Earlier this week we had our Orientation Day and we welcomed many new students to our school. Most students who are attending Brooks in grade 7 next year have already spent a day with us and this further day has given them time to meet other students who will be in their class. It has also helped them become more familiar with Brooks’ surroundings, expectations and routines as well as provided opportunities to meet more teachers and have further questions answered. Many students will feel apprehensive about changing from a smaller primary school to a larger high school, and we hope that this experience will help their adjustment and reassure them that there will be people to help them settle in. We also welcome a number of new students into grade 8, 9 and 10.

Current grade 10’s enjoyed a bush walk from the Cataract Gorge to the Hoo Hoo hut, mountain biking, sport and a BBQ. They came back to school tired but having experienced an enjoyable day.

I sincerely congratulate our newly elected student leaders who will take up their positions in 2017.

The 2017 Student Leadership Board members are Luke Saunders, Edin Brady, Alistair Gofton, Alysha Jackson, Holly Robinson, Olivia Young and Laura Brown.

Our House captains are;
Fletcher - Dylan Mulligan,
Hughes - Harry Johns,
McIntyre - Imarnie Fatnowna,
Cosgrove - Catrina Tranent.

It is my deep belief that student leaders have a very important role in schools, and we intend to grow these roles at Brooks in 2017 and beyond. Student leaders are role models for other students; people who inspire others. They can provide support for other students and teachers and represent our school in community events. Student leaders provide a student voice in decision making processes and leadership provides opportunities for student initiatives and innovations.

The process for selection was rigorous. Students wrote applications, had interviews and presented their ideas and commitments in a special assembly. Students and staff voted for those they thought would best represent our school. I congratulate all those who participated in the process. It takes courage and dedication. I would also like to thank Ms Ali Bignell for her work in developing the student leadership selection process. Our elected students are an outstanding group of young people and I look forward to working with them more closely.

Kind regards, Louise Fisher (Principal)
Last Tuesday we welcomed visiting students from Halls Creek Western Australia. This remote township is situated 800 kms west of Broome.

Some of our students engaged in conversations with the visitors comparing interests and life experiences before playing basketball and sharing morning tea in our café.
Thursday 8th December
Show #1 – Guests and Grade 8’s – 10.30am (fully booked)
Show #2 – Guests and Grade 9’s – 12noon

Friday 9th December
Show #3 – Guests and Grade 10’s – 10.30am (fully booked)
Show #4 – Guests and Grade 7’s – 12noon
RSVP — PHONE ADMIN — 6324 7200

Coming this December
Model, musician, crew member, scriptwriter, singer, sound technician, stagehand, stunt performer, costume maker/designer, wardrobe adviser, lighting operator, film/camera operator, dancer, composer, busker, audio-visual technician, artist, announcer, actor, make-up artist.
**2017 Term Dates**

**Term 1**
- Monday 6 February (teachers commence)
- Thursday 13 April
- Wednesday 8 February (students commence)

*(Easter Break: Friday 14 April - Tuesday 18 April)*

**Term 2**
- Monday 1 May
- Friday 7 July

**Term 3**
- Monday 24 July
- Friday 29 September

**Term 4**
- Monday 16 October
- Thursday 21 December (students finish)
- Friday 22 December (teachers finish)