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BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 11

Principals Address - Kris Dewson Hall

Our students were very excited this week to be the first regional school to be visited by Dewey Dex, the mascot for the Premiers' Reading Challenge, travelling all the way from Pink Planet to Brookton District High School. We have an incredible 56 Brookton students registered so far and Dewey was very impressed with the dedication to reading by the Brookton students. We thank Mrs Eyre for her work in the library to encourage student engagement with this program. Dewey reminded us it is not too late to register, everyone who reads 12 books is in the running for a prize. Congratulations to Angus E who was lucky enough to win the weekly reading award direct from Dewey. Angus has not taken the easy route, he is reading some very thick books on challenging topics to reach his quota. Great work!

We are again thankful to our supportive school community this week. Our dedicated band of P&C helpers revamped our cubby in the KPP area with coats of paint, flooring and a touch up of some furniture. It is so popular with the students that when I am on recess duty I have even had to resort to timing how long students get to play in there so everyone gets a turn! A big week for the KPP students as the new bikes the P&C fundraised for have arrived too.

It has been great to see some student led play in the nature playground this week. Future engineers, led ably by the Eva and Messenger brothers, have been busy redesigning the drainage system bordering the road. Lachlan R has shown a promising career in sales by negotiating with Ms Dewson-Hall to get the box of shovels out of the Science room to aid their endeavours. We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to seeing the final design.

Another exciting event this week was all the students from Kindy to year 10 received a pair of shorts designed by our own budding artist Shylah P. This Youth co-design project was funded by Holyoake and run in conjunction with Stephen Michael Foundation in 2023. The expansion of the project to enable all students to get a pair was supported by Seabrook Aboriginal Corporation and Moorditj Youth Foundation.

Do you know which Wheatbelt town is named after the Noongar word for Emu? The answer is Weitj, Wagin. Congratulations to Kaitlyn M for winning our recent NAIDOC quiz demonstrating great research skills.

Tyler B and Summer M are leading the respectful morning greetings this week, they never miss. I love your beautiful manners.

We have so much to be grateful for at Brookton DHS.

Swimming Lesson Update

I would like to thank some very proactive members of our School Board and wider school community for their hard work to ensure Brookton gets the full two week allocation of in-term swimming lessons this year. Representatives from the School Board, Shire of Brookton and office of Swimming and Water Safety have met to begin discussions. A working party has been created and we look forward to improved outcomes for our students. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Shire for releasing Doug (the pool manager) to teach lessons this year which will be a great help. If you are interested in becoming a swimming teacher, or know someone who is, please contact me at school on 9642 5000.



From little things, Big things grow

It's not every day we remember that from very small beginnings, big things really do grow. Upon receiving this letter of recognition earlier in the year, we decided to take a moment to reflect on our school community. Here in Brookton we do attract and retain valuable professionals and volunteers with a wide skill set who are invested in our students outcomes. Our students are given opportunities which can take them far. Our students are provided some wonderful learning environments to foster their inquisitive minds. With so much going on around we can sometimes forget the role we play and the significance of us as a stepping stone on all of our students.

Thank you Ms Parker for this timely reminder as our 2024 cohort head into semester 2.

From the Principal's Desk

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5th February 2024

Ms Karen Tabner
The Principal
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Dear Ms Tabner,

It is with pleasure that I advise that a past pupil of your school, successfully graduated from St Brigid's College last year. We recently acknowledged her achievement of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) greater than 90, placing her in the top 10% of the 2023 Year 12 population.

Cooperation between home, the place of initial education, and the formal education provided by our schools is significant, and I am sure you are proud of her achievement and the part played by Brookton District High School in her results.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the role your school played in the academic and personal development of and acknowledge that the role played by primary schools is not always considered when congratulating our students. It is a wonderful partnership between primary and secondary institutions and should be applauded likewise.

We look forward to our ongoing relationship with Brookton District High School.

Kind regards,


Veronica Parker
Principal

Bus Driver WANTED

Seabrook are still looking for a part time bus driver to help get students to and from school. This is a valuable service. Please contact Seabrook if you can help.