

SOAR Watch in us 2024

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Principals Address

Parents sometimes worry that students in rural school have fewer opportunities that their metro-based counterparts. Given how incredibly busy we have been in the last few weeks I would like to reassure parents that at Brookton analysis of our school calendar suggests otherwise.

- Our Student Councillors participated in a Leadership Day with other Wheatbelt schools in Williams
- Our local volunteer fire brigade came and presented to High School students about the role of volunteer fire brigades in Brookton
- We have had a Faction Swimming Carnival and an Interschool Swimming Carnival
- The SIDE Career Roadshow visited our secondary students with presenters in the areas of Hospitality, Digital Technology, Design and Technology
- We have students participating in the PEAC program
- We have students participating in SIDE programs
- Students have a number of school-based clubs they can participate in; Lego Club, Minecraft Club, Breakfast Club
- We have a number of health care providers visiting the school;
- School nurse Kaylene Sewell is employed by WA Country Health Service and visits every fortnight
- Fly2Health OT and Speech Pathologist provide an in school service every fortnight for our students who have an NDIS package
- WA Country Health Service Speech and OT visit the school as required to assess and support children of all ages



- Our School Psychologist visits every Monday to assess students and provide advice to teachers
 - We have a School Chaplain two days per week to support students and families in need
 - Earbus visits every time to conduct ear checks and hearing assessments
- We are involved in a number of collaborations with other agencies including;
- Canteen Project with Seabrook Aboriginal Service and P&C
 - Wheatbelt and Beyond Youth Mentoring project is working with our secondary cohort
 - We have pooled our resources with neighbouring District High Schools Beverley, York and Quairading to work with the Stephen Michael Foundation on a Secondary Noongar Girls engagement project called "South Avon Gnalla Djooks Hub". And there are even more collaborations in the pipeline! Overall there are exciting and busy times ahead for our Brookton students.

School News: Read, Grow, Inspire

Naomi Eyre is our dedicated and fun loving librarian. She is so thrilled to report that in term 1 students have borrowed a massive 893 books from our school library compared to this time last year with only 587. Students top 5 picks for term 1 are

Smile by Telgemeier, Raina. Crazy Weird! by Do, Anh. Even Weirder! By Do, Anh. Third Time's A Charm by Gudsnuk, Kristen and Amazing Ninja! By Do, Anh.

Focus On: Room 1, Year 1 and 2

Teachers: Liz Lange and Tricia Duggan supported by Naomi Eyre as EA
Liz was bought up in a tin mining town in Cornwall, UK. During her early years the Western Mining Corporation bought her family out to Kambalda, WA and the rest is as they say, history. Liz is an avid West Coast Eagles supporter and encourages a fun and healthy rivalry with any Dockers supporters in the school. She has taught since 1988 and worked in Brookton since 2000. She has had the absolute pleasure of working as an equal alongside her eldest daughter Jessica. Jessica still pops in for some relief at Brookton from time to time, often spilling some great family secrets to the students in Liz's class.

Liz's passion is as an early childhood educator which is up to year 2. Her classroom focus is on the development of early literacy and numeracy skills in conjunction with the Australian Curriculum. They achieve this through consistent whole school programs and by using explicit instruction. Liz's goal is to ensure every child can learn to the best of their own ability, experience success and become a confident, excited and enthusiastic learner. Liz works hard to develop relationships with every child so that they all feel a sense of belonging in her classroom.

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