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BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 15



Term 4 Assembly Principals Address

Thank you to the KP class for teaching us about brain breaks in the absolute cutest way possible. You were all amazing, I can't believe how far you have all come in just 3 terms. You are all a credit to your teachers, EAs and families.

Our staff have had a turn at being students for a couple of days too this year. We had to sit like students and listen, write down notes, participate in group work activities. Why? Because as a school we have committed to training all teachers and education assistants in the Berry St Education Model.

This education model enables schools to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement.

At the first session about the body and regulating our emotions we learned about the importance of regular brain breaks to help us stay focussed on our learning. So, thank you to the KP class for showing us how those work in real life. I bet you were all grateful for the brain break after a long assembly of honour certificates.

After this assembly the Kindy and Pre-Primary students are doing two very important things that are both new initiatives for school this year.

Firstly, they will host their families for a Reading Morning Tea in the library straight after the assembly. Reading is the most important skill out of everything you do at school and at home. It is the cornerstone of academic success. As I have said before reading with your child should not be seen as homework but as effective parenting. If your child is a reluctant reader, read to them. Gradually take it in turns to say a sentence each in a book or repeat after you or read at the same time. If you want support to increase your child's reading confidence, please come and talk to staff at school. Enjoy your reading session in the library and sharing your child's favourite book.

The second important thing the Kindergarten Pre-Primary students are doing this morning is going to the Nursing Home to perform their assembly for the residents there. The school has signed an Intergenerational Program Memorandum Of Understanding with Kalkarni, this program will benefit both school students and nursing home residents. For us at school it is an act of service and generosity however research shows that students who participate in intergenerational programs show improvements in academic performance as well as socio-emotional and interpersonal skills, particularly in the areas of empathy and self-confidence.

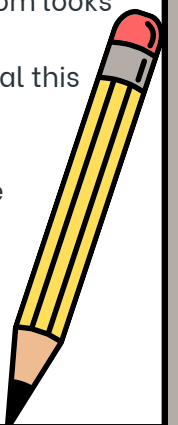
This school holidays we have some major works taking place, so it is important students stay off school grounds. Our mural by artist Charlie Colbung will be finished soon, I hope you have been following the updates on Facebook and Dojo. It is looking amazing, There is a new toilet block being installed at the back of room 13 in the high school area and the quadrangle at the western end of school is being re-surfaced. The new surface cannot have vehicles on it until November as it needs time to cure.

I would encourage families to take the time this morning to have a look at the Science Fair entries in our newly re-furbished Science Room (Room 9). The students have done an amazing job and the room looks fantastic.

Finally a special mention to a few students – we had some record breakers at our Faction Carnival this year and some Interschool medal winners.

I would also like to acknowledge all the students who have helped at Breakfast Club this term. We will give out certificates at the end of the year however I think it is important to acknowledge their service along the way too.

So much to be grateful for at Brookton DHS. Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays. School returns on Monday 7th October as we have our staff development day in Week 5 on Monday 4th November.



Focus on Our Canteen

2024 saw our focus shift to a stronger emphasis on collaboration and relationships. Through the support of the P&C and Seabrook Aboriginal Corporation we have been able to breathe life back into our canteen 1 day a week. Leonie McGuire proves to be the most popular person at school every Thursday, pumping out recess and lunches to students and staff alike. Thankyou Leonie! BDHS would love to increase our canteen days. If you think you could help out please phone Mel our MCS on 9642 5000.



2024 Term 4 Planner : Save these dates

Brookton DHS - Term 4 Planner 2024							
WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 Focus: Safe	October 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2 Focus: Safe	14 Gnalla Djooks	15 Fly2Health	16	17	18 T20 Cricket @ Pingelly	19	20
3 Focus: Organised	21 Gnalla Djooks	22 Book Fair Dress Up Day & Morning Tea	23 Book Fair	24 School Review	25	26	27
4 Focus: Organised	28 Gnalla Djooks	29 Fly2Health Book Fair EARBUS	30 Book Fair Board Meeting	31	November 1	2	3
5 Focus: Achievers	4 Pupil Free Day Staff Development Day	5	6 Kindy Orientation	7 Student Councillors Assembly	8	9	10
6 Focus: Achievers	11 World Nursery Rhyme Week Gnalla Djooks Remembrance Day Service	12 Fly2Health World Nursery Rhyme Week	13 World Nursery Rhyme Week Kindy Orientation	14 World Nursery Rhyme Week	15 World Nursery Rhyme Week	16	17
7 Focus: Respectful	18 Gnalla Djooks	19	20	21	22 Wheatbelt Ball Year 7-10 York	23	24
8 Focus: Respectful	25 Gnalla Djooks	26 Brownes Dairy Excursion Yr1-4	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	1
9 Focus: Soar	December 2 In-Term Swimming	3 In-Term Swimming	4 In-Term Swimming End of Pre- Primary Dinner	5 In-Term Swimming	6 In-Term Swimming	7	8
10 Focus: Soar	9 In-Term Swimming	10 In-Term Swimming Primary School Presentation Night	11 In-Term Swimming Secondary Presentation & Graduation Event	12 End of term for students	13 Staff Development Day	14	15
School	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Holidays	23	24	25	26	27	28	29