From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

I cannot believe another school year has come to an end. 2016 has been a fabulous year for our school on many fronts, but most importantly, I am proudest of the fact that every student is succeeding. Their achievements will be outlined in their Semester Two Report which will be handed to students in a sealed envelope on Thursday. If you wish to make other arrangements to collect your child’s report, please contact their teacher.

The report will reflect your child’s achievement over the second semester and provide an opportunity to reflect with them on their learning and discuss what measures might be needed for the beginning of 2017. I have enjoyed reading reports and congratulate students on their achievement and effort.

I’d like to thank the School Council as we are still in the infancy stages of being an Independent Public School but we have a strong strategic focus to carry us forward. Thank you to our P&C for the support they provide in enriching the opportunities of all students. Their work cannot be understated when it is increasingly more difficult to get volunteers to fulfil positions. Every student benefits from the P&Cs invaluable support.

Students and staff have worked tirelessly and should look forward to a well-deserved break. We have an exciting Student Free Day program planned for 2017 and look forward to students returning on Monday 23 January.

To those families who will no longer have students at Brookfield State School, I would like to thank you for your contribution over the years and hope you have many fond memories of your association with our school.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Farewell Year 6 Graduands

The whole school assembly on Monday was dedicated to the Year 6 students who have led by example throughout the year. Year 6 students exited the hall and entered the time tunnel where many of them reflected on their journey over the past 7 years. It is a wonderful experience for the entire school community to farewell our final year students.

64 students will graduate on Wednesday evening and then enjoy a day at Brookfield QCCC before their final primary school day with us on Friday. I wish our graduands every success in life and hope they build on the strong foundations that have been laid at Brookfield. We wish you all the very best!

The Musical and photo highlights will be updated to a google drive. Each family will receive the link and password to be able to access and save the file later this week.
Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Lawson on successfully defending the swimming title from Paterson and Mackellar. It was a fantastic carnival at the Kenmore Pool with great enthusiasm from students and wonderful support from the P&C to keep students well fed and hydrated. The Age Champions received their medals on Monday’s whole school assembly.

Congratulations to our champion swimmers for 2016:

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Mathletics

Congratulations to 6A on winning the Mathletics Trophy for Term 4. This is a hotly contested trophy among years 4-6 with the trophy being awarded at the end of term to the class with the highest percentage points per student. Thank you Mrs Drew for coordinating this enormous task and thank you Mrs McLary for helping to print certificates for weekly assemblies.

Tennis Round-Up

Earlier this term, Brookfield entered a number of teams into the Western Suburbs Inter Schools Tennis Challenge. There was over 100 players that took part from schools in the Western Suburbs each Sunday.

Brookfield’s Red, Orange and Green Ball A teams won their divisions and we were also crowned champion school for the third year running. Ashleigh N collected the Champion School trophy as the team captain.

The Red Ball and Orange Ball teams will now be taking part in the Qld State Championships to be played during the Brisbane International Tennis Tournament in January.

I look forward to attending the State Championships on Thursday 05 January and Friday 06 January to watch our Orange Ball players (Asher B, Noah B, Sam S, Daniel LW and Jason LW) and Red Ball players (Sam H, Sophie H, Isaiah H, Rob M, Scott M, Sam S, Jason LW and Daniel LW) compete.

These team players will attend a number of practice sessions over the next month to prepare for the tournament. We wish them well.
Classes 2017

Class lists will be published outside the Resource Centre and the Tuckshop on Thursday at about 2pm. Please do not remove these lists from the wall. Great care has gone into forming these classes and I’m sure with a little support from you at home, students will see the positive benefits of their new class in 2017.

School Captains 2017

Congratulations to our school captains and vice-captains for 2017. Kelly Eekhout and Tom Graetz are our captains and Georgie Gilroy and Jarra Breaden are vice-captains. They were announced on Monday’s assembly and congratulated by the current captains of Rachael, Jorgen, Millie and Toby.

Thought for the Week

In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count.
It’s the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

Merry Xmas
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au
Belong - Strive - Succeed

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Happy Holidays

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families of Brookfield State School for making 2016 such a wonderful year. Not a day goes by where I don’t feel blessed to work in such a supportive community with amazing students, fantastic staff and brilliant families. May the holiday season bring some quality time with families and friends and lots of memories to treasure. We are off to the beach for some fun in the sun and the sand… and I can’t wait! Thanks for a great year.

Have a great week!
Katie Lewis
klew114@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Tracey Campbell

Thank you Brookfield Teacher Aides

During my time as Deputy Principal I have had the opportunity and pleasure of working closely with the wonderful Teacher Aides that we have here at Brookfield State School. Teacher Aides have to be very flexible and accommodating as they move frequently between classes and subjects to support the students and teachers. Each and every one of our Aides love what they do, it shows in the way they interact with those they support and in the way the conduct themselves.

On Tuesday of this week, the Teacher Aides shared in a relaxed breakfast held before school. It was a great way to celebrate another great year of supporting the teaching and learning at Brookfield, and to show the appreciation we have for them. I look forward to working alongside them again in the New Year as Master Teacher.
Swimming Carnival

Well Done to the following students who have been selected to compete in the West Akuna District Swimming Carnival for 2017.

It will be held early in term 1 next year. If you would like your child to be entered in the 200m IM or 200m individual stroke event, please email me some times from recognised meets your child has swum in that are on par with district times in week 1 of term 1 next year. If you would like to submit faster times from meets after the holidays in the events your child is listed in, please do so in week 1 of term 1.

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Thank you Teacher Aides.

Have a safe and relaxing break!
Tracey Campbell
tcamp10@eq.edu.au
**District Qualifying Standards 2016**

**Breaststroke Events**
- 100m Breaststroke (Open) - 1min 44 sec
- 9 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2008) - 1min 1 sec
- 10 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2007) - 57 sec
- 11 years 50m Breaststroke (born 2006) - 55 sec
- 12 years 50m Breast (born 2005) - 52 sec

**Backstroke Events**
- 100m Backstroke (Open) - 1min 37 sec
- 9 years 50m Backstroke (born 2008) - 56 sec
- 10 years 50m Backstroke (born 2007) - 54 sec
- 11 years 50m Backstroke (born 2006) - 52 sec
- 12 years 50m Back (born 2005) - 49 sec

**Butterfly Events**
- 100m Butterfly (Open) - 1min 34 sec
- 9 years 50m Butterfly (born 2008) - 53 sec
- 10 years 50m Butterfly (born 2007) - 51 sec
- 11 years 50m Butterfly (born 2006) - 49 sec
- 12 years 50m Butt (born 2005) - 46 sec

**Freestyle Events**
- 100m Freestyle (Open) - 1min 21 sec
- 9 years 50m Freestyle (born 2008) - 48 sec
- 10 years 50m Freestyle (born 2007) - 46 sec
- 11 years 50m Freestyle (born 2006) - 44 sec
- 12 years 50m Free (born 2005) - 41 sec

**Medley Events**
- 10 years 200m Medley (born 2007) - 3min 35 sec
- 11 years 200m Medley (born 2006) - 3 min 24 sec
- 12 years 200m Medley (born 2005) - 3 min 18 sec

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**School Banking**

Merry Christmas & Thank you to all of our School Bankers in 2016!

You have helped our school raise some great commissions this year. Congratulations. Your school currently earns 5% Commission (up to a Maximum $10 p/child per week). We do not have the final quarterly bank statement for 2016, but in the first 3 terms of this year $3386 dollars was earned in commission for the school.

School banking has finished for the year but we look forward to seeing you with your deposit books at the beginning of TERM 1 next year. What will the exciting new theme & rewards be in 2017?

An account opening session will be organised for the start of Term 1 by Dominique Eza, the School Banking Coordinator.

**Mathletics Wrap Up**

As the 2016 school year draws to an end the students of Brookfield are to be congratulated on earning over 10 000 000 points on Mathletics. This equates to 6326 certificates! Congratulations to the students who earned one of the 5114 Bronze certificates, 948 Silver certificates and 264 Gold certificates.
I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P & C whose continued financial support allow our students to access Mathletics both at school and home. Parents, thank you for encouraging, monitoring and assisting your children to complete tasks each week. Teachers, thank you for promoting Mathletics, setting tasks and celebrating your students’ and class successes throughout the year. A special thanks also to Mrs McLary who assists me each and every week to ensure the certificates are ready for assembly.

Even though we will be on holidays, students are able to continue to access Mathletics and complete tasks, take on opponents in Live Mathletics and play some of the games. I will monitor the site over the break and any Silver or Gold certificates earned during this time will be presented on Assembly early in 2017.

Best wishes for a wonderful Festive season and an enjoyable summer holiday with your family and friends.

Jodie Drew

**Year 6 Graduation**

Tonight we celebrate with our Seniors the end of their primary school journey with a gala event in the School Hall followed on Thursday with Muck Up day celebrations at QCCC in Brookfield. This year’s Graduation Committee has enjoyed organising these celebrations for our Seniors, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Fitzpatricks from Rainbow Smash a local Brookfield business for their generosity donating slushies for muck-up day, this follows their support earlier this term at the Fun run. Thank you Rainbow Smash!

On behalf of all of the Year 6 parents we would like to extend our thanks to the whole school community for your support, nurturing and the guiding of our students on their primary school journey. It really is a village with everyone playing a role, from our school leadership and administration, teachers, teacher aides, parent volunteers in the classroom, tuckshop helpers, fundraising volunteers, P&C roles, School Council roles, book covering volunteers, sports volunteers, camp volunteers, musician volunteers just to name a few. Like most things you get out what you put in, all the best Brookfield as you continue to support the students of Brookfield and build memories with each other.

All the best,
2016 Graduation Committee

**December Holiday Tennis Clinic - Brookfield Tennis Centre**

With the Holidays almost upon us we are now taking registrations for the holiday clinic that will run in the first week of the holiday.

**When:** Mon 12 Dec - Thur 15 Dec from 8:00am - 11:00am come and drop your kids for a morning of tennis.


Lessons will be run for Red Ball, Orange Ball and Green / Yellow Ball. Registrations are limited so best to hurry. Cost $180.

**Term 1 - 2017 Tennis Lessons Enrolments**

We are busy taking enrolments for our Term 1 lessons. Please call us to enquire about the kids and adults program - we would love to have you on the court with us. 07 33741046 or email tennis@brookfieldtennis.com.au

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Countdown to Brookie Fun Run/Walk

I hope you have been pulling on your runners and getting ready for the 2016 Brookfield fun run/walk on Saturday 10 December.

With just over two weeks to go, you should have the shoes, the family and the neighbours all organised for the annual 5km run/walk. All proceeds go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Registration will be just inside the showgrounds to the right hand side of the Brookfield Shop. The run will start near the Charlie Queale Pavillon near the Brookfield School oval, inside the Showgrounds at 7am. We'll head out towards Brookfield Road, then turn left over the bridge and left again past the Brookfield Produce and Pet Pavillion. The run will continue along Rafting Ground Road on the bike/pedestrian track to Huntington and back, round the corner past Brookfield Produce and Pet Pavilion and into the Brookfield Showground.

Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish by making a donation in exchange for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers.

Registration opens from 6.30am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family.

More information: Georgie Townsend 0432 350 364 or like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brookiefunrun/

PCYC

Hello and welcome to the last newsletter of the year. Where has this year gone?

There has been so much activity the last few weeks.

As you have noticed the children have been working on their Christmas decoration. Brookfield PCYC has decided to be fully natural and sustainable this Christmas. All our decorations are handmade and our Christmas tree is natural. The children have had so much fun with this as it has taught them you don’t have to buy everything.

Our vacation care program is out and taking bookings, if you would like to book your children into the vacation care program come in and see us. We are going through the reenrolment process for 2017 if you haven't yet received your reenrolment paperwork please talk to the staff in PCYC.

I’d like to take this opportunity from all the management and staff at Brookfield PCYC to wish each and every one a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2017, if not over the holidays.

Andrew Scovell

Friday morning soccer

There will be NO SOCCER this Friday 9th of Dec.

Thank you again to all the children who have attended soccer training on Friday mornings this year. It’s been great being part of this and I hope your children have had fun and learnt a few soccer skills along the way. I would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered their time Friday mornings to help with training.

Due to limited space on the school oval, as of Term 1 2017 Friday morning training will only be available to the following children:

Yrs 3-4. Open game supervised by a volunteer parent,

Yrs 5-6. Open game supervised by a volunteer parent,

and only the following formed UQFC Teams:

U6 Brookie Bears
U6 Brookie Boys Team (Name TBC)
U6 Brookie Boys Team (Name TBC)
U7 Brookie Stars
U8 Brookie Tigers
U8 Brookie Blue Tongues
U9 Brookie Girls Dev Team
If your child is part of one of the above UQFC Brookie teams please confirm with your coach and/or TM for start time. It will be the responsibility of the individual coaches to setup your own areas for training.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,
Shameem
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If you would like to contact the team. Please send an email to:- sodon33@eq.edu.au

Uniforms to Africa

Hi! I’m Sophie. Did you know that the uniform shop is now selling new house shirts. I thought it would be a good idea to collect the old house shirts and send them to the South African children who cannot afford to wear a school uniform.

These children live on my Grandpas farm in South Africa and they have no new clothes - just old damaged ones. So it would be nice for him to get some new clothes to wear!

If you would like to donate your old school uniforms please see Susan Sansbury as she has already organised a bunch of old girls dresses to go abroad.