This week is National Reconciliation Week an annual Australia-wide celebration that offers a time to reflect on our shared histories, contributions and achievements. As a school we have partnered with State Member for Moggill Dr Christian Rowan who has contributed funds and donated the flags to see Upper Brookfield State School proudly fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. The two new flagpoles will be installed this week.

The school is in the thick of reporting with many grades being finalised and reports being written. We are truly lucky to have such a hard working team and I ask you to please be mindful of the large amount of extra hours being given. Report Cards will be sent out electronically at the end of term as per last year.

Winter is finally here and haven't we enjoyed the cool mornings and afternoons. This time of year is notorious for lost property as children shed their layers throughout the day. Thank you for ensuring that your child’s jumpers and track pants are all labelled so that they are easily returned. Thank you also for your efforts in ensuring your child has school coloured jumpers and track pants. Students were reminded at Assembly this week of the importance of looking after themselves as the colder weather ramps up. By rugging up, eating well, drinking plenty of water and getting plenty of rest they give themselves the best chance of avoiding illness.

We have received some requests from our neighbours to ensure that everyone is parking safely, particularly on Pacey Road. Please make sure that you are not blocking or obstructing part of the road when you are doing the drop-off and pick-up runs.

Nominations for the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) are now open. We are proud of all our staff and would encourage any parent who would like to nominate their child’s teacher to do so via the ASG NEiTA website – www.asg.com.au/nominate. ASG NEiTA is a wonderful way to recognise the fantastic work done by our teachers and is a great reflection on the whole school community. Teachers who reach the national level are rewarded with professional development grants of $5,000 and the opportunity to attend a Space Camp in the USA! Nominations close on 31 July so don’t miss out! For information about the awards, contact ASG NEiTA on 1800 624 487.

Our Nurture the Nest focus this week is on positive self-talk. The only way to control our actions is to control our thoughts. In order to nurture others and self, positive self-talk is a must. Every day we are all presented with things that make us groan but the longer we linger in negative self-talk the more laborious the task becomes. We are encouraging children to look for the fun and the positives to ensure they are getting the most out life!

Kind regards,
Zan Branford
Principal
Junior Class

Our Year One students will have a visit next week from the Pullenvale Fire Station. The firemen will be discussing fire safety around the house. As winter seems to have arrived with a bang please remember to send students in appropriately warm clothing; make sure all items are named. Just a reminder that we strongly encourage parents to promote student independence by asking students to carry their own bags from the front gate and then to place the B folder, Munch and Crunch snack and their water bottle in the appropriate boxes in the morning.

Kind regards,
Kellie Mullane

Music Notes

Mark your diaries – Years 3-6 class will be performing their recorder ensemble pieces on morning Assembly Monday 13th June. (You may be “blown away”!) Many students only started learning to play recorder this Semester and are making great progress! Music will be Mon 13 instead of Fri 17th June that week.

Our whole school choir launched this year are learning some well-known Australian songs, in preparation for the school centenary celebrations in Term 3. Even our Preps are singing along, with some encouragement from the older students – lovely to see everyone singing together on Friday afternoons, to end the week on a high note!

Congratulations to Ruby Cammerman – who was awarded B+ for her first classical guitar Preliminary AMEB exam! Great result, Ruby!

Keep on singing and making music,
Mrs Pomerenke

Small Schools Sports Carnival

Small Schools’ Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 8th June at Newmarket State School (address: 15 Banks Street, Newmarket, phone: 3552 7222).

Students will need to assemble on the Newmarket State School oval by 8.45am sharp. As we are running on a strict schedule we have been advised that the event will commence on time irrespective of late students; so please be prompt.

Parents and carers are responsible for transporting students both to and from the event. The school does not provide any transportation at all.

All staff will be attending the sports day therefore there will be no supervision available at Upper Brookfield State School on the day.

The event will conclude by 2.00pm so please be on time to collect your students.
Oxfam Trail Walk

On Saturday 18th June the Upper Brookfield State School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association will be holding a fundraising event.

They will be selling breakfasts to over 450 hungry Oxfam Trail Walkers.

If you are interested in helping out on the day please contact a member of our wonderful P&C Executive.

Don’t forget that the Small Schools’ Sports Day tuckshop order forms and cash payments need to be in by this Friday. No late orders will be accepted.

On Monday 6th June Year One will have visit from the Pullenvale Fire Station from 2.30pm to 3.00pm.
Do you want to have fun, party but also burn calories without even knowing?! Well look no further!
Join Mar-li’s Zumba Fiesta Fitness class!
Starting on the 1st of March
Tuesday nights from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at
Upper Brookfield community Hall
All is welcome, no fitness level required!
Entry
$10 per person
Requirements: please bring a water bottle and towel
LET’S ZUMBA!!