



## Newsletter 1: 8th February 2019

### Welcome Back

It is fabulous to be back and to see the smiling faces of students eager to catch up with friends, their new classmates and of course, their teachers.

I thank the many staff who were back at work early preparing for the term ahead. Teachers and Education Assistants spent last Thursday and Friday attending professional development sessions covering a range of areas to keep abreast of contemporary educational thinking.

One session in particular was run by Claire Orange who we hope to get onsite to run parent information sessions also. These will include such areas as 'resilience' in children, dealing with puberty and a range of other areas. Watch this space in the future for more information. Worth attending!

To our many new families we offer you a very warm welcome and hope your stay at Brookman is positive and rewarding.

### Welcome also to ...

Ms Natalie King resumes from maternity leave to share teaching in Year 2 with Mrs Stevie Wilson. It is wonderful to have Ms King's expertise and smiling face back in the school. Miss Rebecca Pearson also joins the staff in the Pre-Primary area during Miss Turner's absence while she travels overseas. A further newcomer is Mrs Fiona Littlemore who joins us as a special needs assistant in Kindergarten. Please make our new staff feel welcome and valued.

### School of the Year



What an exciting time for our school community. Not only did we win Primary School of the Year but Lynwood Senior High School also won Senior High School of the Year! What a fantastic double achievement which reflects the hard work both schools and their communities have put in over many years.

As a REWARD to our students we are arranging a trip to Scitech to encourage their strengths in STEM.

Such is our school's positive reputation that we will be hosting a group of teachers from Singapore at Brookman in February. They are keen to see our teachers in action and witness our STEM Program.

### COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club	Daily	8.00 - 8.15 a.m.
Uniform Shop	Daily:	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Techno Kids	Starting	12 <sup>th</sup> February
	Time:	2.45 – 3.45pm
Edu Dance	Starting	12 <sup>th</sup> February
Prefect Assembly		15 <sup>th</sup> February 8.40am

### PLEASE Read to your children ...

## 10 BENEFITS of Reading Aloud to Children

- builds vocabulary
- improves reading comprehension
- promotes empathy
- reduces stress
- boosts brain development
- exposes children to different experiences
- increases chances of later success
- helps develop communication skills
- builds self-esteem
- deepens family connections

[fb.com/whatdowedoallday.com](http://fb.com/whatdowedoallday.com)

### Uniforms

I was very impressed with the turnout of students in their uniforms. Well done parents and thank you for your ongoing support. Please remember that wide brimmed hats are an integral part of our uniform, especially in this heat.

### School Numbers

Our numbers are changing on a daily basis which has made it difficult to balance classes. Depending on our final numbers it MAY be necessary to make some structural changes to some classes. We will make a decision as soon as possible.

*Hans Geers*, Principal

*Tania Rennie & Tina Lawrence*, Deputy Principals

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## Literacy

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. This year we are again counting the number of nights of home reading and awarding certificates and prizes. All the children from K to year 6 have been/or will be issued with a Home Reading Book to record their nights of home reading. Please encourage your child to read each night and fill in the log, all our children should be able to reach 200 nights by the end of the year if they start now. **The important thing to remember is to make reading time an enjoyable daily activity.** The following quote is from Dr Kaye Lowe.

*"As simple as it sounds, ten minutes a day of quality time having fun with a book can make the difference between someone who struggles with reading and someone who discovers the love and joy of reading. The ten minutes spent with your child and a book should be the best ten minutes of your child's day. It is not about reading today but about coming back to read again tomorrow and the day after."*

Go to the following website for further helpful information on reading <https://www.read4success.com.au/strategies-to-support-struggling-readers>



**Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principal**

## Numeracy

Welcome to our mathematics section where hopefully you will find some tips to help support your child at school. If you are a kindy parent you may not realise that there is a lot that you can do to support your child's mathematical concepts. You don't need to get out the pen and paper but rather start talking with your child and using mathematical language. Does your child know their shapes, how high can they count (forwards and backwards), do they know positional words like under, over, beside? Children who comes from homes rich in language conversation (doesn't have to be English) are better able to make connections to the mathematical concepts covered in the classroom. If you weren't very good at maths please me mindful to not put your own fears on your children. Make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like further support on how to help your child.



**Tania Rennie, Deputy Principal**

## A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Clare Pargeter and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral.

The services provided are free and confidential. If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **6330 3123**.

## EAL/D Parent

### EAL/D Parent Meetings

Our parent meetings are on Fridays from 8.30 to 9.30 in C5. Please join us for a chat.

The dates for our meetings are:

Week 3 – 22 February

Week 5 – 8 March

Week 7 – 22 March

Week 9 – 5 April

**Mr Boshoff, EAL/D Teacher**

## PPP Parenting



## Parents stay positive

### with Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Our free two hour seminars can help you:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage children's behaviour so everyone enjoys life more
- increase your child's resilience and confidence
- balance work and family with less stress.

**Seminar 1**  
The Power of Positive Parenting

**Seminar 2**  
Raising Confident Competent Children

**Seminar 3**  
Raising Resilient Children

Seminars are for parents/carers of children from about two to eight years of age. Each two hour seminar includes a presentation, tip sheet, discussion and question time.

