



Watch Us THRIVE in 2025

Newsletter Edition 14

Brookton District High School

Principals Address

In Term 2 we had a strong focus on music and the arts, an area that not only fosters creativity but also supports the development of emotional regulation, positive relationships, and student engagement, all central to the Berry Street Education Model.

Our trial music program was a tremendous success. Mrs McCabe spoke highly of our students noting their enthusiasm, respectful behaviour, and active engagement. As a principal, this feedback fills me with pride. Mrs McCabe was so uplifted by the experience that she is already exploring the idea of bringing the next pantomime to Brookton, and hopes our students will once again take part. And, in Term 3 she commences private music lessons for those students who have been inspired to take up music. Students also had the opportunity to attend and participate in a performance and workshop with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre. They not only enjoyed the show but created their own puppets – thanks to the generous support of our P&C, who covered the cost for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. What a wonderful way to support student engagement and joy in learning!

We welcomed Ms Amber Nicholls to run songwriting workshops while our teachers conducted parent interviews. These experiences broaden our students' exposure to the arts and allow them to connect learning with creative expression, a key strategy in fostering engagement and building relational trust.

Important Dates

Every Wednesday
Community Garden Visit HS

4-6 Aug
PEAC testing

Mon 4 Aug
Year 6 orientation into H/S

Thu 7 Aug
King St Breakfast for H/S

Fri 8 Aug
Fly 2 Health

11-15 Aug
Science week

Mon 18 Aug
TAFE Incursion H/S

Tue 19 Aug
Yr 2/4 Oracy

Wed 20 Aug
Yr 5/6 Oracy
Milo & Marshmallow night

Thu 21 Aug
ECE Assembly

Tue 26 Aug
Book Week

Fri 29 Aug
Faction Athletics Carnival

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Principals Address continued

In the last two weeks of term we held two school camps, a huge undertaking for staff and students alike. These camps create precious opportunities for connection, self-regulation, and leadership development. We are proud to say that every Year 5 and 6 student attended this year, thanks to an enormous community effort. Special thanks go to all our families who fundraised, to the Wilkinsons for their generous donation, and to our silent donors whose quiet support made a big impact.

One parent helper shared a moment that truly touched my heart, witnessing how inclusive and patient our students were with her child who has special needs. These unprompted acts of kindness show strength of character, integrity, and the nurturing values being instilled both at home and at school. We couldn't ask for a more powerful reflection of our Positive Behaviour Support framework in action.

Exciting news in the holidays, 12 of our students were selected to play Auskick during half-time at the Fremantle Dockers game over the holidays! I was lucky to be there cheering them on (and of course, cheering for the Dockers).

Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to launch two trial projects that strengthen our support for all learners. Mr Sheridan will take on a new role as Complex Behaviour Support Teacher – further embedding trauma-informed practices across the school. Mrs MacInnes will expand her literacy support through the Small Group Tutorial Project. As part of these changes, we are thrilled to welcome two new staff: Ms Kaitlyn Elsegood, who will teach High School Art, and Ms Madeleine Christie, who will be taking on additional Health teaching responsibilities and covering Mrs Duggan's maternity leave.

Term 3 is another busy term with Science Fair, Oracy assessments of public speaking and Athletics Carnivals. The long jump practice has already commenced and no doubt we will see the flag races set up on the oval for practices soon too. We are hosting our first Year 6 Orientation Morning to High School on Monday 11th August. Students will be able to sample outdoor education, beauty therapy, woodwork and home economics. We are looking forward to a fun morning.

Thank you to our Brookton community all for your continued support and partnership. Together, we're building a safe, respectful, and engaging school community where every child can thrive.

Warm regards, Kris Dewson Hall, Principal
