For the fortnight ending Wednesday 29 April 2015 Week 2 Term 2

Principal Messages

Welcome Back
The second term has begun and in the blink of an eye we are in the midst of the second week. Hopefully the UBSS community had a relaxing and memorable holiday; assuming you were lucky enough to get one and didn’t have too much work on. Being Term 2, there are many events and important dates that are coming up. With ANZAC Day and school photos having already passed us by, and before the next newsletter hits your inbox our Cross Country Carnival will have been held and some of our kids will be knee deep in NAPLAN tests, the year seems to be flying along.

Please make sure you update your calendars using the information in the ‘Date Claimer’ section at the bottom of this page or check the QSchools app.

The WIZ
Earlier today our students had the opportunity to see a matinee performance of Kenmore State High School’s production ‘The Wiz’. It was an excellent chance to watch talented high-schoolers display their speech and drama, and singing and dancing talents. From the looks on the faces of our kids, it seemed that everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks Kenmore SHS for the opportunity!

NAPLAN
Much will be made in the media in the coming weeks of the NAPLAN tests with the coverage highlighting both good and bad. For the record, the five tests take place over the Tuesday-Thursday of week 4 of this term (12th – 14th May). As per usual, students will be tested on Reading, Spelling, Writing, Punctuation/Grammar and Numeracy. Each of the tests lasts for approximately 40/45 minutes depending on the subject and grade level. We wish all of our Year 3 and 5 students the best on these tests. Results will become available to schools and parents during Term 3.

For parents of students in the Year Levels involved, a timetable with dates and times will be sent home next week. Parents seeking special consideration for students who may require extra time or exemptions need to see me by the 6th of May.

Calculus for Kids
Towards the end of last term I had the opportunity to take part in an exciting maths training course called ‘Calculus for Kids’ in Tasmania. The University of Tasmania (UTAS) funded the course and travel costs for the participants from 5 Queensland schools. The course aims to show how the use of ICT (in this case laptop computers) can significantly improve a student’s ability to complete complex mathematics - algebra.

Having done the training, I can see the significant benefits for our students this year, and in the years to come from the content of this course. UTAS has provided the school with a perpetual licence to run the program (valued at over $5000) to our students every year free of charge. This week all of our Year 6 students will begin the learning experiences. Good luck!

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ANZAC Day March and UBSS Ceremony
It was pleasing to see so many of our students attend the ANZAC Day March at Kenmore last Saturday morning. We had over 30 students (over half the school) in attendance. You marched with great pride and behaved as we always expect Upper Brookfield students to behave – respectfully, patiently and with good manners.

It was commented that only a handful of years ago there were just three students who attended the March from our school, so our number on ANZAC Day is all-the-more impressive. Well done UBSS community!
As for our UBSS Ceremony, much appreciation must go to our wonderful senior students who lead the event. Our very own Mr Doug Pickering, a long-time resident of Pacey Road and former UBSS old-boy, again delivered a poignant and child-friendly speech that was very well received by our students. We thank Doug for his continued support of his old school and hope to have him back more regularly.

KAOS at UBSS – again!
On Monday afternoon I was fortunate to host the KAOS Principals in our Library. As usual, Miss Annette and Mr McCosker had the school in immaculate condition and my three guests stood in the undercover area outside the office, in awe of our magnificent environs. Our meeting was about the PD KAOS teachers will be participating in later in Term 2. In week 3, I will be hosting the Deputies, Heads of Curriculum and Master Teachers of our KAOS partners to outline the program in greater detail.

Welcome Miss Morrison
On Monday the UMA class welcomed Miss Ashleigh Morrison to the class for the start of her 6 week prac placement. Ashleigh attends UQ in her final year of studies and will be graduating at the end of this semester. We wish her all the best in this her final prac experience. If you see her around please come over and say hello. She is certainly looking forward to her first ever moot! Ashleigh is a local of ‘Greater Upper Brookfield’, having grown-up in Bellbowrie and attended Moggill SS for all of her Primary schooling.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
I’d like to personally thank our teachers for making themselves available for the interviews that were done last term and the preparation that you put into them. As a parent of the school, I certainly found the feedback sheet a helpful way to engage in greater conversation after the interview about how my child was progressing. The preparation of those sheets alone takes a good half-hour each and requires alignment between yourselves and your teaching partner and all of the specialist teachers who prepared comments and marks for the sheets.
From a teaching perspective, myself and the teaching staff would like to thank our UBSS parents for their participation in the interview process. Your time listening, asking questions and setting goals was extremely helpful in creating a successful Term 2.

**NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now!**
Where: Upper Brookfield State School oval
When: First session is on Wednesday 13th May 2015
Time: 3:15 – 4:15pm
Length of program: 6 Weeks*
Cost: $25 – Participants receive own football, Pencil case & activity book!

Register & Pay online by Sunday 10th May, to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at The Gabba. *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

For more information & to register visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3865 8700. *Weather permitting
Hi everyone!

My name is Ashleigh and I am the new Assistant Coordinator at Brookfield and Upper Brookfield PCYC! Thank you to all the wonderful staff and warm welcoming parents who have helped me to settle in to your friendly school community! I have really enjoyed the past couple of months meeting all the regular PCYC families and look forward to getting to know more lovely families and children who want to join in on the fun and join our PCYC team J.

Welcome back to another term! We had a fantastic vacation care and it was great to see lots of new faces and happy children every day J. We have a busy term ahead with lots of new and exciting activities including cooking, gardening, construction, craft, painting, gardening in our new green house and a fantastic new program which has been implemented, called Nature Play, which is a Queensland Government initiative that encourages children to get outdoors and participate in some fun missions!!

Here is an example of our Before School Care Program that is running this week:

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| 7:45 a.m. Nature Play – Blindfold Challenge  
One person needs to put on the blindfold while the other guides them around PCYC. When you stop walking the blindfolded person has to guess where they have ended up!  
(NewsPCYC initiative) | 7:45 a.m. Outdoor Play  
Handball Competition and Sandpit Building Competition… can you build the biggest castle or kingdom??  
(Staff initiated – Outdoor Play) | 7:30 a.m. Trivia King Chris  
Trivia King Chris will be hosting a Trivia competition. Most correct answers will get a prize!  
(Staff initiated) | 7:00 a.m. Lego Construction Races  
Children will construct a vehicle that they can race outside on the cement slope, winner gets to choose the next outside activity.  
(Child initiated: Monty) | 8:15 a.m. Trivia King Chris  
Trivia King Chris will be hosting a Trivia competition. Most correct answers will get a prize!  
(Staff initiated) |
| 8:15 a.m. Introducing Relaxation Techniques  
Children will learn about the benefits of using soothing music, natural sounds and therapeutic instruction to learn to relax.  
(Staff initiated) | 7:45 a.m. Nature Play – Eye Spy with my Little Eye  
What can you see? Can you outwit your friends? Say with my little eye something beginning with…  
(NEWPCYC initiative) | 8:15 a.m. Homework Club, Practice Testing, Reading Club  
Homework is almost due!!! If you would like some time to do it or assistance from a carer, now is your chance!  
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| 3.45 p.m. Outdoor Play  
Torbado throwing! How far can you throw the torbado?! Can you beat your friends? Can you beat the carer?! Time to use your muscles!!  
(Staff initiated: Outdoor play) | 3.45 p.m. Ball Skills: Soccer Penalty Shoot Out  
Children love playing soccer. This activity can be used as a warm up activity or as a friendly competition… Penalty shoot-out time!!  
(Child initiated: James & Oli) | 3.45 p.m. Nature Play – Ice Tag  
Children enjoy playing outdoor games such as tag, however this game of tag has a bit of a chilly twist. Whoever is up needs to touch a cube of ices on somebody’s skin for the next person to be up!  
(Child initiated: Luce) (NEWPCYC initiative) | 3.45 p.m Craft – Box Construction  
Children can use recycled and reverse garbage materials, such as boxes to create a masterpiece! Children can work together as a team, in pairs or individually.  
(Staff initiated) | 3.45 p.m. Nature Play – Target Practice  
Get them up, then knock’em down! Get an adult to help you set up a series of empty cans or other containers along a wall or fence. Grab a ball, some water balloons or rocks and see how many you can knock over.  
(NEWPCYC initiative) |
| 4.15 p.m. Outdoor Games – Hide and Seek and 44 Homes  
Children can play some of their favourite games with their carer!  
(Child initiated: Millie) | 4.45 p.m Trivia King Chris  
Trivia King Chris will be hosting an Anzac Trivia. Most correct answers will get a prize!  
(NEWPCYC initiative) | 3.45 p.m. Cooking - Mini Cupcakes  
Children will help their carer make cupcakes in celebration of a PCYC child’s birthday!  
(Staff initiated: Ash) | 7:45 a.m. Lego Construction Races  
Children will construct a vehicle that they can race outside on the cement slope, winner gets to choose the next outside activity.  
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(Staff initiated) |

*Please check the school noticeboard or visit the PCYC house veranda for each running week’s program. Each Friday we put up the following week’s programming and activities!

This Week’s Menu:

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| Monday| Fresh fruit  
Cereal or Porridge  
Toast with spreads |
| Tuesday| Fresh fruit  
Cereal or Porridge  
Toast with spreads  
SPECIAL: Healthy French Toast |
| Wednesday| Fresh fruit  
Cereal or Porridge  
Toast with spreads  
SPECIAL: Healthy Pancakes |
| Thursday| Fresh fruit  
Cereal or Porridge  
Toast with spreads  
SPECIAL: Fruit Smoothies |
| Friday| Fresh fruit  
Cereal or Porridge  
Toast with spreads  
SPECIAL: Scrambled Eggs on Toast |

**After School Care**

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| Monday| Fresh fruit and vegetables selection  
Celery and carrot veggie sticks with Tatkizi dip and Brown Rice Crackers |
| Tuesday| Fresh fruit and vegetables selection  
Healthy Vegetarian Nachos with corn chips, salsa and cheese |
| Wednesday| Fresh fruit and vegetables selection  
Multigrain Mini Beef & Salad Burritos |
| Thursday| Fresh fruit and vegetables selection  
Millie’s Mini Birthday Cupcakes |
| Friday| Fresh fruit and vegetables selection  
Wholemeal Sandwich Selection |

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If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Ashleigh at the service or call 3374 3597. Alternatively you can contact Kirsty the PCYC Coordinator via email [brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au](mailto:brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au) or call her on 3374 2107.

Have a great week! :)