

# Watch Us SOAR in 2024

## BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 13

### Principals Address - Kris Dewson Hall

The end of winter is always a special time of year in the Brookton DHS calendar as it is the season of Athletics Carnivals. Our students did us proud this year; we held jumps and throws at school on the Wednesday and the track and team events at the Town Oval on Friday. Well, we got through the individual track events and then the rain beat us, so our carnival spread over a third day with team events being held on Tuesday after the carnival. Throughout all the changes and disruptions, the students were wonderful, patient, resilient, kind and encouraging. I would like to give a special shout out to all those students who participated in the 800m and 1500m races in very challenging conditions. What determination and resilience our students showed competing in those races and how proud we were of all of you as you crossed the finish line.

By the time this article goes to print students will have found out that SEABROOK was the overall winner of the Faction Athletics Carnival this year. DALE was second and AVON third. I would like to acknowledge our P&C who ran a morning tea stall from the Town Oval during the carnival. Given the temperature and conditions the opportunity to get a warm drink and something delicious to eat was greatly appreciated.

Our secondary students participated in the carnival at York on 30th August and almost everyone came home with a place ribbon which was a great effort. Well done to all of you. The Primary Interschool Carnival will be held on 6th September in Beverley. We encourage families to go and cheer our team on.

We have re-invigorated a Brookton tradition with the Milo and Marshmallow Night Poetry for Year 3 and above coming back this year. Every year Brookton students participate in a formal assessment of the speaking and listening curriculum through Oracy WA. Students must recite a poem, read from a book and give a short speech or presentation. When they have worked so hard to memorise a poem it seems only fair they should be given another opportunity to show it off. Milo and Marshmallow night is a poetry recital night where students recite their poem in front of family, friends and a panel of experts. They receive feedback from the panel and at the end we celebrate their achievements with Milo and Marshmallows. Our panel of judges this year included Rev Philip Raymont, Literacy specialist Jonica Macinnes and our Deputy Principal Donelle Fox. They were impressed with the complexity of the poems chosen by the students. We had poems from Banjo Paterson and Robert Louis Stevenson in the mix.

We have held our second meeting with the Office of Swimming and Water Safety and they have guaranteed we will get the full program of lessons for In-term swimming this year. A big thank you to the parents who have contributed to those meetings. The Office of Swimming and Water Safety are providing free training in Brookton, including the supervised hours. For anyone who is interested in becoming a swimming teacher for In-term swimming and/or VacSwim. Please contact me at school if you know anyone who may be interested.

We have so much to be grateful for at Brookton DHS. September 2024.

# Education Assistant Appreciation Week

This week we celebrate and contemplate EA appreciation week. Here at Brookton DHS we have 17 different EA's I currently work with to provide the level of education assistance to our students for which we strive for. I absolutely love working with each and every one of them. I love the chats and insights into their lives. The text messages. The trials and tribulations which are shared with me and the achievements they make. I want to thank each and every one of them for welcoming me into their team last year. I couldn't think of a school I'd rather be at.

Educational Assistants (EAs) are an invaluable part of the school puzzle. Their unwavering kindness, dedication to teamwork, and unique ability to connect with and support all students truly make them a valuable part of the BDHS community. EAs enrich the learning environment, offering personalised support and ensuring that every child feels seen and valued. During EA Appreciation Week, we celebrate their incredible contributions and the positive impact they have on the lives of students and staff alike. Thank you, EAs, for being such a vital part of the BDHS family. Mel Browne MCS.

## Focus on our History

I have started looking at our school through different eyes. I mean really looking at what makes up our school. The bricks and mortar. And it has caught my eye that we have a lot of brass plaques on our buildings celebrating really important moments in time. Paul has been working really hard to bring these back to life. If you look around perhaps you'll notice them too. I would love any more information on this sign, which is right near room 7, our computer lab. If you know what year this was celebrated, please let me know.

The Australian Government has provided \$100 000 to Brookton DHS for P&C Ramp & Pre-Primary Extension Computer Equipment. Under the Investing in our School Programme. Project Opened by:  
Hon Judi Moylan (MP) Federal Member for Pearce.



## 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.