

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday February 4, 2009

Principal:
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Karen O'Neill
P & C President:
 Ross Jarden

Deadline:
 Tuesday 12pm
Tennis Court Hire:
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Great Start to New Year

We all had a wonderful start to the new school year. Congratulations to all our very special children at Brookfield SS who made the first week of 2009 such a success. The children have focussed on their schooling, made new children feel welcome, cared for children across all year levels and behaved extremely well in everything they did around the school. A great start to the year!



Thank you also to parents and carers for everything you have done to ensure your child/children have a very smooth start to the year. Thankyou teachers and all school staff for helping everyone start school so easily. Wow! A great week with a very positive and happy atmosphere in our school.

School Leaders 2009

Last week we began the process of electing School Leaders for the 2009 school year. The first position in the election process is School Captain. At Brookfield SS we have two school captains each year, a girl captain and a boy captain. Each child in Year 7 is invited to self-nominate by writing a letter to Mrs Kenworthy. This year 10 boys and 22 girls nominated for the two positions. We were delighted to see so many of our year 7 students were confident and courageous enough to nominate for the position. Such a nomination means that each of these students believes he/she has the ability to be a school captain. Each student who nominated should be very proud of themselves for doing so.

From the nominations, year 6/7 teachers and the principal identified a shortlist of 6 boys and 9 girls to progress to the next stage of the process. Congratulations to:

Girls

Hannah Smith-Roberts
Bindi Nguyen
Beccy Gardiner
Chloe MacDonald
Sophie Bradke
Shannon Lombard
Dena Healy
Charlotte Speck
Caitlin MacDonald

Boys

Nicholas de Paola
Ben Ferro
Chris Anderson
Joe Duckworth
Mark Krobabic
Lucas Bruck

On Monday morning, these short-listed students presented a speech to children, staff and parents in a special Year 4-7 assembly. Following the speeches, each child attend an interview with Mrs. Kenworthy. It is a significant achievement for each of these children to have been short-listed as well as to present a speech in front of a large audience including their peer group. On top of that, these children attended an interview with the Principal. Whether successful as the School Captain or not, each of these students should be very proud of being able to present a speech and participate in an interview.

It was an absolute pleasure to listen to each of the speeches and to interview each child and learn a little more about his/her individual thinking and ideas for improving our school. The following two students have been selected as School Captains at Brookfield State School for 2009. Congratulations to:

Girl Captain: **Dena Healy** *Boy Captain:* **Ben Ferro**

House Captains 2009

Nominations from children in Year 7 have now been called for the position of Sport House Captain. At Brookfield SS we have three Sport House – MacKellar, Paterson, Lawson (all named after Australian authors). Each Sport House will have a boy and girl captain. The process for selection of House Captain involves a letter of nomination to Mrs Kenworthy; short listing by Year 6/7 teachers, principal and other school staff; presentation of a speech to year 4-7 members of the sport house and an anonymous voting by year 4-7 members of each sport house for their House Captains.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Last year our Year 3, 5, 7 students participated in the first National Literacy and Numeracy Testing Program. In previous years our students have participated in the Year 3,5,7 Tests but these have been conducted at a State level. You will no doubt have heard or read in the press all the media information about how poorly Queensland students have performed in comparison to children in other states. I am very proud to inform you that the 2008 academic results for Brookfield State School continue to be very high in comparison to other schools in the State and across the Nation. These results indicate the excellent teaching at our school and the development of each child's knowledge, skills and processes as they move up through the school. The results also indicate the high expectations of our school and families.

NAPLAN Results

Year 3

	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Spelling & Punctuation</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Numeracy</i>
Brookfield S S	420	417	393	407	394
Like Schools	397	405	382	397	389
State	364	384	360	363	362
National	400.4	414.2	399.5	402.9	396.7

Year 5

	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Spelling & Punctuation</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Numeracy</i>
Brookfield S S	515	495	475	522	506
Like Schools	487	481	471	496	478
State	458	462	457	469	452
National	484.3	486.4	483.6	496	475.7

Year 7

	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Spelling & Punctuation</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Numeracy</i>
Brookfield S S	562	564	567	568	588
Like Schools	548	538	538	539	556
State	520	514	522	511	532
National	536.6	533.7	538.6	529	544.9

The table in today's Banter lists the Mean Score for Brookfield SS in comparison to "Like Schools", the "State Mean", and the "National Mean".

Please feel free to contact Mrs Kenworthy (Principal) at the office if you would like any further discussion about these results.

Warning – Police to Patrol Parking Behaviours

With the beginning of the school year traffic congestion in Boscombe Road at the front of our school is at a premium. Many parents park their cars and walk into the school grounds with their children. This is a lovely thing to do, a way to keep in touch with your child's teacher and to meet other families from your child's class. It does mean however, that parking is congested.

Last week one of the residents in Boscombe Road contacted Education Queensland, the Department of Transport Indooroopilly Traffic Branch and our school to express concern about the illegal and unsafe way parents are parking in Boscombe Rd. Officers from the Qld Police visited our school last week and will begin patrolling our street in the near future. They will also photograph illegally parked vehicles and send you a



ticket in the mail. So please be warned – park responsibly and safely, we don't want any children to be injured by vehicles in our street.

Included with today's newsletter is a leaflet which outlines parking expectations in and around our school. Please take a moment to read it carefully. Please also consider the following strategies:

- Ensure you park parallel to the street and leave room for children to walk along the footpath. If you park too close to the fence you force children to walk on the road which is very dangerous;
- Use the STOP, KISS, GO zone at the front of our school (there is another drop off zone running along the school fence in the Showgrounds Carpark – see map). In this zone pull up, kiss your child, let your child out, drive away. In the afternoons, please don't park in this zone with your engine running waiting for your child – drive around the block and come back again;
- Arrive later – parents of older children (Years 3 – 4) are encouraged to collect children a little after 3pm when the main congestion has eased. Arrive at 3.10pm and pick your child up in Stop, Kiss, Go zone;
 - Parents of older children are encouraged to drop children in the Stop Kiss Go zone each morning and not park and come in;

- Avoid parking in the grounds of the Rural Bushfire building and avoid blocking people's driveways;
- Cars in the Showgrounds Carpark are required to REVERSE PARK. This is so that you can clearly see where you are driving after you have collected your children and departing the carpark. Watch out for other children;
- Children and adults are required to walk **behind** parked cars and along the fences rather than through the carpark. This is a safer practice;
- Park with thought. Don't park one car across an area that may be able to fit two cars;
- Be patient, model good behaviours for your children who watch you in the car;
- 'Car pool' with a friend from your class or a neighbour in your street;
- Walk or ride to school.

Most of all, please take care and put the safety of children first, being 5 mins late is better than an injured child.

Riding of Bikes

We are delighted to see so many children riding bikes to school. Bike storage racks are provided in the front area of the school on the southern side of the school library.

We strongly encourage you to talk with your child about safe riding habits.

Please Note: upon arrival at the school gate, all children must dismount and walk their bikes through the school. Children must not ride bikes in the school grounds under any circumstances as this endangers the safety of other children.

String News

Rehearsals start next week.

Senior Strings - Monday 9 February, 8am.

Intermediate Strings - Tuesday 10 February, 8am.

Please be there by 7.50am to help set up and tune instruments.

Allergies

At Brookfield State School we have a number of children throughout the school who are anaphylactic, which is a serious sudden allergic reaction to allergens. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening.

The most common allergens amongst school age children are peanuts, tree nuts, egg, cows milk, sesame, fish, shell fish, soy, insect bites and stings, latex and certain medications.

We are informing the school community of trigger substances and request that these

foods are avoided please avoid packing nut products in your child's lunchbox. We would also like you to take time to talk to your children about the importance of not sharing food and drink at school.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

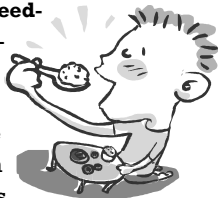


Please help me!!!!I don't mind continuing as co-ordinator of the book club but I desperately need some volunteers to help me sort and distribute both the catalogues and the books once the orders arrive. It would only mean a couple of hours on 6 or 6 occasions during the term but would save my arms and legs wandering around the school carrying boxes of books(I'm sure you've all seen me—the one with the red, sweaty face laden down with boxes!!!) Save me from my misery.....please call Deb Allman on 0439 755

Help With Feeding Difficulties

Researchers at The University of Queensland are conducting research into feeding difficulties in early childhood. We are looking for **parents of children aged 18 - 48 months, WITH or WITHOUT feeding difficulties**, to participate in the study.

Participation involves completing an on-line questionnaire, which takes about 90 minutes.



Parents will receive feedback on their ratings, as well as movie or food vouchers etc as a 'thank you'. Some parents in Brisbane and Hervey Bay will then be invited to take part in a new and FREE Triple P Positive Parenting Program designed for parents who would like information and support about kids' eating and mealtime behaviour.

If you would like to participate, or to find out more, please contact Michelle Adamson on (07) 3346 7814 or via email: m.adamson@psy.uq.edu.au.

Tuckshop News

Anyone who is wanting to help out in the tuckshop, please contact Kim Bishop via email kgbish@bigpond.com or leave your details at the office. Also, any families who didn't receive the menu with last weeks Banter can contact Kim for an emailed copy.

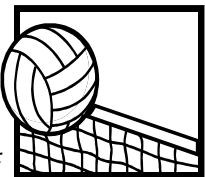
Interschool Sport District Swimming

Students selected in the Brookfield State School Swimming Team for the district carnival will receive a permission form this week. The carnival is on Friday 13 February at Jamboree State School.

Autumn Interschool Sports Year 4-7

Students have been asked to nominate for a sport that they would like to participate in for Term 1 and Term 2 Interschool sport which commences on Friday, March 6.

The choices are Soccer, AFL, Touch, Netball and Tennis. Trials will be this Friday 6 February, weather permitting. Students have been asked to bring any equipment that they may need for their trial e.g. tennis racquet, shin pads, etc. don't buy equipment until your child knows he/she is



selected for the sport. In line with school policy, priority is given to Year 7 students in selecting senior teams, younger children will get their first preferences in future years and to Year 6 students when selecting junior teams. Students will be notified next week of the team that they have been selected in for interschool

Happy Birthday!

- Yasmin Brothers*
- Clay Schreiber*
- Emma Bogdanovic*
- Isabella Calverley*
- Cameron Neale*
- Matthew Grant*
- Annie Grant*



Kenmore Kingfishers
 Soccer Sign On Day
 When Saturday, February 6,
 10am to 2pm
 Where Kingfisher Park, Gem
 Rd, Kenmore
 Under 6 to Over 35's
 competitions available.
 For more information visit
www.kenmorekingfishers.com.au

Triple B Program-
West Brisbane Beginner Basketball Starts 10 February

The West Brisbane Basketball Triple B Program is designed to introduce primary aged school children (aged 6-11) to the game of basketball.

Day: Tuesdays
Venue: Centenary State High School, Moolanda St, Jindalee
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Starts: Tuesday February 10
Cost: \$10 Registration (includes first session fees)
 After participant registered \$5 per session

Boys & Girls can join at any stage during the program

Further Information & a Registration Form can be found at the West Brisbane Falcons Website at www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au or email West Brisbane at westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 9/02- Julia Whayman, Dee Morrison, Cathryn St Baker, Fiona Edgecombe, Ali Lord
Wednesday 11/02- Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Sarah Edwards, Cath Kennedy, Natalie Carter, Liz Terry
Thursday 12/02- Paula Sale, Shona Fisher, Pauline Brothers, Karen Mallet, Michelle Vett

Home Baking Roster

Monday 9/02- Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck, Rosie Turnbull, Bronwyn Toft, Cathryn St Baker
Wednesday 11/02- Heidi Roehrs, Natalie Carter, Peta McDonald-Smith
Thursday 12/02- Paula Sale, Shona Fisher

Donation Roster

Monday 9/02- Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck, Rosie Turnbull, Bronwyn Toft, Dee Morrison
Wednesday 11/02- Peta McDonald-Smith
Thursday 12/02- Megan Leggett, Olga Riha

