is appreciated!

The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way! It’s all about participation and we’re organizing a great day for our school community. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with you child. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every week!

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that ensures all schools have a viable alternative to junk food fundraising. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active.

We’re firm believers in the fact that exercise and nutrition are an important part of our students’ lives, both in the lead up to as well as after this event. We encourage you to visit the Bupa Training Hub, accessible through your child’s online profile. The Training Hub has been developed by Bupa Australia especially for the School Fun Run program, and is packed full of training tips, guidance on exercise and nutrition, as well as delicious and healthy recipes for your family to try. Check it out today: http://bupatraininghub.schoolfunrun.com.au/

Thanks for supporting your child’s wellbeing and our school in raising money towards improving our school grounds and play equipment.

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