

BROOKFIELD SS CROSS COUNTRY



The glorious weather we have been having provided perfect conditions for our runners in the annual Brookfield SS Cross Country Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and carers attending to watch and support the children. All year levels competed and every child received a participation ribbon for their efforts (donated by King Sport. Thankyou!).

The cross country course varied for each age group with Prep children and the lower grades running a circuit around our school oval. From Year 4 up the course was longer with the Year 6 and 7 children running along the creek and up Boscombe Rd as part of their course. A mighty effort for all those who competed! A long and challenging run! Congratulations to all who participated. Points are collected for each runner and the place getters achieve additional points. When the points were tallied the overall winning Sports House was Lawson House. House captains, Chris Nelson and Sarah Blight proudly accepted the shield and thanked their team as well as Paterson and Mackellar Houses for their team spirit and effort. Congratulations Lawson House!

Those Year 4 - 7 students who achieved 1st and 2nd place at our school carnival will now compete in the District Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Thursday 8 May.

Our carnival would not have been a success without the hardwork of Phys Ed teacher Mrs Margaret Scott. Thankyou Margaret for training the children and organising and running such a wonderful carnival. Thanks also to all our staff for assisting and to grounds staff Malcolm Leaman and Olly Lind for setting up equipment.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE



Our school Anzac Day ceremony was held on Monday morning beside the cairn and flag poles at the front of our school. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Peter MacKenzie and Mr Bruce Tye from the Kenmore Moggill RSL. After opening with the beautiful solo voices of our school captains, William Toft and Bella Harrison and the Senior Choir. Mr MacKenzie talked to the children about his experiences of war and the hardship suffered. He also talked about the "spirit" shown by all men and women of the war. The Last Post was played on trumpet by Dena Healy (6A) who is an outstanding young instrumental student at our school.

Speeches were prepared and presented by students from our School Leaders Group.

It was a really moving ceremony and an opportunity for all our students to remember those who served our country.

Thankyou to Mrs Hilary Sheridan who coordinated the event and liaised with the Kenmore Moggill RSL, Mrs McMillan for the choir and solos, Mr Lougheed for teaching trumpet to Dena and to the students of our school leadership group - "Events Group".

Thankyou also to the Brookfield students and parents who attended the ANZAC March and Service at Kenmore on Friday morning. As usual this community event was extremely well supported with more than 20 children attending. Thankyou to Mrs Dee Morrison for co-ordinating the Brookfield SS attendance.



YEAR 6/7 CAMP

This week our year 6 and 7 students are involved in their annual camp at Maranatha in the hinterland behind the sunshine coast near Yandina. The camp is a three day camp involving team building trust and

leadership games which include high-ropes activities. It is a wonderfully exciting experience for all the children and builds on the recent experiences they have had in their full day leadership course. Camps for our 6 and 7 students rotate on a two year cycle with the Maranatha Camp this year and our major trip to Canberra for parliamentary studies next year. Thankyou to our year 6 and 7 teachers for organising the camp. Also, a huge thankyou to those staff attending the camp, Mrs Sheridan, Mr Skehan, Mrs Drew and Mrs Biffin who give up three days of their family commitments to support the children. Staff on camps are on duty 24 hours a day which is a huge commitment that they give willingly and enjoy. We thankyou all and look forward to some feedback from the students in a future newsletter.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SELECTION



Mrs Kenworthy has received 33 applications for the position of Deputy Principal at Brookfield SS. At this stage the three members of the selection panel are reading through the applications and will meet this Wednesday to compile a shortlist of applicants to be interviewed. We are very pleased with the large response and the large range of quality applicants. Once interviews have taken place, recommendations will be forwarded to Central Office and the successful applicant will be notified in June. A number of Principal and Deputy Principal positions have been advertised across the State and the process involves working through preferences at a central level to determine who fills the position in each school.

BROOKFIELD SHOW DEADLINES FALL FOR ARTISTS AND WOODWORKERS



Calling all local artists and artisans --- entry forms need to be in this Thursday (1 May) for the 2008 Brookfield Show adult art competition. All woodcraft entries need to be delivered on Saturday or next Tuesday. The schedule includes five sections for high school students so dust off the school woodwork and try your luck for a \$1 entry fee. For those who are handy with a needle, or a crochet hook, there's still time for needlework ---- entries must be in by Saturday week, May 10. For exact delivery times and competition details visit www.brookfieldshow.com and be a part of the 2008 show on May 16-18.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN DURING SCHOOLTIME



Please remember it is our school policy that parents/caregivers come to the school office to collect their children during the school day. Please do not go to your child's class to collect your child or ask your child to come out to the front gate or carpark. We aim to ensure the safety of your child by asking you to sign him/her out at the school office. This process is designed to ensure your child is collected by the right person. It is a simple procedure. In the business of teaching, class teachers occasionally overlook the time and can be late sending your child to the office for collection. We will call the classroom from the office. Please be patient and respect that we are not perfect. Don't be aggressive to the teachers or office staff.

RUNNING CLUB



Thankyou to Marita Womal and Cathy McCarthy Smith for *running* Running Club! All students are welcome to attend and try to run as many laps as they can to improve their fitness and have fun. Student's laps are recorded and certificates are awarded, on assembly when students achieve 10, 15, 20, 25 or 50m kilometres or more.

SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

We are often approached by families and local businesses to run competitions through our school that support their businesses. This is a very difficult thing for our school as there are many families with businesses whose children attend our school. Our P&C Association has a policy that we do not use the children at our school to promote businesses, we are here to educate our children. So please respect our belief that the children are here to learn and not provide access to families for your business. We welcome your advertisements in the school newsletter. Ads inside the newsletter cost \$16.50 while purchase of an ad on the back cover of the newsletter costs \$500 for a permanent advertisement each week or \$250 for each bi-weekly edition. (The P&C is currently seeking advertising for the back cover of our weekly newsletter, please contact Liz Cuff on email cuffe@mail@bigpond.com to take up this offer.)

SENIOR BAND NEWS



The Senior Band will be performing at Fanfare soon and therefore we need all students to be practising for the required amount of time each week (5 lots of 30 minutes). Please ensure that your child is doing this as it will help to retain the high standard of performance from this school. Every student is required at every band practice on time at 8:00am, as it is very difficult to rehearse half a band. I seek your help in keeping student's punctual and encouraging their practice. Thank-you, Mr Lougheed.

SAD NEWS

Our thoughts and condolences are with Ms Jennifer Hemmings (Instrumental Strings Teacher) and her family as they cope with the tragic death of Jen's brother, Michael. Michael was killed in a fall while bushwalking at Cunningham's Gap on Sunday. He and his wife were celebrating their first wedding anniversary. This is very sad news and our thoughts are with Jen and her family. There will be no String lessons until further notice.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Girls Softball

When: May 28 and 29

Where: Jamboree Heights State School
Beanland Street, Jamboree Heights

Time: 3.30pm - 4.45pm

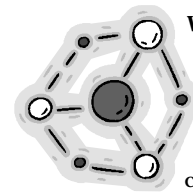


MOTHERS DAY STALL



Each year the P & C Association holds a Mothers Day Stall for children to purchase a small gift for Mum. This year our stall will be held next Thursday, 8th May. Children come to the stall in their class groups and are able to purchase some lovely hand made items (thankyou Craft Group) and a range of commercially produced items. Gifts range in price from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Please feel free to buy for Grandma too.

OPTIMINDS INVITATION



Who: Year 4-7 students.....who would like the opportunity to participate in open ended, creative activities with challenging problems

which require experimentation and divergent thinking. If you like acting, working in a team and challenges then Opti-minds is for you!

When: Wednesday 12:30 in the hall (bring your lunch)

The Aim of Opti-minds is to enhance the potential of all participants by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and demanding environment.

We encourage participants to be unashamedly excellent!

For more information: <http://www.opti-minds.com/about>

We hope to see you there, Mrs Biffin & Mrs McNeil

NEWS FROM YEAR THREE

3C

This Term 3C have started 10 minute fitness every morning as soon as the first bell goes. This will help us be ready for the 30 minutes of fitness everyday which starts in Term 3. We were very proud of our efforts in the Cross Country and chose to respond using a variety of written genres. Olivia Wallace chose to write a journal entry.

Today was Cross Country. It was very tiring. The Year Three girls were the last to compete. I came in 16th place. Everybody got a ribbon from a parent or a leader. The Prep to Year Three's ran the oval and the Year Four and Five's ran the oval and the Showgrounds; the Year Six and Seven's ran the

oval the Showgrounds and the road. The three houses competing were Lawson, Mackellar and Paterson. Paterson came third, Mackellar came second and Lawson came first. By Olivia Wallace.

3A

This term Year 3 are learning all about Australia through its geography and social history. In 3A we have been writing cinquain poems about Australia.

Australia
Blue, Sky
Gold, Happy, Wonderful

Best place to be
Home.

Bianca Calverley 3A

Australia
Blue, Sky
Sport, Canoeing, Laughing
The best place ever
Free.

Susie Vett. 3A

3B

Year 3B have been studying Anzac Day and listening to stories of the bravery and courage of the Anzacs. We know the Anzacs were the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who fought in World War 1. We imagined what it would have been like at Gallipoli and wrote letters home to Australia.

Gallipoli
Turkey
1915

Dear Mum and Dad,
I am still living in the muddy trenches. I don't have a bed and I have to sleep on the freezing cold hard ground.
My clothes are heavy because of the recent rainpour.

(Abi Allman) There have been lots of flies and rats. I am trying to be brave but I still feel scared.

There are lots of dead bodies everywhere.
(Robin Schrieber)

When I go out of my trench there is so much mud that I keep tripping over hidden rocks in the mud and getting splinters. **(Jon Staby)** My best friend died yesterday, he didn't make it up the hill. We had to climb up and dig into hard rock for shelter from the Turks at the top. I am getting blisters from my shoes. **(Hannah Doret)** I am a gun firer. Tonight we are plan-

ning an evacuation. I made a plan to keep the guns firing using a 30 metre rope you put in the gun and set on fire.

(Zenobia Dollimore) I am living on basically no food and I almost broke my back when I was digging trenches yesterday.

(Josh Gartner) This morning I saw Simpson and his donkey Duffy bringing down injured soldiers. I am low on food but I feel like I don't want to eat it is so bad. **(Milly Arthur)** I eat Bully beef, dried biscuits, jam, yucky cheese and drink tea with mouldy sugar in it. It is disgusting. I wish I was at home eating my own food. **(Claire Morrow)** I am worn out and anxious. Everyday I hear moaning from the injured Anzacs. I feel so guilty being away from you.

(Frazer Whayman) I am feeling sad but soon I hope I am coming home. I will see all of you and show you my uniform.

(Jack Heath)

Love
Private Anzac

REFLECTIONS ON YEAR 6/7 LEADERSHIP DAY



On the 17th April, the Middle School students were involved in a Leadership Day run by a group called YLead. The day was structured into three sessions - the morning session focussed on 'Belief in self', the middle session focussed on 'Belief in others' and the afternoon session focussed on 'Goal Setting for Middle School Leadership Groups'. During each session, time was spent in discussions, playing games, solving problems, sharing ideas and reflecting on what had been achieved. Here are some snippets from the children's reflective written pieces.

Knollsey, Claire and Ky came to our school to teach us, the leaders of tomorrow the meaning of leadership. Through a variety of activities and use of visual media they showed us the importance of good leadership. **Georgia Murphy**

I learnt the important difference between a dictator and a leader. **Sam Matuschek**

I never really thought that Yoda, from Star Wars was a really good leader!
Mark Krkobabic

It is important not to judge my friends on their appearance but to judge them on what they are like on the inside. I need to look at

their qualities. **Hannah Terry**

We played lots of different games to teach us specific skills, including team work and cooperation. **Annie Simes**

Working as a team and involving everybody helped to solve problems we came across. **Chloe MacDonald**

I liked helping my class cross King Ky's river, it was the best game! I do believe in myself and others. **Veronica Kenworthy**

I think, after playing the game in future I will let people make their own decisions but guide them if they are going the wrong way. **Bella Harrison**

If we cooperate as a team, we can do anything. **Izzy Perrins**

I learnt that is better to let people make their own decisions. **Alex Crowley**

Some qualities I want to remember and use are to be kind, to be a good listener, to be confident and to always give 100%!
Tessa McDougall

If you are honest, trustworthy, helpful and responsible you can be a good leader.
Adrien Cussac

The team shared that if you read something, you remember one-quarter of it, if you write something, you remember three-quarters of it, if you teach someone something, you remember all of it. **Lauren Evans**

Together, we learnt that leadership is any action that makes the world we touch a better place.

I believe that to be a good leader, I need to believe in myself, in others and believe that I can reach the goals I set for myself.
Sarah Blight

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS

Running short on fruit at home? Send 80c with your child for a fun apple slinky, available each tuckshop day.



