Hello everyone,

These will be the final notes that I write for the Brooks High School Bulletin as my role as Acting Principal comes to an end at the end of the term. Acting as principal has been a wonderful experience and a real privilege. There are many fine people working at Brooks, all with a determination to make Brooks High School the best possible school that they can. This ranges from our teaching staff to the administration staff, teacher assistants, EFA team and more. We are an honoured staff who has the good fortune to work with a magnificent group of young people. I have been witness to some great achievements by our students and parents should be proud of what has been done. Today for example I went to the Inter-high Cross Country held at Windsor Park. Our students represented their school with pride and determination. We could not ask for anything less. Similarly I have seen this same attitude at the Science and Engineering Challenge, NAPLAN testing, ANZAC parade, school sport and more. We should all be pleased.

We have had visits this week from our future Grade 7 students who are currently in Grade 6 at their respective primary schools. We are looking forward to working with them further in 2017.

Teachers have been working very hard on the midyear reports. These are comprehensive and informative. It is important to read through the report a couple of times to become familiar with the information that it contains. Parents can then book parent teacher interviews for a three way conversation with the appropriate teacher. This will be done using our new online booking system, PTO. There will be more information about that system with the reports.

Thanks you for welcoming me to the Brooks community. I wish everyone the best for the future.

Peter Bird
Principal
The Science Department at Brooks is electric, with another successful term of learning for our students. From collecting bacteria on Agar Plates, to making our own biomes and finding out about Australian native animals, our students are thriving in Science.

**Grade 7**
Recently, students within Grade 7 have begun working on ideas of Classification and Ecosystems. This has involved students developing an understanding of what makes something alive or not, dichotomous keys to organise animals, as well as separating living things into the 5 Kingdoms.

**Grade 8**
Students in Grade 8 have been investigating a number of areas. 8A and 8B have just begun to look at plant and animal cells, which will then lead on to looking at the Human Body systems. 8C and 8D have just begun their work in States of Matter; looking at the periodic table and the different characteristics of the elements. 8E and 8F have just reorganised their class groupings and we have begun new learning in electric circuits which is a buzz.

**Grade 9**
Chemistry has been completed for the year with many students achieving excellent outcomes. We have now moved on to biological sciences including an introduction to microbiology, and all of the relationships between the human body systems.

**Grade 10**
The current chemical sciences unit will conclude in the coming week and we will finish off the term looking at chemical reactions.

Grade 10 students will spend two lessons at the beginning of Term 3 getting ready for their Science Mid Year Exam, which is on Friday, July 29 during lessons 2 and 3. This exam will cover biological science (Genetics), chemical science (chemical formulae, bonding, reactions) and the scientific method (analysing results, drawing conclusion, safety). All students are strongly encouraged to participate in the exam as it will be a positive experience and good preparation for future exams and tests at College or TAFE.
Volunteers Required

DO YOU LOVE GARDENING??????
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE!!!!!!!
DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN????????????
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE ELSE’S WORLD!!!!
IF YOU DO, WE NEED YOU!

We are looking to refresh our school garden and are looking for someone/people to help us. Previously we have had berries growing in quite a few of the beds and they are ready to be pruned. The fruit trees need a haircut too!!!!!!! The ground needs fertilising ready for spring planting. We have seeds ready to germinate.

We will have a band of merry students to help get it all ready. If this sounds like you, please contact Liz Gibson on 6324 7200.

A Visitor to Brooks High School

On 13th May we had a lunchtime visit from magician Lewis Ramsay. Lewis was fantastic, performing amazing card tricks and entertaining the crowd in the cafeteria. Lewis was sponsored by Freelife Church to visit our school.

Check out Lewis’s website here:
http://lewisramsaymagic.com/
The Haven

This term we opened the Haven. The Haven is a quiet place to go during lunch and hang out with friends or do some activities.

The Haven has puzzles, craft, games, colouring in, nail painting and every Tuesday is YOGA day!! The Haven also has some clothes, shoes and jewellery that have been donated by different people in the community. These items are free for students to take.

If you would like to donate any games, craft, puzzles or other things to be used in the Haven please contact the school office.

Kylea Aldred
Students have to take part in the cooking program that is taking place at Brooks High School. This program is running over Term 3 and 4 on a Tuesday from 3.00 to 4.30. The program requires students to bring someone in their family to cook alongside them; parent, carer, older sibling or grandparent.

The first session was with Ben Milbourne (from Bens Menu) came to our school and worked with students and their parents/siblings to film a part of his show “Ben’s Menu”.

Mrs Frerk’s Food Technology Classes are learning to cook healthy meals on a budget. We have extended this opportunity to families in our community.
Shogunate Japan -
The Chopstick Challenge

Our Grade 8’s have begun to study Shogunate Japan in their History classes. The Shoguns, or Tokugawa Shogunate, were the top military leaders and their influence spanned the 17th through 19th centuries.

The 8CD Mackrill/Ball classes firstly reflected on their prior learnings before accepting our challenge. With the general knowledge and enthusiasm in the class already, this should be an enjoyable study.

Picking up Smarties with chopsticks in a race against your friends is not as easy as it sounds.

Casual Clothes Day
Wednesday 29th June

Our Prefects have organised a great fund-raising event. All money raised will be donated to the Australian Red Cross.

These funds will support those in our local community who have suffered loss and been heavily disadvantaged due to the recent floods across Northern Tasmania. Gold coin donation will be collected by our Prefect board on the day.

Grade 7 and 8 Celebration Assembly - Friday 1st July

The assembly is a celebration of student learning and achievement and will be held in the Middle years Campus library space. It will consist of several performances, certificate presentations and slideshows of students learning. Parents are encouraged to attend the assembly which will run for approximately 45 minutes. The assembly times are as follows—

* Grade 7 Assembly 9.00am - 9.45am
* Grade 8 Assembly 12.00pm - 1.15pm
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

Next Year

Term 1
Starts:   Wednesday 8th February
Ends:     Thursday 13th April
Easter Break:
Friday 14th April - Tuesday 18th April

Term 2
Starts:   Monday 1st May
Ends:     Friday 7th July

Term 3
Starts:   Monday 24th July
Ends:     Friday 29th September

Term 4
Starts:   Monday 16th October
Ends:     Thursday 21st December

STUDENT ID CARDS
AVAILABLE
ORDER FROM THE OFFICE
Cost: $3.00

Payment is required at the time of ordering

The Principal and staff wish all students
and their families a very safe
and relaxing mid-year break!
We look forward to catching up in
Term 3—commencing Tuesday 19th July