Dear Parents and Carers

It’s been very rewarding to meet with teachers to discuss how every student in their class is progressing. Literacy, Numeracy and Science outcomes has been the focus of our conversations along with looking at student goals and the frequency of feedback.

Teachers have expressed their delight at the Great Results Guarantee (GRG) funding that has provided some of the extra support for Literacy and Numeracy intervention. With the funding secured for 2015, we will timetable the support to coincide with prime learning time in our first two sessions of the day.

Please be mindful of our school day beginning at 8:55am. Students can move to their classrooms from 8:30am to prepare for the day. The beginning to each day is extremely important and your assistance with students being on time is appreciated.

School Opinion Survey Reminder

Every family has the opportunity to complete a School Opinion Parent/Caregiver Survey. Your oldest child received the Parent/Caregiver Survey last week. The on-line link is open until 03 August.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete a survey. Your opinions are valued and will be carefully considered for identifying areas for improvement.

Instrumental Music 2015

In 2015, Year 4 students will be able to study woodwind, brass and percussion instruments for the first time, a year earlier than the current Year 5 starting point.

For quality string orchestras, four years of tuition is generally required, so the current starting age for students studying strings will remain at Year 3.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

70 students sat the ICAS - English this week. Those students who were absent will have the opportunity to complete the test on Thursday 31 July. The turn-around on receiving certificates and reports is approximately 6 weeks.

The only remaining competition in ICAS 2014 is mathematics. Students who nominated for ICAS - Mathematics will sit the test on Tuesday 12 August.

Graduation Committee

Thank you to those parents who attended our committee meeting last week. Information is being gathered on the proposals for the Graduation Ceremony and will be distributed for your feedback shortly.
Year 6 Graduation and Disco will take place on Tuesday 09 December from 6pm.

Year 7 Graduation and Disco will take place on Wednesday 10 December from 6pm.

The Years 6 and 7 combined break-up day will take place on Thursday 11 December.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 05 August beginning at 2pm in the staffroom. Please feel welcome to attend if you have something to contribute.

Free Dress Friday throughout August

To help raise some funds towards the Years 6 and 7 Art Project, each Friday in August will be a Free Dress - Gold Coin donation. The Art Projects have added significantly to our grounds in recent years so I hope you will support this quest. The first Free Dress day is this Friday. Please remember to be sunsafe!

Day for Allison

Family and friends of Allison Baden-Clay have created a 'Strive to be Kind' day for Friday 01 August. There are a number of activities planned for Brisbane and Ipswich. Some of our parents are meeting for a coffee at the Brookfield Store at 9am and you are welcome to join them.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the Late Allison Baden-Clays Children's Trust c/- National Australia Bank BSB 084-737 Account 94-308-4078 (Australian Charity Number 163 917 502).

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 100% of their class actively travel last week.

Thought for the Week

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.

Princess Diana

Enjoy you week,
Bruce
brrobe66@eq.edu.au

From the Deputy – Katie Lewis

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Congratulations to Year 1C for being awarded "Most Respectful Class" on last week's assembly for being on time, sitting beautifully, listening and being respectful, well done Year 1C!

We are starting "Gotchas" this term also. Students will receive a "Gotcha" when they are dis-
playing responsible, respectful and safe behaviour in the playground. Prep - Year 3 "Gotchas" go into the draw for a prize from the Lucky Dip box. The weekly "Gotcha" draw will take place on assembly.

**Uniform reminder**

It has been great to see students wearing their Brookfield State School jumpers to school, well done! 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).

**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. Bookings will be completed online, a link and required information will be provided shortly. 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 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 - Disco

Footsteps Dance Company is providing dance lessons for all students in Term 3 this year. These lessons will conclude with a lunch time disco on Monday 15 September where students will be able to perform the dances they have learnt during the term.

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

PCYC News

Next Week at PCYC

Due to the success of Let’s Get Ridiculous Day during Vacation Care period, we are making next week Let’s Get Ridiculous WEEK! Join us making goo, doing crazy dress up challenges and all sorts of nonsense games! We also invite you to come visit our centre next Monday during play time to come see what we get up to at PCYC. We offer affordable care for all children and provide many fun and stimulating educational activities. We provide breakfast and afternoon tea and have had great feedback on our menu (see below). If you’re interested in booking your child into PCYC, please call Kristy on 3374 2107 or email brookfield-sac@pcyc.org.au.

New Menu

Our menu follows the red, amber and green traffic light system whereby we provide nutritious food that provides the right kind of energy to children. Take a look at what we have on our current menu:

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Sport News

Met West Championships

Our girls came second - one point away from Champions!!

Anya F and Nikita M - Runners up, under 12 Girls Football State Championships. A special thanks to Libby Wark for getting them ready for the championships!

Friday Soccer

No students will be allowed to play soccer on Friday mornings without shin pads covered by long socks.

A 12 year old girl sustained a major growth plate injury at soccer on Saturday. She was wearing shin pads but was unlucky to get kicked below the pads. It demonstrates how much damage can potentially be done if a student is kicked hard on the shins.

It is simply not worth the risk, so we will not be allowing any student without them to play.

Lizel Moore

Burger Bar

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

- No washing up; burgers and drinks; Live music; Catch up on news; 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
Resource Centre News

THE BIG BOOK SWAP on this week!

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.
Opening Times: Week 3- Monday 28th – Thursday 1st August
8:30-8:50, 1st & 2nd Breaks

Book Week Reading Festival - Weeks 5 & 6
Book Week Assemblies - Students come dressed as a Book Character!
Years 4-7 Wednesday 20th August
Years P-3 Thursday 21st August

ICT Design a Book Trailer Competition about a Book Week book- more details to come soon!

Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Family fun Day
In Support of

Brookfield State School's awesome national cross country runners.

The 2014 Australian Cross Country Championships is a great opportunity for our athletes but will be held a long way from home in Albany, WA. Let's show our support by raising funds for their long journey.

Sunday, August 10 from 10am-1pm
Brookfield Tennis Centre

Family Entry $20
Sausages and cakes will be for sale so for catering purposes RSVP to Nadine McGrath on 0437447358 or email nadine-mcgrath@hotmail.com

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