



# School Chatter



*Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world*

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### Dates to Remember

#### **Wednesday March 4**

- Schools Tennis Classic

#### **Thursday March 5**

- Year 9/10 Assembly

#### **Friday March 6**

- Faction Swimming Carnival

#### **Thursday March 12**

- Junior Fun Swim

### School Fees

Account Name: Brookton DHS  
BSB: **633-000**  
Account #: **120402938**  
Please use your Surname and Initials as reference when making your payment.

### Uniform Shop

**Tuesday Mornings**  
9:00am - 9:30am  
**Thursday Afternoons**  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

No School Monday

### Labour Day Public Holiday—Monday 2 March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We continue our positive start to 2020. Lots of fantastic learning has been taking place in our classrooms. Students have been preparing their art displays / projects for the Old Time Motor Show. Our school will be having a tent this year displaying the students work, as well as holding a robot car design competition. Mrs. Cousins and Mr. Bennell are also helping students build a couple of Formula 1 racing cars to enter into the car running races throughout the day. If any parents have large panels of cardboard, (like an old fridge box) and you would like to donate it to our school, we'd be very grateful. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

#### **Faction Swimming Carnival – Next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

Our Faction swimming carnival for Years 4-10 is next Friday at the Brookton Aquatic Centre. We are still looking for Parent volunteers for the day. If you can spare the time to be a lane judge, timekeeper or assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, could send a Dojo message to Mr. Sheridan.

#### **Parent Open Afternoon & Sausage Sizzle**

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Week 6) starting at 4.30pm we will be holding our Parent Open afternoon. Mr. Simpson and Ms Dewson Hall will be discussing some of the whole school focuses for 2020 in the Library, and then at 5.00pm Classroom teachers will have their classrooms open to informally discuss classroom routines and expectations. Parents will have opportunities to ask questions, get familiar with your child's year ahead and see their progress so far. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided in the new undercover area from 6.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you then.

#### **Building a Love of Reading**

In support of your child's Reading skills here are some suggestions for parents from the Education Department. Reading is a skill that is learnt, and needs to be practised. As a parent, you can support your child by helping them read at home.

## **Finding books**

Finding the right book for your child is essential to encourage their interest in reading. Your child may enjoy books about people and places that are just like them, or they may enjoy fantasy or mystery stories. Consider choosing books about your child's interests, where you live or your culture.

Give your child the opportunity to experience a range of different things to read including fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry and short stories. If English is not your child's first language, it is valuable to encourage them to learn words and read in their first language. Visit your school or local public library to see the wide range of wonderful children's books you can borrow.

Children are born ready to learn, and right from birth, benefit greatly from being wrapped into a parent's warm embrace while sharing the sounds, language patterns and images of a storybook on a favourite topic. Even after children can read for themselves, they continue to benefit from (and enjoy) sharing books with their parents. So never stop reading to them.

## **Never Stop Reading Aloud!**

Families are always encouraged to read aloud even when their children can read by themselves. Research shows that reading aloud improves children's knowledge and vocabulary, as well as their writing and comprehension. By listening to their children read aloud, families are supporting their children's learning, and increasing their confidence and sense of security. Reading to, and with children, also has social and emotional benefits – promoting a positive mood and sense of wellbeing. The terms 'book' and 'story' are used generally to refer to what you are reading and what it is about. You can read aloud with your children anywhere – at home and out and about – and use a range of items including books, brochures, song lyrics and cookbooks.

Thank you again for all of your support in the education of the children of Brookton. Our school works in partnership with families to provide the best possible educational outcomes for every child. If at any stage you would like to discuss any detail of your child's education, please contact us. We are only too glad to help.

Best Regards

Darren Simpson  
Principal  
Brookton DHS

***Thank you***

**A very big THANKYOU to Barry and Karry Watts from  
Treowstede Apiary for their 10kg donation  
of honey for Breakfast Club.  
It is very much appreciated.**





# **SUNSMART - UGSTA TENNIS DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Including Coaches Keith O'Brien & Brad Bassett**

## **SUNDAY MARCH 15th Brookton Tennis Club**



**Age 6 years and over  
9am – 12pm**

**\$20 per athlete, payable on day in cash**







**Bring racket, sunscreen and hat**

**Fruit provided for morning tea, bring additional snacks if  
required**

To RSVP please provide name, DOB, parent contact and any medical information  
by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
to Kelly Steere  
0428890058  
ugsta@outlook.com



# Brookton DHS - Term 1 Planner 2020

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	February 3 Students Commence	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	10	11	12	13	14 Newsletter	15	16
3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4	24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter	29	1
5	March 2  Labour Day Public Holiday	3	4 Schools Tennis Classic 	5 Year 9/10 Assembly 	6 Faction Swimming Carnival	7	8
6	9	10 Parent Open Night 	11	12 Junior Fun Swim	13 Newsletter	14	15
7	16	17	18	19	20 Interschool Swimming Carnival at Pingelly	21	22
8	23	24 School Photo Day 	25	26	27 Newsletter	28	29
9	30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
10	6	7	8	9 Year 5/6 Assembly  Term 1 Concludes	10 Good Friday	11	12
	13 School	14 Holidays	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	29