

# Watch Us SOAR in 2024

## BROOKTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 18



### Principals Assembly Address

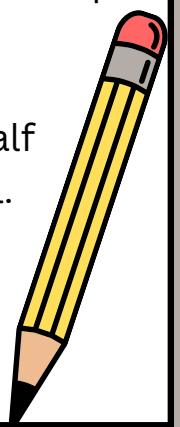
7th November 2024

Kaya and Wanju. Welcome to our school community, family, and friends. Please give our student councillors, future stars of Hollywood I am sure, another round of applause for their entertaining performance.

This is our last assembly for the year, the next time we gather to acknowledge individual student effort will be at our revamped end of year events. This year we conducted surveys to gather feedback from our school community about whether the time had come to modify our end of year ceremonies and the vote was overwhelmingly – it's time for change. We listened to our school community and this year we will have a Primary Presentation evening and end of year concert on Tuesday 10th November then a High School Presentation Luncheon and Pool Party on Wednesday 11th December. The theme this year is Christmas and we will be asking family and friends to join us in singing a couple of carols. This has been my first year as a Principal with quite a new team in Admin. We have worked hard to create a safe and engaging learning environment for all our students, maintained high expectations for student achievement and worked hard to forge closer connections with our school community and wider Brookton community. We are proud of the progress we have made this year and look forward to further improvement in 2025.

I am immensely proud of the wonderful students we have at Brookton District High School. One of the things I love at the moment is the popularity of the tyre swing in the nature playground. Each lunchtime children wait impatiently for the duty teacher so they can run over to the nature playground and get first dibs on the tyre swing. I love how they have devised their own system for lining up, how the bigger kids help push the little kids, the little kids help each other climb up and how through safe risk taking in a supportive environment they are learning what that rush of adrenaline feels like.

I am also enjoying the bonding of the Year 5/6 students in the second half of the year, it happens every year but it doesn't make it any less special. They seem to realise they are coming to the end of their primary years together and find a new connection and closeness which, as long as they are still being good to their teachers, is beautiful to behold.



# Principals Address continued ...

I am also very proud of our high school hospitality students; in recent weeks our students have catered for the new kindy parent orientation day, the NAIDOC afternoon tea, made gifts for staff and they are planning to help out with the Teddy Bear's picnic next week too.

I have seen impressive spelling from Room 1, amazing writing from Room 3 and 4, heard some wonderful reading in Room 2 and been blown away by beautiful sharing and mat manners in KP.

I have been extremely grateful to the P&C for their fantastic quiz night and subsequent generosity in funding some big projects for us – namely creating class sets of ipads and bikes for KP as well as spreading sand for playgrounds across the school.

I was impressed by the advocacy of our school board who were successful in lobbying for change which has resulted in two weeks of interm swimming lessons for the first time in 3 years. Thank you.

Now to the Honour Certificates, I am delighted to see a mix of acknowledgements in the honour certificates today; some are for pleasing academic results and others are recognised for being good humans. Well done to all of you. You are SOARing!

We have so much to be proud of, and grateful for, at Brookton District High School. Kris Dewson Hall Principal

## Focus on Kindy Orientation

Carolyn Watts our inspirational Kindy teacher will be running the BDHS kindy orientation over two days this term. Day two is Wednesday 13 November, and it's not too late to join in.

## W&BYM

W&BYM have been a fantastic support for our school this year, please consider their harvest mass management scheme if you can.

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