

From The Principal – Helen Kenworthy

New Look Newsletter

This term we introduce a fresh, new look in our school stationery. Our new school logo is a simple design made up of coloured pencils that signify the focus our school places on individual children. The pencils in the logo represent children of different sizes, shapes, colours, abilities, personalities, etc. The use of bright colours indicates our focus on each child and the pleasure of life and learning. At Brookfield State School, we strive to make lifelong learning fun, enjoyable and worthwhile.

Our redesigned newsletter introduces our new logo and school design to all families. Advertising on the back of the newsletter has been printed in colour to enhance the professional look of the newsletter. We send our sincere thanks to the companies who have supported our school by purchasing advertising space on this year's newsletter.

Other items of school stationery, used by our school office, have also been printed in the new look. We trust you will appreciate our changes and enjoy the fresh, new look for our school.

Staff Changes

This term we welcome back Mrs Karen O'Neill as Deputy Principal. It is great to have Karen back with us.

Mr Tony Pritchard (7A) has taken two weeks of Long Service Leave and will return to school on Tuesday 5 May. Ms Jasmine O'Toole will replace Mr Pritchard.

Mrs Jenny Aitkin (Support Teacher) will continue her leave and will be replaced for the next five weeks by Mr Keith Jentz.

Groundsman Brian Dodd, who worked part-time at Brookfield, has accepted a transfer to Carol Park SS for six months. Mr Malcolm Leaman will increase to full-time groundsman at Brookfield SS during this period.

Building Works

During the Easter vacation work on the installation of two rain water tanks continued. The tanks have been positioned behind

each of our school amenities blocks and installation works will soon be completed. This work is being organised by Mrs Paula Sale and Mr Ross Jarden from our school P&C Association. The project has been funded by a federal government grant.

Painting of the interior of classrooms in M Block (Year 2/1 and 2A) was undertaken during the vacation. External painting of the same building has begun this week. Additional painting of covered walkways will also be involved in this work.

Two new photocopiers were installed at our school. A wireless network was installed in our school staffroom. This network will enable all staff to work on line in the staffroom during their non-contact time and other periods during the day.

Negotiations, planning and costing is also continuing in relation to forthcoming work in the Building the Education Revolution work. Plans for the construction of a full size multi-purpose hall, and replacement of a tennis court are continuing to be discussed. Projects under the National School Pride program are also being negotiated. These include, refurbishment of our existing hall as a library, refurbishment of Year 1B classroom and installation of interactive whiteboards and data projectors in 12 classrooms throughout our school.

Important Dates

Please note the following in your diary.

Anzac Service - 9am Thursday 23 April;

Working Bee - Sunday 3 May.

Our Anzac Service has been planned and coordinated by Mrs Jodie Drew and children in year 7. Special guest Lieutenant Colonel Richard Maher will attend on behalf of the Kenmore-Moggill RSL. Anzac ribbons will be on sale this week. All parents are invited to attend our service. Any parents who are part of the veteran or service community are most welcome to attend and are encouraged to wear their medals.

Mrs Shona Fisher, and the Brookfield SS P&C Association, has organised a working bee for next Sunday morning. In conjunction with the Moggill Creek Catchment Group, families are invited to help us in replanting the area around our new school netball courts.



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Deputy Principal: Karen O'Neill

P & C President: Ross Jarden

Planting of the bank on the southern side of the courts will take place on Sunday 3 May. While we appreciate that this is the Labour Day long weekend, we would really value the support of your family in giving us an hour of your time on Sunday morning.

More information about both these events is included elsewhere in today's newsletter.

Pupil Free Day Activities

Our staff was involved in a range of different activities on Monday's pupil free day. Staff attended professional development on Prep teaching programs, music and computer technology. Teams of teachers worked on school literacy and numeracy programs, and teachers in year 4 and 6 moderated student work from the Queensland Common Assessment Tasks.

Queensland Common Assessment Tasks (QCATs)

All children in Year 4 and 6 recently completed a common assessment task in the subject area of English. This task involved children in reading, writing and interpretive activities based on a concept in English. The task, similar to an assessment test, was implemented at the end of last term. On Monday, our Year 4 and Year 6 teachers moderated each child's work to ensure there is consistency of judgement between all teachers at our school. A cluster based moderation will be held next week. Our teachers will be involved in further moderation with teachers from Kenmore, Kenmore South and Chapel Hill State Schools. This cluster moderation will ensure consistency of judgement across all schools in our district and provide our teachers with a greater appreciation of the standard of teaching at our school in comparison to other schools. Information gained from each child's performance in the QCATs will be used to inform our planning and teaching practice in coming units of work.

Each Year 4 and Year 6 child will receive an

A-E rating for the QCAT on their report card at the end of this semester. Parents are most welcome to make appointments with their child's teacher to find out more about the QCAT (Common Assessment Task). Thank you to our teachers for their professionalism and hard work in regards to the QCATs.

New Tuckshop Menu



Make sure you have received your copy new tuckshop menu included with the last newsletter. Our wonderful tuckshop convenor, and all those fantastic volunteers who work in our school tuckshop each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, have put together a delicious new menu that includes a number of homemade items. Did you know that Kim Bishop makes Bolognaise sauce with spaghetti? She also makes mini chicken and corn quiches her own homemade pizza and fried rice; and a delicious sweet jaffle that is made from raisin bread and filled with apple, banana and honey (it tastes delicious!). The daily specials are also good - Sushi is popular as are the Vietnamese rice paper rolls with teriyaki chicken.

By making these foods at school, Kim is able to ensure the foods your child is eating are low in fat, salt and sugar and still taste delicious!!! Thankyou for all the wonderful things you have done with our tuckshop Kim. Thank you to all the parents who volunteer at the tuckshop and support our school. Kim recently commented at a P&C meeting about the large amount of support the tuckshop is getting, and the very happy and positive feeling among all the parents this year!!!

If you would like to help, meet some new friends, donate goods or simply order some delicious food for your children, contact the tuckshop or our school office. Make sure you get your new menu this week.

Phone Trees (Contact Phone Lists)

Included with today's newsletter, each family will receive a green booklet, A4 size, with the school crest on the cover. This booklet contains a list contact phone numbers for children in each class at our school. I have no doubt you will find this a very useful resource.

A VERY BIG thankyou to Bronwyn and Richard Toft from Brookfield Veterinary Clinic who have organised and funded the production of this booklet for all families at our school!

From The Deputy - Karen O'Neill

I am delighted to be back at Brookfield after my short term stay at Mt Crosby. Whilst it was a valuable experience to act as Principal and there were many things to observe at a new location, it is great to be back. It is amazing the amount of things that have happened in the short time whilst I was away. I would like to acknowledge the work that Ms Wendy Woods and Ms Nikki Spanner did whilst acting as Deputy Principal in my absence.

ANZAC Day March

This Saturday, 25 April, members of our school community have been invited to attend the march and memorial service to commemorate this year's ANZAC Day at the Kenmore War Memorial.

We will need to assemble at the Catholic Church at 7:45am (look for Mrs Drew), with the march commencing at 8:15am. The memorial service will conclude at 9:15am approximately.



Children attending the march are asked to wear their school uniform, including their hat and bring along a water bottle. It would be great to see as many students and parents as possible there on the day.

ANZAC Day Service

This Thursday, 23 April, members of the senior band will be performing at our school's

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