



Brookman

PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to week 5. Our school remains a very positive place to be with lots happening. With the colder weather please ensure your children are in full uniform and wear a warm top. Often they say they aren't cold but are really telling you they can't be bothered to put one on. They then spend the day cold which is not a good thing.

School STEAM Visit

Last Friday, staff from Eddystone Primary School visited Brookman to gain an understanding on how we provide STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) based experiences in classrooms. As part of their visit, teachers visited classes while they worked on STEAM activities. We received very positive feedback as to the quality of the professional development we offered and also as to the behaviour and positive work habits of our students.

Yesterday we received a visit from a Principal from a Northern Territory primary school who also wanted to see what we do in STEAM in our school. The visit proved an excellent opportunity to share ideas and gain an insight into our two education systems.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please remember that every day lost through non-attendance is day your child may have missed valuable information and links in their overall education. Similarly, if students are often late they are likely to miss valuable teaching points and can easily lose track of where the class is at on a topic. Please help us to provide the best education possible for your child by sending them to school on time every day.

Whole School Reward Activity

Students with 'good standing' were treated to a free incursion by Monster Music on Wednesday morning. These visits are as a reward to our students for their fantastic behaviour since the beginning of term.

Assembly

Congratulations to B5 for their assembly item last week. It is always pleasing to see students perform confidently in front of other students.

COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club
Uniform Shop

Daily 8.00 a.m. - 8.15 a.m.

Daily :

8.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.

2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Wednesdays 8.00 a.m.

Student Banking

Public Holiday

Monday 4th June

A2 Assembly

Friday 8th June

EAL/D Parent Meeting

Friday 15th June

Holiday Monday

A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday. I hope families enjoy the opportunity to spend time together. School resumes on Tuesday.

Science Room Upgrade

We are eagerly awaiting our Science Room upgrade. Facilities will be improved allowing for a wider range of experiments to be explored. The upgrade also includes new furniture.

School Cross Country Carnival

The cross country carnival will be held on **Tuesday 19th June**. I hope parents are able to attend and support their children.

Hoping all families have a wonderful long weekend.

Kind Regards

Hans Geers, Principal

Tania Rennie & Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principals

Congratulations

to our Honour Certificate recipients.





Numeracy

Here is a statistic that is very interesting. Between 85% and 90% of brain development happens in the first 5 years of a child's life. For those of you that have children under 5, it is very important to talk, teach, play and connect with your child early. By the time they come to school they will be better placed to learn. This does not mean giving children iPads with lots of educational apps. It means investing time to help your child best succeed. A lot of parents come and ask me to provide extra work for their children in maths but some of the best maths you can do, is teach them to play. Setting up a shop with empty cereal boxes, playing card games, making a cubby, weigh the fruit, working out sporting scores, using mathematical language, looking through shopping catalogues to budget, working out the times on the TV guide and many more activities are far more effective than sitting doing a page of sums. Many of our children are great with calculating straight equations but need experiences to help them with broader concepts when problem solving. Please help us help your child by continuing to talk to them and teach them at any opportunity. They will love you for the time you spend with them.

Tania Rennie, Numeracy Teacher

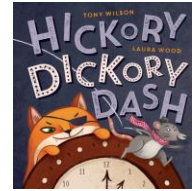
Community Nurse

Healthy Eating - Ten Tips for Parents

- Give children a variety of different foods
- Offer nutritious snacks like fruit, yoghurt, crackers and cheese
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast
- Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day
- Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
- If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss.
- Try again several times.
- Listen when your child tells you they are full
- When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
- Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
- Plan physical activities for your family

National Simultaneous Storytime

Last week many of our classes participated in National Simultaneous Storytime at 9 o'clock on Wednesday. This year the story *Hickory Dickory Dash* written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Woo, was read or viewed simultaneously in many libraries, playgroups and schools around Australia. At Brookman several of our classes listened to the story or watched a slideshow or video clip on their interactive whiteboards. Please ask your child to tell you about the book and find out about the story. We have several copies of the story in the library so you may soon enjoy reading or listening to the story as I'm sure many children will borrow the book to read again.



International Competition and Assessment for Schools

Education Assessment Australia, a part of the University of New South Wales, conducts Australasian School Competitions in several learning areas. Children in Years 3 to 6 may enter. Children sit the tests at school and receive detailed feedback with their results later in the term. Costs and sitting dates are :

English	\$9.90
Test July 31st	
Mathematics	\$9.90
Test August 14 th	

To provide a challenge for our academic students some children will be entered by the school and these students will receive a letter about their participation. Other students who would like to take part in one or both of the competitions must complete an entry slip and return it and the entry fee to the class teacher by June 15th.

Tina Lawrence, Literacy Teacher

Child and Parent Centre Brookman
FREE App

The Child and Parent Centre Brookman have a mobile app which can keep you up to date with what is happening at our Centre.

To access the App follow the following prompts depending on what device you have :

iPhones: Go to the App Store type in Child and Parent Centre Brookman, click Get then Install.

Android : Go to the Play Store click the magnifying glass, type in Child and Parent Centre Brookman, click Install then Accept then Open.