

# Watch Us SOAR in 2024

## BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 12

### Principals Address - Kris Dewson Hall

Oh what a night! Last Friday night the Brookton P&C and Brookton Police joined forces to host a Blue Light Disco, the first in (literally), years. It was a dancing delight complete with disco balls, lights and smoke machines. Dressed in their best dancing gear the students pulled out some amazing moves to tunes like Floor is Lava, Macarena and Chicken Dance. The competition in the Limbo was intense but it was great to see everyone having a go, some for the very first time. The P&C were selling popcorn, hotdogs and juice boxes and all the kids were having a ball. It was a great show of community support to provide our students with this opportunity.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Room 3 students and families for their reading last week. I have been challenging Room 3 to increase the amount of reading aloud they do each day for the last couple of weeks with the lure of a classroom visit from "Bertie the Support Dachshund". We set a target of 50 signatures a week with students being able to get parents, staff and peers to listen to them read and sign off. The first week they started off well but didn't quite make the target, in the second week they reached their reading goal and earned a visit from Bertie. Well done Room 3!

The benefits of reading daily have flow on effects to expanding vocabulary, speaking and writing. It is not just me who says so, the research in this area is strong: "Parental reading to children increases the child's reading and other cognitive skills at least up to the age of 10-11. This is an early-life intervention that seems to be beneficial for the rest of their lives [readtoyoungchild.pdf \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/readtoyoungchild.pdf)."

This week is the Faction Athletics Carnival with the jumps and throws being held at the school oval on Wednesday and the running and team events being held at the town oval on Friday. Mr Sheridan and his band of P&C helpers will be busy setting up the tracks ready for the big day and the P&C are also selling morning teas.

There will no doubt be some determined competition between our competitors from Avon, Dale and Seabrook, as well as some spirited cheering, however I will be on the lookout for the gracious and generous sportsmanship our Brookton students are renowned for demonstrating towards each other. Let me know when you see it too.

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

August 2024

## Important Term Dates

- Wednesday 21st August School Board Meeting - Open to the Public
- Friday 23rd August Faction Athletic Carnival town oval, P&C will be selling morning teas
- Wednesday 28th August Oracy Milo & Marshmallow Night
- Friday 30th August Secondary Interschool Athletics Carnival Beverley
- Monday 2nd September K/PP SMILE Breakfast
- Wednesday 4th September EA Appreciation Day
- Friday 6th September Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival Beverley
- Wed 11 - Fri 13 Year 5/6 Camp
- Thursday 12 September R U OK Day
- Mon 16 - Fri 20 September Science Week
- Thursday 19 September K/PP Assembly and Parent Reading Morning
- Friday 20 September Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 7 October First Day of Term 4

## Focus on Sam Day - EA Special Needs

Sam Day is one of our many extremely wonderful EA's who specialize in Special Needs. Sam originally started with us in 2020 as a COVID cleaner. Whilst working across the school she became interested in moving into the classroom. Having spent years volunteering and gaining experience in children and adults with disabilities it was an easy jump into the classroom. Sam has worked across all year groups and currently spends most of her time in room 1 with Ms Lange and Ms Duggan. In her free time Sam is busy studying to gain her formal qualifications.

Sam is from Perth and one day, many years ago came to visit a friend in Brookton, and she has never left. Brookton is very lucky to have her as she has worked and helped out in many local businesses across the town.

Sam is a dog person and just loves the Rhodesian Ridgebacks as well as Siamese Fighting Fish. She has a love of cooking which she got from her dad. He did a lot of the family cooking, and she describes his style as good, basic food for the whole family. Sam has one brother who lives in Perth and works as a bus driver. Sam is engaged to her partner and they are busy planning their boutique wedding for later this year.

## 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. They are very short hours with under an hour each weekday morning and evening. And all school holidays off. Please contact Seabrook if you can help.