World Teacher’s Day

Last Friday was World Teacher’s Day. Thank you to our wonderful teachers who are always going above and beyond to get the best results for all our students. In our setting students have the opportunity to build relationships with their teachers over a number of years unlike many schools where change occurs each year as student’s progress to the next year level. This allows us to gain a deep understanding of how our students learn and what their next important step is. Our staff are a well-balanced team that provide a range of experiences for students preparing them for their lives beyond Upper Brookfield State School. Thank you teachers we really appreciate the work you do.

Assessment and Reporting

Report cards will be emailed home on the last day of school. This report card is a reflection of the students’ work over the last semester and also aims to celebrate the successes of the year. Teachers are busy finalising assessment and ensuring students have reached their full potential. While a child’s growth is about much more than purely their academic progress, assessment and reporting is an essential measure to ensure we are enriching the students that access our programs. Through the effort, behaviour and overall sections of the report card we endeavour to acknowledge the child’s social and emotional growth as well as the hard work they have put in, to share the some of the holistic improvement being made.

School Improvement Progress

As you are all aware we have been on a drive to improve school attendance rates this year as a part of our school improvement plan. I am very pleased to announce that to date we have achieved our highest attendance rate for the last five years with current figures sitting at 93.7% attendance. Thank you for supporting us to give your children the best possible education by ensuring their attendance at school.

Each year Queensland State Schools survey all members of the school community to gauge Parent, Staff and Student opinions on the school. The results from this year’s survey have been collated and the school is using this information to reflect on this year and plan for the coming year. Our major celebrations are that there has been a marked increase in the amount of parents that think the school motivates and treats children fairly as well as the management of behaviour. Our major point for improvement is around the provision of useful online information. This year we have overhauled the school website and I would encourage all parents to visit the page and see the work that has been done. I would also like to encourage all those that have not liked our Facebook page to jump on and do that to get regular updates about what is happening at school in your news feed. We will continue to look at ways to provide the best information possible online.
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Junior Class
Over the past few weeks we have had transition mornings, where next years’ Preps got to experience school life for a morning and the Year 2’s spent time being in the ‘big kid’s class’ (as they like to call it). Change isn’t always easy. Most of our Year 2’s, have been in P-2 for the past three years with the same teachers! Some of us are excited to move up but for some, this is a little daunting. Transition mornings were useful to help the students slowly adjust to the changes. In the classroom we are having lots of positive conversations about the importance and benefits of change to help us grow. We would encourage you to be having these conversations at home to support your child to adjust and feel positive about next year. They all positioned well to be ready for the academic challenges that the Upper class will bring.

As we approach the middle of our final term we are gearing up towards assessments again. This is a busy time but also a very exciting one. One of the many rewarding parts of being a teacher is reflecting upon the student’s learning journeys across the year. It is quite incredible to compare the work samples at the beginning of the year to current samples. Thank you to all of our parents who made the time to attend Parent Teacher interviews over the past few weeks as it was fun to be able to share with you the growth that each has made. All the students have different strengths, as well as areas for improvement. Effort and a positive attitude are the key ingredients for improvement and success at school and life. This is why we work each and every day to nurture and foster these attributes. We are fortunate because the students at UBSS love learning and want to know what their next step is in order to improve. Our fantastic results can be attributed to this! Great teachers; great students and amazing parents all contribute to make our school the successful place it is!

Playgroup
Playgroup is off to a flying start, with great attendance from UBSS siblings, future students and our wonderful community. The playgroup is running every Thursday from 9am-12pm with a range of great activities for the little ones and is open to everyone. Tracy is using her early childhood skills and experience to make this an exciting, fun and educational group – thanks Tracy, keep up the great work!

Important Dates Term 4
November
3rd – Swimming Commences
10th, 17th, 24th - Swimming
16th – P&C Meeting
22nd – Senior PEEC
December
1st – Last day of swimming
2nd – Christmas Concert
7th Graduation Day
8th Pool Break-up day
9th Final day of Term 4
TERM 4, WEEK 4 2016

Working bee
A big thank you to Claire, Damian, Amity, Zoe, Xavier and Mitchell Welshe; Trent, Greg, Ellen, Saskia, Jan, Harry, Sarah, Adam, Summer and Annette who attended the school working bee on 23 October. A big effort was made to help manage the weeds, clear the tennis court fence, clean out the sandpit, clear the drains, mow the school house lawn and plant the native trees/shrubs generously donated by Cr Kate Richards on behalf of the Brisbane City Council. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support in keeping our school looking beautiful.

A massive thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who turned up to the working bee. Our school is looking nurtured and rather beautiful at present from everyone’s hard work THANKYOU!

Annette.

Tree Planting
The second round of plants has arrived, courtesy of CR Kate Richards and we will be holding a mini working bee on Monday 7th of November straight after school to get them planted. If you can spare half an hour after school to give us a hand, we would greatly appreciate it!

Moot
A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the last curry moot. It was a lovely night with amazing food! Great job Nikky, thank you for organising!

Outstanding Invoices
A reminder that all outstanding invoices are due at the end of this week. If there are any problems at all, please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat with me in the office.

Swimming
Swimming has officially started today, Thursday 3/11/2016. These lessons will be running until Thursday 1/12/2016. Students will be leaving school at 1pm and returning by 3pm for pick up. If you would like to pick up your child from the pool, please let the staff know on the day. The bus will leave at 2:40pm from the pool and will take all students who have not been collected by their parent/guardian as per the prearranged agreement.

Grant Application
Kali Napier is kindly putting together an application for the Suncorp Brighter Futures Grant on behalf of the P&C. Part of the process for this grant application is an endorsement from an employee of Suncorp. If you or someone you know works for Suncorp and would be willing to endorse this, please contact the office. Many thanks in advance.
Hock Chong WuShu Centre has been training and performing around Brisbane since 1988. Coach Luke Kretschmann has a broad background in different styles of Chinese Martial Arts as well as Cultural understanding.

Special thanks to the Upper Brookfield State School for hosting our Sunday Family Kungfu classes!

Classes are held every Sunday 7:30am. Classes start with warm up activities; followed by dedicated Kungfu training including fists, stances and forms; Class will conclude with a Q&A time with the coach.

Class fees: Adults $10, Children free with paying adult, otherwise $10 per child.

Kungfu training is both beneficial for your physical and mental health. It's a great sport for parents and kids get involved and learn together.

Let's start this summer with some Kungfu training!

For more information, please go to hockchong.com.au

Brookfield Fun Run

There's Christmas decorations in the stores, so it must be time to start training for the Brookfield fun run on Saturday, 10 December.

With just six weeks to prepare, kids, mums, dads, grandparents, neighbours and even teachers should be building up to the 5km run/walk.

The annual 5km run/walk from the Brookfield General Store raises funds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The run leaves outside the Brookfield State School at 7am and heads along Rafting Ground Road to the Huntington bike track and back.

Hungry athletes can refuel and help raise funds at the race finish by making a donation in exchange for breakfast laid on by the Brookfield Uniting Church volunteers.

Registration opens near the Brookfield General Store from 6.30am on race morning - $7 per person or $25 per family.

More information: Georgie Townsend 0432 350 364 Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brookiefunrun/
School Holiday Cricket Clinics

HENSELlCRACKET ACADEMY PTY LTD will be conducting Cricket Coaching Clinics during the Summer school holidays. Girls and boys of all standards, 6 to 17, are welcome.

The December “Performance Improver” Clinic will concentrate on building skills whilst having fun and enjoying the game of cricket. The January “Season Preparation” Clinic will concentrate on preparing players for the Post Christmas Club and School cricket seasons.

Non cricketers, looking for something active to do during the school holidays or wanting to learn how to catch and throw properly, are very welcome at these Clinics.

Attendees will be arranged with others of like ability and age, in groups small enough to ensure individual tutelage is provided. A Cricket Australia accredited coach will be allocated to each group for the duration of the Clinic to enable a structured program to be delivered and a comprehensive written report will be provided post Clinic conclusion.

A Senior First Aid Officer will be in attendance in case of illness or injury.

At each Clinic, one lucky player will win a Fletcher cricket bat valued up to $250.00 (depending on size) simply by attending!

To book your place at these 4 day Clinics, or for further information, please contact Brett Henschell via email henschelcricket@bigpond.com or by mobile 0458 026 224.

Where: Fig Tree Pocket State School, Cubberla Street, Fig Tree Pocket
When: Week 1 - Monday 12 to Thursday 15 December 2016 inclusive
   Week 2 - Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 January 2017 inclusive
Time: 8:30am to 12:00pm each day

What to wear: White shirt, sunscreen and hat/cap
What to bring: Personal cricket gear (if owned), water, snack, positive attitude
Cost: $199.00 (Incl. GST) per Clinic (family rates available)