



Watch Us THRIVE in 2025

Newsletter Edition 16

Brookton District High School

Principals Address

Week 6

A huge congratulations to our Pre-Primary and Year 1 students for their beautiful, heartfelt singing of the kindness song. We have so enjoyed hearing you practice over the last couple of weeks and will miss your wonderful singing.

I would also like to congratulate all our students who took the opportunity to participate in the Science Fair last week. Developing your inquiry skills and curiosity are traits that will be valuable throughout your entire life. I was so impressed with your ingenuity and hard work. I especially loved the projects that included tables or graphs to measure changes in variables – well done! It was absolutely impossible to judge, as there were far too many worthy winners. A very big thank you also goes to our Science teacher, Ms Madeleine Christie, for her time and effort in organising such a successful and engaging event for our students.

Another congratulations goes to all the students who completed their "Oracy" (public speaking skills) assessments this week. We engage external providers for these assessments so that the process remains completely objective. As teachers, it can sometimes be hard not to be swayed by how much effort someone has put in or how much they have improved—especially when we know how daunting public speaking can be. The assessors were very impressed with our Brookton kids, praising their warm greetings, good manners, passion in their speeches, expressive reading, and, most proudly for me, their support and encouragement of one another. We also had a little bit of a trick up our sleeve – the "Brookton Secret"! Students were issued challenges of varying difficulty:

- Level 1 – "Good morning, how are you going today?"
- Level 2 – "Did you enjoy your drive up?"
- Level 3 – "I hope you didn't see any kangaroos on the road."
- Level 4 (Ultimate Challenge) – Shake hands, make eye contact, and say: "Good morning, I'm ... How are you going?"

Important Dates

Every Wednesday
Community Garden Visit HS

Wed 27 Aug
Jump & Throws

Fri 29 Aug
Faction Athletics Carnival

1-5 Sept
EA Appreciation Week

Tue 2 Sept
SMILE breakfast for Fathers Day

Wed 3 Sept
Board Meeting OPEN to the public

Thu 4 Sept
HS King Street Breakfast

Mon 8 Sept
HS Teen Mental Health

Tue 9 Sept
HS Interschool Beverley

Fri 12 Sept
PS Interschool Brookton

Fri 26 Sept
Last Day of Term

Mon 13 Oct
Term 4 Commences

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I am absolutely delighted to announce that several students rose to the challenge and achieved Level 4. Establishing rapport with a warm greeting is an excellent life skill that will serve our students well in their future careers and social connections.

Last night, we also held our Milo and Marshmallow Night – an opportunity for students to recite the poem they learned for their Oracy assessments to family and friends. We had 15 resilient students stand up and perform to an adult audience in the library. Their bravery was rewarded with milo, marshmallows, and biscuits galore afterwards! A big thank you to our four staff judges and to all the parents who attended to support their children.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 5/6 class, who have begun their Community Service logs and already have multiple entries. From helping with Breakfast Club, assisting with Science Fair set-up and pack-up, supporting with sports equipment, and pitching in with other tasks, it is wonderful to see their leadership shining through in helping others. An abundance of good humans in that class!

Next week is another busy one, with Book Week and the Faction Athletics Carnival. If any family members are able to give Mr Sheridan a hand on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing further examples of the resilience, sportsmanship, care, and encouragement for others on the athletics track that we have witnessed in the Oracy assessments.

Finally, we remind families that you are invited to join us in the library for story reading and morning tea after assemblies. That afternoon, the students also head to Kalkarni to perform their item again.

We are very lucky to have such a busy and engaged school community!

Kris Dewson Hall, Principal.

