Dear Parents and Carers,

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify areas of sound performance and areas for improvement.

The survey is comprised of:

- Parent/Caregiver Survey (for all families);
- Student Survey for a sample of up to 60 Years 5 and 6 students;
- Staff Survey for all school staff; and
- Principal Survey

This year, all surveys will be conducted on-line. Your child received the Parent/Caregiver Survey on Monday. Your opinions are important to us so I strongly encourage you to complete the survey. The on-line link is open until 03 August.

Great Results Guarantee (GRG)

All classroom teachers will be meeting with myself and Katie over the coming weeks to consider the outcomes from the GRG initiative. The GRG provides significant funding to improve student learning outcomes. Items for discussion and analysis include:

- Class Data Profile outlining student achievement
- Literacy outcomes (reading, writing, spelling, speaking)
- Numeracy outcomes
- Science outcomes
- Students being supported (differentiated curriculum)
- Students being extended (differentiated curriculum)
- Students who are not performing to potential (actions)
- Student goals and feedback on progress (feedback mode and frequency)
- Timetables
- Homework
- Class Behaviour Management Plan
- Developing Performance Plan (professional reflection)

Independent Public Schools (IPS)

The Expression of Interest in becoming an Independent Public School is open and will close on 05 September. The key points of becoming an IPS include:

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Absentees: (07) 3374 7360
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DATE CLAIMER

July

Mon 4  District Athletics

Tues 5     Prep Open Classroom
          9.15 - 10.45am
          ICAS English

Aug

Tues 4  District Athletics

Tues 8     Prep Open Classroom
          9.15 - 10.45am

UNIFORM SHOP
Wed: 2.30 - 3.15pm
Fri: 8 - 9am

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Only 30 schools will gain IPS status for 2015 bringing the total to 120 across Queensland. The selection of schools will depend on their ability to:
• Demonstrate broad consultation
• Capacity to assume greater responsibility
• Outline the potential for students
• Outline innovative educational programs and practices

Staff at Brookfield are currently considering the proposal.

ICAS - Science

56 students in Years 2-7 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - Science (ICAS) in June this year and were awarded 1 High Distinction, 15 Distinction, 14 Credit, 3 Merit and 23 Participation Certificates.

Those students whose achievements were outstanding were awarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The table below outlines Brookfield’s mean score for each year level compared with the Australian mean score. Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2014 ICAS - Science.

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ICAS - English

Students in Years 2-7 will sit ICAS - English on Tuesday 29 July. Students will require a 2B or B pencil and an eraser. Teachers have a list of students who nominated for the competition.

Students in Years 2 and 3 will sit the test at 9am with Mrs Craig (2C) in her classroom. This will assist students who are completing the test for the first time.

Student in Years 4-7 will sit the test in the hall at 9am.

Active School Travel (AST)

Scooters and helmets have been purchased as prizes and will be drawn at the end of the year for students who participate in AST. Every Wednesday when your child walks (at least 100m
away from the school entrance), rides (bike or scooter), or car pools, they will go into the draw.

Statistics are collected each week and the class with the highest participation level is awarded the AST Star Class trophy. Congratulations to 6A who had over 60% of their class actively travel last week.

**Thought for the Week**

*Action is the foundational key to all success.*

-Pablo Picasso

Enjoy you week,
Bruce
brobe66@eq.edu.au

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**From the Deputy - Katie Lewis**

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

I have been very impressed with our students demonstrating our school values of being safe, responsible and respectful both in the classroom and in the playground. What a wonderfully positive start to the term.

I was lucky enough to work with a group of students in Year 1C on Monday, these students were keen to show me how much they knew about the ‘ou’ and ‘ow’ sounds, it was a pleasure to work with them. Thanks for showing respect and being responsible workers.

**Absentee Reminder**

Please be sure to inform the school through the Student Absentee Line (ph 3374 7360) if your child is absent. The number of absences and unexplained absences are published on each student’s report card at the end of the semester.

If your child is away from school for 3 consecutive days and we have not received notification, we will contact you to obtain the reason.

Students are expected to be in class by 8.50am. If you are running late, please collect a late slip from the office and if you need to collect your child before 2.55pm, please sign them out at the office. It is particularly important that students arrive at school on time and ready to learn, please be sure to drop your child off so they can be in their classrooms by 8:50am each morning, thanks.

**Uniform reminder**

As the weather cools off, we have noticed that students are wearing non-uniform jumpers. Brookfield State School jumpers are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop, and are lovely and warm! Please endeavour to provide your child with a school uniform jumper for the winter months.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.15pm and every Monday morning between 8.00am and 9.00am during school terms (except the last Monday in term 4). If you are unable to make it to the shop or prefer the convenience of online shopping you can order online through our FlexiSchools system (www.flexischools.com.au).

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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.

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 participated in their first lesson on Monday, and by all reports, it was a hit!!!
Please return the attached permission form that went home on Tuesday by Friday 18 July. The cost ($16.00 per student) will be included in the family statement to be sent home in Week 3.

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

STEM

Last Friday 12 students from Years 6 and 7 spent the day at the 2014 S.T.E.M. Conference (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) at UQ, St Lucia. The theme of this year’s program is Let’s Make S.T.E.M. Crystal Clear - a focus on how significant and important crystals are, the history of crystal research, the role crystals play in modern Science, and the importance of sustainable practice in using the world’s finite mineral and ore resources. Friday’s conference was the Inspiration stage of the program and the students listened to very inspirational keynote speakers and attended two workshops around various Science themed topics. The Brookfield students represented their school outstandingly well all day and came away excited and ready to begin the next stage of the program – Investigation. The students now have 8 weeks to wonder, come up with ideas, ask questions, investigate, collect and analyse their data and finally present their results to the STEM Committee in September during the final stage of the program – Celebrate.

Mandy Salisbury
Deputy Principal

Sport News

Well done to the five Brookfield students who represented Met West last weekend.
10 Year Girls - Keira M 1st
11 Year Girls - Sarah L-W 12th
12 Year Girls - Nikita M 5th
12 Year Boys - Lachlan G 6th, Max H 32nd

All students came home with a relay medal, and Met West won for the first time in 12 years. Congratulations to Nikita M and Keira M who were selected in the Queensland Cross Country Team. Lachlan G has also been named first reserve.
Athletics

All those athletes who have made the school team should, if possible, be competing in the University of Queensland meet on Sunday. [http://www.uqsport.com.au/filething/get/58511/27%20July%202014%20Timetable.pdf]

Resource Centre News

THE BIG BOOK SWAP returns next week!

We know many students have great quality books that are not to be read again at home. We also know many students have an insatiable appetite to devour new books! This popular event from Term 1 is back to solve all these problems.

Next week students can bring in books to the Resource Centre to get one token for each book to swap for another book they like - for free!

How it works:

1. Bring books
2. Get 1 token for each book
3. Swap for different Book swap books

Where: The Resource Centre verandah.
What: Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction.
Book Swap Times: Week 3: Monday 28th – Thursday 1st August
8:30 – 8:50, 1st & 2nd Breaks

We are unable to accept pre-school/toddler level books as the books need to be appropriate for primary school reading levels and in good condition (undamaged).

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Music News

This week, emails and/or letters were sent home to all Senior Choir members with information about our concert and workshop at Kenmore State High School on August 7. If you did not receive yours, please either email Melissa or collect a spare form the Office. Responses are due back by Wednesday of next week.

Emails were also sent to all Junior Band families who have supplied us with their email addresses. If you did not receive yours or have not provided us with an address and would like to receive message via email, please contact Melissa on mmcmii10@eq.edu.au. The Junior Band started rehearsals this week, amidst great excitement, and they are working towards a couple of performance for the end of the year. Keep that practice going!

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 has been distributed and is due back Monday 28th July please. No orders will be taken after this date. Also, due to upcoming commitments, Tamara and I would gratefully appreciate some help in the second half of this term. If anyone can help then please let us know.

Thank you,
Tamara (tamarakhamilton123@gmail.com)
and Nicola (Nicola@hile.com.au)

Uniform Shop

In the next week I will be asking our school bag repairer to drop by. If you have a school bag
with a problem please let me know. Loaner school bags are available from the uniform shop.

If you are interested in some dark green material, used to make bootleg pants, which is being given away please let me know.

Thanks,
Shelley Pishief
Uniform Shop Convenor

Burger Bar

The BBQ is next week, why go? Apart from raising money for the school, did we mention?

- No washing up
- Sausage and beer
- Live music
- Catch up on news
- Free range kids
- A moments peace

Does anyone need a reason to go to a BBQ with drinks and Music with friends? See you there on the 1st August at the showgrounds.

Philip Blackler

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