



A FABULOUS TERM ONE


As a fabulous Term 1 draws to a close, we would like to congratulate students and teachers for their wonderful efforts to ensure rigorous learning and achievements. It is a joy to see our happy students at Brookfield tackling their learning with enthusiasm and supporting each other. Our student leaders and student deputies have excelled in their new roles in helping younger students on a daily basis. We have laid solid foundations for an exciting and rewarding Term 2. Our next term as well as wonderful in-class learning includes our Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, the Year 3, 5 & 7 Statewide Testing, Anzac Day ceremony and of course, the Brookfield Show!


FREE DRESS DAY

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

GOLD COIN DONATION

**DISCO ROCKS**


By all accounts our school disco was a **LOUD** success! Thank-you teachers for generously supporting this fun end of term event by giving up your own time. It was a colourful event - rainbow themed! The glowsticks were a big hit as were some fabulous dancing moves. Obviously quite a few of our students and teachers have been inspired by the TV show, 'So you think you can dance.' WELL DONE to our Year 7 student leaders who raised \$ 1830.00 which they will donate to a worthwhile charity.

YEAR 2 PULLENVALE EXCURSION


Our Year 2 classes enjoyed a wonderful educational experience at the Pullenvale Environmental Centre last Tuesday. Some of the highlights of the day included:

* 2C and 2A from Brookfield State School went to Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre to see Mrs Muddle up on Wednesday 26th of March 2008. Then we went for a Treasure Hunt and then we went back to Pullenvale and we saw two real live baby possums and went back to school. We had lots of fun.

Callum

* We went to PEEC on Wednesday 26th March. 2C went in a bus, and 2A, to a possum party. Then we went out of the bus. Then we went in a shed. First we did some action patterns. Next we made the teachers disappear with magic. Then we met Mrs Muddle up. She was funny. Then we went to lunch. When lunch was over we went to the forest. We saw lots of amazing things in the forest. It was lots and lots of fun. Then we went back to the shed. We went to find Mrs Muddle-up. We found Mrs Muddle up. She was asleep in the magic room. We quietly came in and we said wake up Mrs Muddle up. Then Mrs Muddle up woke up and she had some bad news. I'm missing some parts of the map. We fixed the map, then we saw Mrs Muddle up's possum, then they closed the curtains. Then we saw something amazing. Then we saw a real possum. It was cute.

Lucy

* On Wednesday 26th March 2C went to PEEC and at PEEC there was a possum party. 2C and 2A were so lucky. First they went to the shed and listened to some rules and then they did some actions. Next they made the teachers disappear it was scary. They met Mrs Muddle up and they said she was very funny. They went to the bush it was so much fun and they saw some big trees. Flea

* Yesterday we visited the Pullenvale Environmental Centre for a possum party. First we got on the bus. Next we got off the bus. Then we put our bags on the racks. After that we met two people. Finally we went into the magic room. I felt tired. Alex

* Yesterday we visited the Pullenvale Environmental Centre for a possum party. First we went to the magic room. Next we went in and made Mrs Blair disappear. After that we had lunch. Then we went on another adventure. Finally we went home. I felt happy.

Sarah

* Yesterday we visited the Pullenvale Environmental Centre for a possum party. First we got on the bus. Next we did some magic. After that we met Mrs Muddle up. Then we had some lunch. Finally we got to the bush. I felt exhausted.

Katy

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country Training is held on: Monday- Lunch, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

This is a formal training session to prepare students for the competitiveness of the event. Thank-you to Mrs Scott for conducting these preparation sessions for our students. It is recommended students wanting to do their best at Cross Country should aim for at least 3 training sessions per week minimum, whether these be run at school or privately. Our school's Cross Country will be held on Thursday 24th April, 2008.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Our Aussie swimmers made a fantastic splash at the Australian Olympic swimming trials in Sydney last week. An amazing 3 world records were achieved. Our swimming team is strong and ready to achieve great things at the Olympics next August. The Australian Olympic Committee has launched a website to help all primary school students get involved with the Beijing Olympics. The site - BK Zone offers comprehensive resources for students aged 5 - 12 years and features free activities and competitions. The BK Zone, the web home of the Boxing Kangaroo - encourages students to feel part of the Australian team by getting healthy and active, and to learn and live the values of the Olympic movement. Students also able to have their artwork decorate the Australian athletes' apartments in Beijing. The Olympic Games is far more than a sporting event. It links with many parts of the curriculum and this website provides varied activities for schools looking for ways to capitalize on student interest in the Olympics in the lead-up to the Beijing Games. Go to <http://www.bkxone.com.au/>

PHONE CONTACT BOOK

Each year our school distributes a booklet of phone numbers of each child in our school. The list of phone numbers are organised in class groups and listed in alphabetical order. These booklets are printed for us by the Brookfield Veterinary Clinic (Bronwyn & Richard Toft) and distributed to all families. Over the years many families have found these booklets to be very useful resources and used to phone friends for play visits, organise birthday parties and more. If you **DO NOT WANT YOUR PHONE NUMBER LISTED IN THE BOOKLET**, you need to notify our office by Friday 25th April. Booklets will go to print in the week of the 28th April.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our Professional Development Day (once called Pupil Free Day) is of course dedicated to staff training. On this day, our teachers will be learning more about the Professional Standards for Teachers and The Essential Learnings.



RUNNING CLUB



Running Club will commence in Term 3, its aim is to improve student fitness whilst having fun. Student distance run is recorded and this contributes to their kilometric achievement certificates. Parents are encouraged to support this program, any parent wishing to help with Running Club please contact Mrs Biffin.

DISTRICT DATES

BASKETBALL

Boys - 15, 22 & 29 April 2008

Girls - 17, 24 April 2008

1 May 2008

TENNIS

Boys - 29 April 2008

Girls - 1 May 2008

Further enquires to Mr Kieron Skehan

YEAR 6A IN REVIEW



Wow! What a great start to the year! The students of Year 6A have proven just how capable and hard working they are!

We have been exceptionally busy this term, here is a snapshot of what we have been up to. The focus of this term has been on a unit of work about advertising. Students have been taught about advertising and the techniques advertisers use and have been asked to apply this knowledge to create a product of their choice and then design a marketing campaign to advertise their product. Some of the activities that students have undertaken so far are designing a product suitable for a specific target group, surveying their target group about their product, graphing their results using excel, creating a 'poster' advertisement for their product. The culminating activity for the unit will see the students script and design a television advertisement for their product - which we will start in the near future. We have also been busy working through our Term 1 Maths program. We are now all experts with our multiplication tables, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication operations, working with fractions and decimals to hundredths, graphing, square numbers and tessellations. Two exciting activities we do in maths are our Speedsters and Maths groups. In maths groups we do lots of different maths activities like number fact bingo, problem solving, construction, measurement and patterning. We look forward to seeing you next term.

PARKING ALERT



We were notified late last week that Council will be fining people, parked illegally on the footpaths.

Please take care and use the Stop & Kiss zone appropriately or try parking and walking. Plans have been made to improve the upper car park in the near future.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to our two swimmers Chloe MacDonald and Kelsey Shaw who competed for Met West at the State Titles at Chandler last week. Both girls swam PB's in their events. Kelsey made the final in both the 50m and 100m breaststroke finishing 7th in the 50m and 5th in the 100m - A fantastic achievement! A number of district tryouts are currently taking place including Girls and Boys Touch Football, Hockey and AFL.

Please be aware that every endeavour is made to provide students and parents with information about district trials within a reasonable time frame. Unfortunately information about the trials occasionally arrives at the school very late which means there is a very short turnaround handing out the information packs to students. All proposed trial dates can be found outside 6A and will be listed in the Banter under 'Dates to Remember'. Students must see Mr. Skehan to nominate for any District sport trial and receive the correct paperwork to take with them to the trial otherwise they will not be permitted to participate in the trial.

CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA!



This week I asked a year 5 student, Josh, about his impressive shiny medals and this was his report for me.....

Hi I'm Josh and I'm in the mountain bike racing in the Sunshine Series. I like mountain bike riding because it's fun and keeps you fit and also it is a sport you can do your whole life. I've competed in two races and I love it! So far I have a second medal which was my first medal from the D'Aigular Mountains race (outside Caboolture) . My second race was at Mount Crosby and I competed in the Under 13 division, I came 3rd.

If you want to join Mountain bike racing....Good for you! This is the website

www.twowheelpromotions.com.au

FROM THE STAFF AT BROOKFIELD STATE SCHOOL

Staff will be involved in a Professional Development Day on the 14th April 2008. We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to your safe return on the 15th April 2008.

