Welcome back to Term 4! Term 4 brings many activities, events and celebrations. Over the next 9 weeks we are looking forward to our six “Get Set for Prep” Orientation Days, Swimming Carnivals, Day of Excellence, Year 6 Graduation and Christmas Under the Stars, just to name a few of our many events! We are looking forward to our parents, family members and community being a part of these events to acknowledge and celebrate our students’ achievement and participation.

The end of Term 3 brought a flurry of activities and events also. It was an exciting week to be at Bracken Ridge State School with our third Twilight Concert, which showcased the talents of our Music, Choir, Hip-Hop, Junior Dance, and Instrumental Music students, as well as our Bee Factor winners. A HUGE congratulations to our students who performed, and to our Music, Arts and Classroom teachers who organised, rehearsed, managed and coordinated the evening. Without the support of our staff, such concerts would not be possible. Our Twilight Concert was followed by our free community Movie Night, which was attended by over 300 people. Our thanks to Paul and Wendy Timms, who coordinate the Sandgate Markets, for their free use of the movie screen and their organisation and coordination of the food vans. It was great to celebrate the end of Term with fantastic weather and an entertaining movie!

Our first (for a very long time anyway!) Book Week Parade was also held during the last week of school. Our thanks to librarian, Jill Borrowdale for coordinating the parade. It was great to see all staff, and almost all students make the effort to dress up and celebrate a love of reading and books. The following day, saw our Gold, Silver and Bronze students enjoy a magic show (Prep to 3) and Dance Classes (Year 4-6) as part of our Rewards Day celebrations. Sensei Kurasawa also hosted an Anime Lunch Time Movie with popcorn on Tuesday, as a celebration for students who had been demonstrating effort and persistence in Japanese. (Please See Below)

Finally, on the final Thursday of Term 3, we hosted a visit from world renown, educational expert Dr Lyn Sharratt, along with our acting Regional Director, four Assistant Regional Directors, two Lead Principals, Metropolitan Regional Director of Teaching and Learning, and several Principals from schools across the Region. Our guests visited many of our classrooms, and spoke to our students about their learning using the five questions:

• What are you learning?
• How are you doing?
• How do you know?
• What do you need to do to improve?
Where do you go for help?

Following the Learning Walks, we discussed students’ responses and received feedback on how we as a Leadership Team could continue to use Learning Walks as a strategy to strengthen instruction and improve student learning and outcomes. This was an incredible learning opportunity for the Leadership Team and our staff, and we received some incredibly positive feedback, particularly in regards to students’ engagement levels, responsiveness of the students to the five questions, and the evidence of success criteria in classrooms. A HUGE congratulations to our staff for the incredible work and commitment to improving student learning over the past Term.
Data Review Meetings:

This week, Mr Ben Laws and I worked with teachers to review their Reading Action Plans. As part of this process, we reviewed individual students’ reading data and asked teachers the following questions:

- Student performance and achievement - Which students have met their targets and what made the difference? Which students have not met their targets and what are their future learning needs/support?
- Class, group, individual learning needs - What is getting in the way of student achievement? What is improving student achievement? What are the most salient learning needs in Reading in your class at the moment? What is your data telling you is the next instructional focus?

Our Data Review process is crucial to ensure that across the school, all students are making progress in their Reading. These meetings also inform the next step in our collaborative data process which is to assign Reading targets for each child, and deciding on the strategies and understandings needed to meet these targets.

Best wishes
Melissa Burke

BOOK WEEK PARADE
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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Bracken Ridge for the final Term for 2016. I hope that our school community enjoyed the break and have had the opportunity to recharge the batteries ready for a very busy Term 4. It is hard to believe that the year is nearly over and that preparations for 2017 are well under way.

Uniforms

With the onset of summer fast approaching, we would like to remind all students and parents that we have high expectations on the wearing of the school uniform. All students are expected to wear the school uniform. Board shorts, t-shirts, caps, thongs etc. are not part of our school uniform therefore should not be worn to school. Part of the dress code also includes students not wearing makeup and nail polish to school. We ask that parents assist us by monitoring what their children are wearing to school and take the appropriate course of action as required.

It is also worthwhile reminding children about the importance of ensuring they are adequately hydrated. We would certainly encourage all children to come to school with at least one water bottle for the day, which they will be able to access during class time. This is one way of ensuring an adequate intake of water for the day.

Fathering Project Update

We have certainly gained a bit of momentum with the Bracken Ridge Fathering Project.

So far we have

- established how many fathers and father figures we have in our School Community;
- promoted the project in the local paper and received some very positive feedback;
- run two successful events engaging some fathers/father figures whom had not previously met;
- had our children complete father profiles which have been turned in to mini movies (these were shown during parent interviews and emailed out to all classes);
- had fathers complete some profiles of their children (these have been very insightful);
organised a Community Movie;

Other things we have planned for next term include:

- Fishing Night with the kids sponsored by Tackle World Sandgate - October 28th;
- Fathering Project Bowls Night Challenge against other Schools—November 5th;
- Promotion of the Fathering Project within our local schools.

These events will probably take us through to the end of the year. If you could mark these dates in your calendar, we’d really appreciate it as we’d love to see you there.

**Fishing Night**

Bracken Ridge State School ‘Fathers’ Fishing Night’ Event provides Bracken Ridge State School Fathers and Caregivers the opportunity to enjoy some fishing and fun with their kids.

This event is designed for first time anglers and experienced fisherman alike to come down and get the local tips from local fishing guru Mark Templeton.

This event is suitable to bring your boys and girls along to enjoy fishing at the Sandgate Foreshore. Once you register, we will send you a list of what you need to bring along including the exact meeting place. There is no cost for this event.

Prior to the evening Mark and his team invite you to visit the shop at TackleLand Sandgate to get some free tips on knot tying and to discuss any other fishing questions you might have.

As there are limited spots for this event, please register using the following link.

There is no cost for this event, it promises to be a great night with the kids. More information will be published as the date gets closer.

http://eventbrite-brss-fishing-night.eventbrite.com.au

Also, this Saturday we are the only school who has been invited to come along and run a stall and speak at the Sandgate Health and Wellness Expo. This is an exciting opportunity to not only promote our school and the great things that are happening here but also to talk about the things we are doing with the Fathering Project.

**Neuroscience of the Brain**

Below is a great pictorial representation of what we are talking about when asking our children to be Strong, Brave and Courageous. It also talks about the importance of staying in your Learning Zone and what you can do if your emotions are beginning to take over – we call this **TOGGING**.

**Where are you?**
Step up to your PFC
Be brave, strong and courageous

1. I am brave, strong and courageous.
2. I am in my Learning Zone, I can choose my kit and think smart thoughts.
3. I can ‘tough’ by grounding myself and think nothing.
4. I don’t have to feel like I am not welcome.
5. I think big thoughts.

**Book Fair**

A big “THANK YOU” to everyone for supporting our Book Fair which was held last Term. Through your support, we were able to choose some great books to the value of $360.00 for our school library. Thank you to Mrs. Borrowdale and Ms. Imberger for all their hard work to make this a great success.

Thank you and I look forward to catching up in the

Ben Laws
Deputy Principal
WILL I BEE FOCUS TERM 4 : FOLLOWING OUR SCHOOL RULES.

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. I hope you had a beautiful holiday. The Spring weather is wonderful and I love buzzing around visiting my friends at Bracken Ridge State School. This week I just want to remind everyone about following our School Rules. It's really simple. Be Safe, Respect Others and the School, Strive to Learn and Solve Problems the High 5 Way. Just try your hardest to follow the School Rules and have fun. See you again next time!

Will.I.Bee Will.I.Bee@gmail.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No act of kindness however small is ever wasted."

OFFICE TALK 6.10.16

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

We are currently taking enrolments for PREP in 2017. If your child is born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, they are eligible for PREP next year. Please call into the school office for an Enrolment Pack or alternatively, contact Carol Fisher on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au to organise this to be sent to you.

SCHOOL TOURS

School Tours are available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m or at a suitable time if this is not suitable. Please contact Carol Fisher on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au to organise this.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the Voluntary Contribution Scheme in Term 1. Your financial contribution helps the School enormously. The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is not a school fee but a voluntary financial contribution to the school. This is used for many consumable items that students use “behind the scenes” throughout the school year which is not a part of their class Book List. These include photocopying costs, white paper, coloured paper, cardboard, art and craft supplies, etc. The costs for this is $40.00 per student per year or $10.00 per Term. Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated and will be put to very good use.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could please phone the School Office on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au for any student absences. If we have not heard from you regarding your child’s absence, we are now sending SMS Texts to all unexplained absences. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

SCHOOL DENTAL VISITS

Parents please note that it is now a requirement that there be attendance by Parents/Carers at all dental appointments for children and adolescents aged 14 years or under at Metro North Oral Health.
Services facilities in the future. Children will no longer be called over from class for dental treatment without an adult present.

If you have any queries regarding this service, or would like to discuss this, please telephone oral health services (ph: 3646 7838) or email MNOHS_Directorate@health.qld.gov.au

NO PARKING

Parents please be away that there is no parking in the school grounds at any time as this endangers the safety of our students. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter. Please note that there is a TWO MINUTE DROP OFF ZONE at the front of the Year 1 Playground in Binburra Street. This is for drop off and pick up only.

FACEBOOK PAGE

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL Facebook Page is an excellent site to visit for our School. Please ‘like’ our page and share with other parents at our school. We will endeavour to use this page to keep you informed with upcoming school events as they happen.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

If you would like the school newsletter emailed directly to you, please email Carol Fisher on cfsfh3@eq.edu.au or phone the school office on 3869 7888. Our newsletter is also available via our School Website - https://bracridgss.eq.edu.au. If you are unable to access the internet, a paper copy can be collected from the office on request.

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Sandgate Sunset Run

Bracken Ridge Swimming Club 2017 Sign On

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