

# WATCH US SOAR IN 2024

*Brookton District High School 6th Edition*

## Principals Address

The Cross Country Carnival is always a time of professional conflict for me, as a rule I don't like to ask students to do something I wouldn't do myself but this event is one of those exceptions. I was very proud of the efforts of all students who participated in the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 10th May. Particularly those students who had a fairly good idea they weren't going to get a medal but still competed to the best of their ability to get as many points for their faction as they could. The way the scoring for this event works is the winner gets 20 points, runner up gets 19, third gets 18 and so on down the list. So literally every student earns points for their faction and contributes to the overall shield. I love how the students cheer every last person over the line and pat each other on the back when they come back to the faction bay. The sportsmanship at these events is beautiful and something to behold. Thankyou to Mr Sheridan and his band of parent helpers for the smooth running of this event. Congratulations to the top 4 students in each race who will represent our school at the Interschool Cross Country event in York on Friday 24th May. A new, and welcome, addition to the Cross Country this year was the High School students' Mothers' Day Stall. Students sold handcrafted items they had made in a project with Mrs Ferguson, a great initiative that we hope to repeat at future events.

Kris Dewson Hall

Principal

Wed 15 May 2024



# Staff Development Day

BDHS classroom staff spent the Staff Development Day on campus as students, not educators. It was the first day of four, upskilling our staff in the Berry Street Education Model: Curriculum and Classroom Strategies. This is a huge commitment for our whole of school approach to continue the great work we have begun in the high school area in adapting our teaching strategies to the Brookton students' context. Day 1 is a focus on body, how to help our students to regulate their stress response, de-escalate in school and classroom contexts and provide strategies for increased focus on learning. Staff have continued their learning in this program on understanding the impacts of trauma on child development, creating a supportive classroom, bolstering student-teacher relationships and instilling strength based practices consistently across the school. This week's staff meeting was full of chatter and excited staff and how they have implemented new ideas.

## Coming Up

### Week 5

Thursday Canteen  
Room 3 Assembly, Year 3/4 Parent Reading Morning  
Board Member Training

### Week 6

Monday Engagement Program Beverley  
Wednesday National Simultaneous Story Time  
Thursday Canteen  
Friday Interschool Cross Country  
Staff ASDAN Training

### Week 7

Monday Engagement Program Beverley  
Tuesday Fly2Health, Reconciliation Walk  
Wednesday Board Meeting

