



Success Sticks in 2026

Newsletter Edition 25

Brookton District High School

Principals Address

What a fantastic start to the 2026 school year! The energy across Brookton District High School over the past two weeks has been positive, purposeful and full of promise. It has been wonderful to see our students settling back into routines, reconnecting with peers and teachers, and engaging so enthusiastically with their learning. At Brookton, our work is grounded in the **Berry Street Education Model**, which reminds us that strong learning grows from strong relationships. Over the first fortnight, our focus has been on building connection, creating predictable and supportive environments, and ensuring every student feels safe, valued and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of the way our students have stepped into the year with confidence and optimism.

🌟 Open Day Breakfast & Scitech Incursion – A Day to Remember

On Thursday 12 February, we were thrilled to host our Open Day Breakfast, welcoming around 100 community members to the school. Families enjoyed bacon and egg rolls, toured classrooms and spent time meeting teachers in their children's learning spaces. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming and full of pride. Following the breakfast, our primary students were so lucky to participate in the Scitech "Hands On" and "Mystery Hunters" incursions. These experiences are always a big hit with students, providing exciting opportunities to see science demonstrated in real life through engaging, interactive presentations. The curiosity, wonder and enthusiasm shown by our students was fantastic to see. A huge thank you to our staff, students and parent volunteers who prepared and served breakfast and supported the smooth running of the day.

🍏 Welcome to Our New Canteen Manager

We are delighted to welcome **Jodie Watkins** as our new canteen manager. Jodie is the grandmother of one of our students, and we are very pleased to have her join the Brookton team. We look forward to the care and enthusiasm she will bring to our school community.

👋 Welcoming New Staff

We are excited to welcome two new staff members in 2026:

- **Shaye Dunstan**, who joins us as a **Special Needs Education Assistant** and is now proudly calling Brookton home.
- **Susan Andreoli**, who is working in our high school as a specialist **VET teacher**. We are particularly excited about the **Certificate I** course Susan is delivering with our secondary students, opening up valuable pathways for future learning and employment.

Important Dates

- Mon 2 Mar
Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wed 4 Mar
Science Excursion King St
- Thu 5 Mar
Assembly Room 4
- Fri 6 Mar TBC
Faction Swimming Carnival
- Mon 9 Mar
Pupil Free Day – Staff
Development Day
- Mon 9 Mar – Tue 10 Mar
ASET Testing
- Wed 11 Mar
School Board Meeting
- Wed 11 Mar – Mon 23 Mar
NAPLAN
- Fri 13 Mar
Dr Teddy Bear Picnic K-Yr
- Tue 24 Mar
Harmony Day
- Fri 27 Mar
Interschool Swimming TBC
- Wed 1 Apr
Assembly HS – Last day of
term for students
- Thu 2 Apr
Parent Teacher Interviews



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Compass – Our Key Communication Tool

A reminder that **Compass** is now our platform for all parent communication. Compass can be accessed via the app or through your web browser. If you need any assistance setting this up, please come and see Bec Eva in the front office, who will be happy to help.

Two Way Science – Learning From Country

This year we are excited to introduce **Two Way Science** in Primary, an inquiry-based approach that brings together mainstream curriculum with locally based Noongar knowledge of Country. This model encourages curiosity, respect and deeper understanding, and aligns strongly with our commitment to inclusive, strengths-based learning.

Brookton District High School will also host the **Two Way Science Workshop** for staff from the **Wheatbelt** and **South West** on 29–30 April, providing an excellent opportunity to showcase our work and learn alongside others.

Hosting Regional Leaders

We are proud to be hosting the **Regional Principals' Association Quarterly Meeting** on 26 February. This will be a valuable opportunity to highlight the great work happening at Brookton and to connect with school leaders from across the region.

Big News – 50 Years of Brookton Pre-Primary

In November 2026, we will celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the Brookton Pre-Primary Centre. This significant milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to honour the generations of children, families and educators who have been part of our early learning story.

To mark the occasion, we are planning a **gala day celebration** at the school and would love to invite back former staff and past students. We are seeking community members to join a **50th Anniversary Committee**, particularly to help track down past staff and students and share memories, photos or stories.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact the front office or reach out via **Compass**. We would love this to be a true community celebration.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the year to come. With strong relationships, high expectations and a shared sense of purpose, **2026 is shaping up to be a year of growth, learning and connection** at Brookton District High School.

Thank you for your continued support, together, we are building something special.

