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Newsletter Edition 24

Brookton District High School

Principals Address

Brookton District High School – Celebrating a Remarkable Year of Growth and Achievement

As we enter the second last week of the school year, we pause to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for Brookton District High School. Our students and staff have achieved so much, both individually and collectively, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort, resilience, and community spirit shown by everyone across our school. This year we were thrilled to deliver the full 10 days of swimming lessons for the first time in many years. This achievement was made possible thanks to the strong advocacy of our School Board and the unwavering support of our wider community. The program has been invaluable in building students' confidence and water safety skills. Our dedicated Parents and Citizens (P&C) Committee also secured several important grants this year, including:

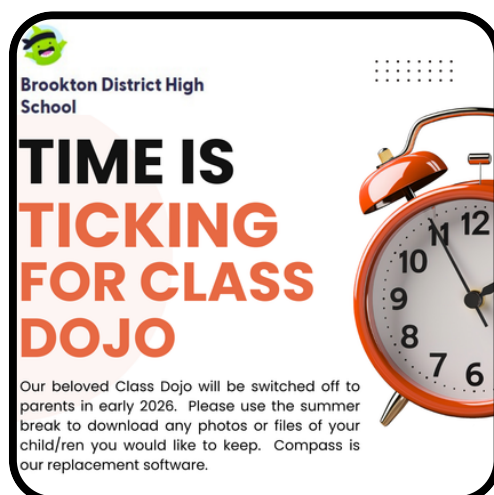
- Funding from the Shire of Brookton Community Chest to help cover P&C insurance costs
- A Bendigo Bank grant supporting the installation of new outdoor play equipment in the early childhood area
- A Coles community grant, in partnership with the Brookton Community Garden, to support our sustainable gardening project

These grants have significantly enhanced student opportunities, and we extend our sincere thanks to the organisations involved for supporting our school.

Our partnership with the Brookton Community Garden continued to flourish, offering students active learning and community service opportunities. This collaboration culminated in a joint Tidy Towns nomination, recognising the positive contributions made by students and community members alike.

This year also brought rich experiences beyond the classroom. We held two successful school camps, including our first inter-age camp, where PP/1 and Year 5/6 students travelled together to Scitech; an experience that strengthened relationships and broadened curiosity.

We were also proud to continue our work with Seabrook Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week events. We have learned a lot about Bush Tucker and look forward to expanding our knowledge in this area in 2026.



Important Dates

Every Wednesday
Community Garden Visit HS

Tue 16 Dec
Presentation Night PS

Wed 17 Dec
Presentation Day HS

Thu 18 Dec
End of Year for students

Fri 19 Dec
Student Free Day

Thu 29 – Fri 30 Jan 2026
Student Free Day

Fri 30 Jan 2026
Uniform shop open 9-10 am

Mon 2 Feb 2026
Students First Day back

Tue 3 Feb 2026
Kindy Commences

Thu 12 Feb 2026
Scitech Incursion
Parent OPEN breakfast all welcome

Mon 2 Mar 2026
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thu 5 Mar
Assembly Room 4



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Strengthening Community Connections – Kalkarni Partnership

A highlight of our community engagement this year has been our growing partnership with Kalkarni. Throughout 2025, students visited residents after every assembly to perform their items—a much-loved experience on both sides. Our Hospitality students also helped serve the Melbourne Cup lunch for residents, showcasing their developing practical skills. In addition, one student attended a work experience day at the facility, gaining valuable insight into aged care and community service. We are excited to expand this partnership further in 2026, building even deeper intergenerational connections and authentic learning opportunities.

Farewells, Welcomes, and Mixed Emotions

At this time of year, we always experience mixed emotions as we celebrate achievements while also saying goodbye to staff and students who are moving on.

This year we farewell:

- Mrs Broun, who kindly returned this semester to support Home Economics and has done an outstanding job leading the Foodwise program.
- Ms Collins, along with her twins Sophie and Flynn, as they return to Perth to be closer to family. They will be greatly missed.

We warmly welcome Mrs Susan Andreoli, joining us from Carnarvon. Mrs Andreoli will resume her role as a VET (Vocational Education and Training) teacher in Brookton, delivering Certificate I in Active Volunteering and supporting Home Economics (Foodwise). We are delighted to have her joining our team. Ms Christie is already teaching at our school and will take on the 2/3 class and Science next year.

Year 6 End of Primary Graduation

A highlight of our end-of-year celebrations was the Year 6 End of Primary Graduation, held at the Brookton Country Club. Mr Alwis and Ms Carlshausen organised a beautiful and memorable event, complete with mortarboard hats. The “Kindy to Year 6” comparison photos were a crowd favourite and a lovely reminder of how far each student has come.

We are incredibly proud of this compassionate and capable group of young people and know they will go on to achieve amazing things. Special thanks to Mrs Watts and the McBrearty girls for assisting with setup, serving food, and cleaning up. A fun moment of the evening included predicting where the Year 6s might be in ten years—with several potential future NBA players among them!

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week, we look forward to celebrating the end of the year with our Primary Presentation Evening and our High School Awards and Graduation Luncheon. These events allow us to recognise the growth, hard work, and achievements of students across the school.

Thank you to our wonderful school community for your continuous support throughout the year. Brookton District High School thrives because of the strong partnerships between our staff, students, families, and the broader community.

We wish everyone a safe, joyful, and relaxing holiday season.

Kris Dewson Hall, Principal Brookton District High School