I continue to be impressed with the programs and quality of work undertaken here at Brooks.

We have lots to celebrate.

Yesterday I attended our second whole school assembly for this term. The level of skill, passion and talent shared by the many students who performed or had their work displayed was at a very impressive standard. I also congratulate our new leaders in the Middle Years Campus. Student leadership positions in schools give our students the opportunity to have a say in school decision making as well as building leadership skills and personal confidence. I look forward to working with these new school leaders.

It is wonderful when our work is recognised nationally. After the Art feature in last week’s bulletin our innovative and creative Art teachers Warwick Campbell and Lel Aufder-Heide have been approached to showcase our programs and student work in *Australian Teacher Magazine*. There is an “In the Classroom” section of the magazine, which highlights interesting and novel projects that are underway in schools around the country, in which our work will be featured.

A huge congratulations to grade 8 student, Jackson Lowe, for being offered a scholarship with the Australian Institute of Sport. This requires Jackson to participate in a Basketball Tasmania high performance program which includes strength and conditioning, skill development and daily monitoring. This supports Jackson to achieve his goal of playing for an American College basketball team.

Well done Jackson!!

Finally, congratulations to all involved in the variety of Science activities offered during Science week. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for her work in this area and to the students featured in this newsletter.

Kind regards

*Louise Fisher*
Principal
The week of August 13 - 22 was National Science week and to celebrate we had Grade 6 Invermay Primary students spend the afternoon with us in our Science Department. A specialised team of Grade 9 Science superstars lead a total of six engineering challenges including building a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti, making a marble run with pool noodles and creating a chain reaction with cups and ice cream sticks.
On Friday the 19\textsuperscript{th} of August, the prefect board was invited by Dr Fiona Kerslake to attend the 'Tasmanian Leaders Program' event. This year, the program participants hosted a debate. The debate topic was 'Tasmania; should I stay or should I go?' The prefects were divided into two groups to defend each side of the topic. Mohiba Mohammadi, Ashly Maposa, Emily Dadson and Chloe Ponting made up the Affirmative side, and Lauren Davidson, Tina Mai, Kira Simmonds and Georgie Howard formed the Negative team. Following the debate, the prefects had a workshop where they developed ideas around the major problems on why young Tasmanians were leaving the state. These included lack of support for young people, the limitations of the education system and the perception that you need to leave Tassie in order to be successful. The prefects engaged in these discussions with the program participants to come up with a solution to the problems. Both teams put up an excellent case and represented Brooks High school in a respectable manner. They were articulate, confident and impressionable.
Launceton College STEAM Day

Last Thursday a group of Grade 9 students went to see the LC STEAM Day, a celebration of the role that Science plays across many discipline areas. There were stalls, information booths and activities set up for students to learn more about the importance of Science and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)-based interdisciplinary learning. Some popular activities included Interactive 3D virtual reality, a pendulum wave, animal and plant cell cupcakes, a gyroscope and the messiest slime pool that our students just had to all walk through!! Everything was so interesting and engaging. The only problem we had was that we didn’t want to leave!
On Wednesday the 14th of September, the Beacon Foundation in conjunction with TasNetworks, will be running a Prepare program for a select number of Grade 9 students.

The highly interactive Prepare program focuses on practical skills and knowledge that young people will require in the transition from education to employment including:

- Communication
- Positive Identity
- Growth Mindset
- Personal Presentation
- Delayed Gratification
- Grit/Resilience
- Nutritional Information

The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to interact with business guests. The session will be led by a facilitator and business people are involved with small groups of students and will support them in understanding key themes and putting them into practice. Business guests are invited to participate between 10:30 and 2:30 or 12:30 and 2:30.

IMPORTANT: If you have a friend/acquaintance/husband/wife/grandmother/anyone who might be able to assist us with this program, could you please contact Carly Grenda through the school office ASAP.
Thank you to everyone who has participated in the 2016 Census so far. If you or your family haven’t completed the Census yet, don’t worry, there’s still plenty of time to make a difference and be counted. You will not be fined for completing the Census after Census night. Our online Census form is running smoothly and securely, and only takes an average household approximately 26 minutes to complete. Please complete your Census online or on the paper form as soon as you can. Field Officers will start visiting all households who haven’t already responded to the Census. They will be offering paper Census forms for those who require them. Remember, the Census helps plan for Australia’s future. For more information, please visit the Census website at census.abs.gov.au

Brooks High School Leavers Reunion - 1975

Past students who left Brooks High School in 1975 are invited to attend a Reunion at the North Launceston Football Club on 11th March, 2017. It is a wonderful time for everyone to get together and share memories of their school life.

Contact Lynette on 0450013691
Or go to the Facebook page for more information
https://www.facebook.com/groups/123743461379181/
Also if you have any photos or memorabilia to display on the night

Bukmak Orders

Final orders and payment for the 2016 Bukmak must be in by 14th October
Cost: $20
To secure your order, payment must be received with this slip

Name of Student .................................................................
Canteen
A reminder for students to pre-order at the Canteen by 9am to avoid being disappointed

Sale of ‘Old Style’ Uniforms
Rugby Tops $20.00
Polo Tops $10.00

Student Absence SMS Messages
When responding to student absence SMS messages it is important to provide the student name to avoid confusion.

Communication and Information
♦ Absences - Phone office on 6324 7200
  SMS mobile phone number 0416 907 090
  For advising the school of a student’s absence
♦ Photos and News - Facebook
  Brooks High School Page
  Brooks High School Sports Page
♦ Brooks High School App - Information for students and families
  Including copies of School Newsletters
  (Free to Download)

Office Hours: 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

Term Dates 2016
Term 3
Mon 18th July - Fri 23rd Sept
Term 4
Mon 10th Oct - Wed 21st Dec

No • Lights • No • Lycra
OPEN 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (3rd BREAK)
EVERY MONDAY
(STARTING AUGUST 2ND)
AT DANCE & DRAMA ROOM
FREE ENTRY
A WEEKLY DANCE JAM IN THE DARK
NO LIGHTS
NO Lycra
JUST MUSIC
JUST DARKNESS
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