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From The Principal  - Bruce Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break from school and are ready to embrace the challenges of the term ahead.

A number of maintenance works were completed over the holiday period including internal and external painting, new floor coverings, a covered link to the Resource Centre and some general maintenance work.

As part of the Government’s commitment to empowering school communities and boosting school autonomy, we are able to source local contractors to deliver via a Direct to Market option. This option, although time-consuming, provides greater control over how money is spent on planned and routine breakdown maintenance and helps school maintenance funding go further.

The funding is allocated to schools for routine and breakdown maintenance work and must address those items listed in the school’s Maintenance Assessment Report.

It was quite an ambitious scope of works in a short time-frame and I thank staff for their understanding and cooperation in attempting to minimise any disruption to teaching and learning.

Semester One Achievement Summary

All students would have received their Semester One Report outlining their level of achievement in key learning areas. The following table displays the achievement summary for each year level in the key learning areas of English, Mathematics and Science. Please note the achievement level description should be read carefully on your child’s semester report.

AP = Applying
MC = Making connections
WW = Working within
EX = Exploring
BA = Becoming aware

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**DATE CLAIMER**

**July**
Thurs 17 Fire Engine Visit - Year 1
Mon 21 Footsteps Dance starts
Tues 22 Year 7 LOTE Dinner
Tues 29 Prep Open Classroom
ICAS English

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Wed: 2.30 - 3.15pm
Fri: 8 - 9am
Uniform Shop Convenor
Shelly Pishief: 0467 486 769
shelley.pishief@gmail.com

**TUCKSHOP**
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
Tuckshop Convenor
Cathy Liddy: 0422 640 594
camliddy@hotmail.com
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Help Desk: 1300 361 769
25 students in Years 3-7 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – Computer Skills (ICAS) in May this year and were awarded 1 High Distinction, 5 Distinction, 9 Credit, 1 Merit and 9 Participation Certificates.

Those students whose achievements were outstanding were awarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2014 ICAS – Computer Skills.

Asbestos Removal

The OSHC room was not available in the second week of the holidays due to tiles containing asbestos being discovered under the vinyl flooring. Removal of these tiles and a professional clean was undertaken. A clearance has been issued for its reuse. These precautions ensured that all students and staff were kept safely away from the area.

Graduation Committee Meeting

Parents interested in attending a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation in December are invited to attend a meeting in the staff room on Tuesday 22 July beginning at 1:45pm.

Active school Travel

Our designated AST day is Wednesday. Statistics are collected and the class with the highest participation level is awarded the AST Star Class trophy. Thank you to everyone who helps to reduce traffic around our school.
**Thought for the Week**

Maybe it’s not always about trying to fix something broken.
Maybe it’s about starting over and creating something better.

*-Unknown*

**Enjoy you week,**

Bruce

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**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**

**Welcome back!**

I trust you and your families had a safe and relaxing holiday vacation. It is great to see the students back ready to get into their learning with a fresh sense of enthusiasm.

I am excited to return from Maternity Leave and have certainly hit the ground running! It has been wonderful to get around and visit the classrooms, be greeted warmly by the students and to see the great progress they have made already this year. As Bruce has made you well aware, I will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mandy Salisbury in the Deputy role on Thursday and Friday. Mandy and I work very well together and we look forward to achieving some great progress with a consistent focus on teaching and learning and continuous student achievement in Semester Two this year.

**Prep Orientation Morning**

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and prospective 2015 prep students to meet our Principal, Deputy Principal and Prep Teaching Team and to find out about our Prep Program and schooling expectations for 2015.

**When:** Friday 12 September, 2014

**Time:** 9:30am to 11:00am

**Where:** School Hall

**RSVP:** By 5 September, 2014

Email: admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au

Phone: 3374 7333

Your 2015 Prep aged child will be invited to spend time in the Prep classrooms while you are in the hall. We ask that, if possible, child care is arranged for your other children on the day.

We are more than happy to accept enrolments before the Orientation Morning, and enrolments will also be taken on the day. Please ensure you have your child’s birth certificate as proof of age.

At the Orientation Morning, we will also be encouraging parents to book in for a 15 minute interview with your child and a member of the Prep Teaching Team on Monday 20 October, 2014. We will be conducting these interviews to enable us to get to know our future students and families better and to assist us with our preparations for classes in 2015. More information about these interviews and Prep in 2015 will be available at the Orientation Morning.

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**Disclaimer:** Inclusion of an advertisement for a product or service in the “Brookfield Banter” is not to be considered as an endorsement or recommendation by Brookfield State School.
To further assist parents and future Prep students familiarise themselves with Prep at Brookfield State School, we will be opening our Prep Classrooms for prospective families to visit. These open classrooms will provide the opportunity for future families and Prep students to see what a Prep classroom looks like and how the teaching and learning occurs in our Prep classrooms. Prep will open their classrooms from 9:15 - 10:45am on Tuesday 29 July and Tuesday 5 August, 2014. If you wish to attend one of these open classrooms, please RSVP to the office via email (admin@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au) or phone (3374 7333).

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school either by phone or email.

**Footsteps Dance**

Footsteps Dance Company is providing dance lessons for all students in Term 3 this year. Students will participate in a 40 minute dance lesson on Mondays during Term 3. Eight dance lessons will run on Mondays from week 2 (Monday 21 July) through until week 10 (Monday 15 September), with the exception of week 7 (Monday 25 August) due to the Musica Viva performances on this day. The dance lessons will culminate with a lunchtime disco on Thursday 18 September provided by Footsteps Dance Company. Students will learn popular dances and dance moves to present and perform at the final disco in September.

When: Weekly Lessons (Monday 21 July – Monday 15 September, with the exception of Monday 25 August)

Where: School Hall

Cost: $16.00 per student

Please return the attached permission form that went home on Tuesday by Friday 18 July. The cost will be included in the family statement to be sent home in Week 3.

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

**Resource Centre News**

Fantastic News! It’s the Book Week Term!

**Week 3 Book Swap Monday - Thursday**

**Week 6 Book Week August 18 – 22. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading’ More to come later!**

**Week 8** Premier’s Reading Challenge Forms due to school Sept 5.

**30 New Non-Fiction and 33 Junior Non-Fiction Books Released this Week**

Topics include knitting, knights, Google Earth, puzzle books, Dogs, tricks and illusions, cars, chemistry, cooking, plants, earth, shapes and art to name just a few.

**Everyone’s Overdue!**

All books borrowed over the holidays are now overdue so students need to return or renew them this week.

**Literary Competition 2014 – Year 6 & 7 students**

The competition closes on Friday 18 July 2014.

Entries will be posted off by Mrs Allison on Wednesday 16 July 2014.

Read and Be Swept Away
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian
Uniform Shop

Hi everyone and welcome back to term three.

In the next two weeks I will be asking our school bag repairer to drop by. If you have a school bag with a problem please let me know.

Thanks,
Shelley Pishief
Uniform Shop Convenor

Band News

Junior band will start next Tuesday 22 July in the hall during first break. Have your lunch first then make your way to the hall by 11.15am.

Thanks
Mr Lougheed
Instrumental Music Teacher

TENNIS COACHING - SCHOOL COURTS TERM 3, 2014

ANZ HOT SHOTS COACHING  (See attached details of program)
BEFORE SCHOOL  MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7:45am - 8:45 am  $210
AFTER SCHOOL  MONDAY TO THURSDAY  3:00pm onwards  $210

LUNCHTIME CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR PREP + YEAR 1
These classes combine ANZ Red Ball Hot Shots with Brain Buzz  (See attached details)
Children are collected from their classrooms (with their lunch) at first break 10:50am, taken down to the school courts and delivered back to their class meeting area at 11:45am.

PREP  Monday first break  commences 2nd week of term  $135
Year 1 Tuesday first break  commences 2nd week of term  $135

CHALLENGES  - competition open to all students
RED BALL  Wednesday first break  commences 1st week of term  $126
ORANGE BALL  Thursday first break  commences 1st week of term  $126

CARDIO TENNIS  (FOR PARENTS ON SCHOOL COURTS)
9 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays
8am and 9am Thursday
Commences 1st week of term  (10 WEEKS)
$200

FIT TENNIS
(FOR PARENTS ON SCHOOL COURTS OR AT BROOKFIELD TENNIS CENTRE)
ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOTS
This is an exciting program endorsed by Tennis Australia. Using smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don’t bounce too high makes learning tennis fun and easy. It allows children to develop technically and tactically in an environment that is scaled down to suit their age.

Stages of development:

RED BALL  25% compression Red Balls, modified nets and court  5 - 8 Yrs
ORANGE BALL  50% compression Orange Balls, regular court- reduced length  7 - 10Yrs
GREEN BALL  75% compression Green Balls, full-sized court  8+

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LUNCHTIME CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR PREP + YEAR

These classes are a specialised tennis and perceptual motor skills program for children aged 3-8 years. It is a structured tennis lesson which includes specific activities designed to improve students’ balance, hand-eye coordination, depth perception, cross lateral function, spatial awareness and sequencing therefore increasing concentration. These skills are necessary to learn and function effectively and are the basis for early numeracy and literacy.

CHALLENGES - RED BALL and ORANGE BALL

We are running RED AND ORANGE BALL CHALLENGES.

These challenges are suitable for Prep to Year 7 students who are interested in learning how to play matches. The challenge is designed to work in conjunction with our coaching program. Children who are attending coaching elsewhere are welcome to attend. It is a competition which allows students to put into practice what they are being taught while developing match playing skills in a competitive environment.

The Red Ball Challenge uses 25% compression balls, smaller nets and a smaller court designed to make match play easier and allowing students to develop tactical skills.

The Orange Ball Challenge uses 50% compression balls and a 3/4 court designed to make play easier.

The challenges are a great opportunity to learn more about match play and the specific rules pertaining to the INTER SCHOOLS CUP COMPETITION which re-commences in Term 4.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

PH 3374 1046 or email: Brookfieldtennis@hotmail.com

MORE LESSONS / TIMES AVAILABLE AT BROOKFIELD TENNIS CENTRE

512 Brookfield Road, Brookfield

Tuckshop News

Hope everyone enjoyed the break; the new winter menu is available and can be found on the flexi schools website. With the winter months approaching and lot of sickness around we are in desperate need for emergency volunteers on home baking and tuckshop duty roster, if you can help between 9.30 -11am even once a year please let me know, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks Cathy

Chess Club

Term 3 is a Coaching Term for chess players at Brookfield SS! But there will still be plenty of time to play chess after coaching is finished, and an informal competition will also be run this term.

Starting in the second week of the term, both Seniors (Grades 4 to 7) and Juniors (Grades 1 to 3) will learn about the mysteries of chess on Wednesdays from 11:00am (the start of big lunch) until 12.00pm (children are allowed to stay after the bell).

There will be a class on Tuesday, August 12, to replace the missing class on August 13 (the Exhibition public holiday), but no other classes on Tuesday. Parents should enroll their students for these classes at the Office.

Thanks Cathy

Guitar, Bass and Trumpet Lessons

Classical, jazz and popular styles. AMEB exam entry offered.

Ages 9 years to adult, beginner to advanced.

A Graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium and a Blue Card holder. I teach from my Kenmore Hills studio. Lessons $25 per half hour.

Phone James on 0435 998 453 or Email: james@pendrith.net