

From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

Principal's Feedback

It was a pleasure to return to school this week and receive warm and happy greetings from children all over the school. Your children bring much pleasure to our lives.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Carolyn Carey who acted as Principal during my absence and to Mr Kieron Skehan (6B) who acted as Deputy Principal, thankyou for your hard work and leadership of our school.

Human Relationships Education (HRE) Program

This evening, we will hold the first of our Human Relationships Education (HRE) sessions for Year 4 and 5 children and their parents. The HRE program is designed to provide factual information about changes to their bodies that children will experience as they move towards puberty. Parents are requested to attend with their children and children are asked to sit with their parent during the session. Jennifer Mason, our presenter from Centacare, is a registered nurse who has a friendly and straight forward manner and she relates well to the children. The session will run from 7pm to 8.30pm in our school hall. I encourage all year 4 and 5 children (and a parent) to attend. Our P & C is funding this program. Thank you P & C.

Year 6 and 7 HRE evening will be held on Tuesday 27 Oct 7pm to 8.30pm in the school hall.

Brookfield Social Skills Information Session

Last term, I presented an information session for parents outlining the Brookfield SS Social Skills program that will be implemented next year. In the session, I explained the theory which underpins effective social skills programs and why our staff have selected the "Friends" and "Rock and Water" programs. I also gave an overview of both programs, how our staff will work with the programs in their classrooms and the aim of each program.

Some parents were unable to attend the session last term and have asked me to present this information session again. As a result, I will repeat the information session on Thursday 22 October at 9.35am in our school hall (following Junior Assembly) Interested parents from Prep - Year 7 are invited to attend.

Principal: Helen Kenworthy

Deputy Principal: Carolyn Carey

P & C President: Ross Jarden

Year 5 Camp

At the end of last term, our Year 5 children and teachers attended their annual camp, this year at Edmund Park near Laidley. The two night camp offered a program designed to teach children about themselves, understand their strengths, fears, feelings and thinking. The children were involved in activities including climbing trees, high harness swing, bush activities and more. The camp was excellent, educational, well organised and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children arrived home exhausted but full of interesting tales. A very big thankyou to Ms Wendy Woods (4/5) who organised the camp and to Mr Dillon (5C), Mrs Sheridan (5A) who also gave their time for the camp. A great learning experience for all the children!

Pupil Free Day - Monday 19 October

Learnathon

It never ceases to amaze me what a wonderful and supportive community Brookfield is. Your support of our school is outstanding and the recent Learnathon is an example of how wonderful Brookfield families are in assisting our school. The enormous effort of all children and families has raised \$13,600 for our school. Wow! Fantastic! Wonderful! A great effort. These funds will be used to purchase a new computer for every classroom (an order for 20 computers was placed this week). Thankyou so much to all children who worked hard to learn their facts and who raised so much money for our school. Thankyou parents! Thankyou teachers for supporting the Learnathon and helping children learn their facts. A very, very special thankyou to Mrs Mandy Salisbury who organised the whole Learnathon, questions, letters home, prizes, etc. This is a fundraising event for our school. The children who raised the most money and won a prize are:

Overall highest money raiser was Rebecca Allman 5A who won a Movie Party Fun Pack.

Top 20 children who raised the most money are:

Abi Allman 4/5, Lisa Gasparon 6A, Elijah Speck 5A, Anika Voerman 6A, Mark Krkobabic 7B, Charlotte Kennedy 6B, Kit Leavesley 3C, Veronica Kenworthy 7B, Oliver Hewett 2/1, Mackenzi Wareham 5A, Nina Harrison 6B, Jordana Wareham 6B, Zara Wareham 2A, Georgia Bishop 2A, Sarah Bonner 1A, Katy Bonner 3B, Benjamin Mutch 6B, Lachlan Mutch 4B, Isaac Wan Lum 3B, Emily Sale 7A.

Winner of the "Random Prize Draw" is Bethany Costello 2A who

won a Movie Party Fun Pack.

The class that raised the most money was Mrs Sheridan's 5A and they won an Ice-cream Party.

Like Spellathons and Walkathons we had when we were kids, this event is a fun way for children to help our school. Computers for each classroom will be labelled with a notice to acknowledge children that they paid for it. Thank you.

Congratulations Mrs Hyde!

Congratulations to Melissa Ashton who was married over the holidays to her partner Dan Hyde. We wish Melissa and Dan all the best!



Teacher Transfers

Recently, Education Queensland released teacher transfers for the 2010 school year. At Brookfield, two of our teachers will be transferred to other schools at the end of this year - Mr Yehuwdiy Dillon (5C) has been transferred to Camira State School and Mrs Debbie McLean (Prep Teacher currently on leave) has been transferred to Carole Park State School. We wish Yehuwdiy and Debbie all the best for the coming years in their new schools and thank them for the contribution they have made to Brookfield SS over the years. Our staff will farewell these teachers towards the end of term.

A number of teachers have been trans-

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ferred into Brookfield SS for 2010. They are - Ms. Rebecca Moore from Oxley SS; Ms. Margaret Dixon from Serviceton South SS and Ms. Lisa Bundock-Smith from Oakleigh SS. We welcome all of these teachers and know they will enjoy their years at Brookfield.

NAPLAN Results

Once again, students at Brookfield State School have achieved very good results in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are formal, national test instruments that are designed to assist schools in maintaining areas of strength, improving areas of weakness, providing strategies for additional support, refining class and school programs in Literacy and Numeracy, and in allocating resources.

Overall, results in Queensland improved and Brookfield State School's results once again place our school amongst the top schools in the State. Our school's performance on the test is provided in the table below. This table gives Brookfield State School's mean score for each year level and each area of the test then compares our mean score to the National Mean Score and the percentage of children who achieved above the National Minimum Standard. Results published recently in the Courier Mail indicate the "top five schools in Queensland". The Courier Mail identified

those schools as schools where 100% of children had achieved above the National Minimum Standard in all areas of the test. Some of our children find this test extremely challenging and we will continue to provide additional support for these children.

Overall, our results are very good and we will continue to work towards improving our teaching and learning practices in all areas.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers go to Kevin Dunstan and children Angela (4A) and Genevieve (3 years old) for the sudden death of their mother Leanne, at home in Upper Brookfield on Saturday afternoon. Leanne Dunstan (nee Boyes) grew up in Brookfield and is the step daughter of Ian Perrett. She was 41 years old. We are deeply saddened by this news.

School Financial Audit

Every three years, Education Queensland undertakes a financial audit of schools in Queensland. Next week, Brookfield SS will participate in this audit with a District Auditor (Mr. John Quinn) in attendance at our school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our Business Services manager, Mrs Beryl Paragreen, and office staff have worked hard to gather all the information our auditor requires. We look forward to our tri-annual audit as a means of reviewing school financial procedures and identifying areas for refinement. Procedures in the office will continue as normal during our school audit.

Showgrounds Carpark

Please note the following rules for use of the carpark area in the Brookfield Showgrounds:

One way traffic flow, please be patient traffic moves slowly.

Do Not overtake or pass cars (some parents are overtaking other vehicles while they are stopped to pick up children).

Children are to wait inside the school gate until your vehicle arrives close to the gate (please do not call your children out to your vehicle while you are waiting in the queue of traffic).

Children and adults are required to walk behind parked vehicles and are not allowed to walk

NAPLAN RESULTS

Year 3

Mean Score	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Numeracy
Brookfield SS	420	429	402	424	415
National	411	414	405	420	394

Year 5

Mean Score	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Numeracy
Brookfield SS	542	505	491	531	525
National	494	485	487	500	487

Year 7

Mean Score	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Numeracy
Brookfield SS	578	560	548	574	569
National	541	533	540	540	544

Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 8 am to 9 am in A Block (next to the Library).

Otherwise by appointment - Helen 3202 6553

through the carpark (this is extremely dangerous).

Exiting the carpark from the driveway at the school house is LEFT TURN ONLY into Boscombe Road. This may mean you drive a little further to get home but it's safer for the children.

Please put the safety of children first, be patient, take a few minutes longer rather than cause danger to a child.

Have you started walking/riding to school? Rafting Ground Road Closure is coming soon: Monday 16 November.

Mrs Jenny Needham Retirement Dinner

Prior to recently taking leave, Mrs. Jenny Needham taught Year 2 at Brookfield SS for 13 years. Mrs Needham will retire from teaching next month and we are inviting all members of the community to join us to celebrate Jenny's career. A special "Meet and Greet" coffee on the verandah followed by Senior Assembly will be held on Wednesday 28 Oct. More information will be sent home soon. Please note the date. All welcome.

Grounds Work

Work will commence this week to remove paving from outside the Year 6/7 classrooms and replace it with new concrete. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Access to Showgrounds carpark will be disrupted during the work.

*Helen Kenworthy
Principal*

ICAS Maths Competition

Honour Board

High Distinction

Year 4

Jordan Bailey, Sean Riek

Year 5

Jeremy Hunt

Distinction

Year 4

Helen Yesberg, Renee Lake, Abigail Allman

Year 5

Becky Allman, Anna Bruck, Reuben Dutton,

Jordy Hill, Zoe Jeffrey

Year 6

Madeleine Murphy, Alexander Thomas

Year 7

Hannah Smith-Roberts

Credit

Year 4

Rana Dickson, Hannah Doret, William Eberhardt, Phoebe Lam, Claire Orr, Olivia Wallace

Year 5

Nicholas Horsley, Lena Separovich, Lachlan

Adams, Caden Atzeni, Georgia McArdle,

Kristen Dalton, Harry Duckworth,

Thomas Gardener, Hugo Kjenzle,

Emily Smith-Roberts

Year 6

Thomas Barker, Sarah Maxwell, Patrick Penny

Year 7

Ben Ferro, Mark Krkobabic, Kitty MacDonald,

Bindi Nguyen



Happy Birthday

Music News



Senior Band and Senior String Ensemble students received information about workshops being run in conjunction with the Queensland Orchestra over the next fortnight. These sessions are designed to give students an opportunity to work with professional musicians to improve their overall technique, as well as learn general ensemble protocols. Please make sure that permission notes are returned by Thursday this week. Both ensembles will be working on their pieces for the Brisbane Bands competition next weekend. Remember to keep the practice going so that we can make a great impression at this event.

Our end of year concerts are set for Thursday, November 19. All students involved in extracurricular music will be involved. The afternoon concert (2 -3 pm) will feature the Junior Choir, Intermediate Choir, Boys Choir, Intermediate Strings, Year 3 Strings and Junior Band. The evening concert (beginning 7pm) will involve the Senior Strings, Senior Band, Senior Choir and Senior Vocal Group. Mark the date in your diaries and prepare to be amazed by what your children can do!

Tuckshop Roster

Wednesday 21/10 Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Sarah Edwards, Cath Kennedy, Natalie Carter, Liz Terry, Sonya Gartner, Leng Haynes-Lovell
Thursday 22/10 Paula Sale, Shona Fisher, Pauline Brothers, Karen Mallet, Michelle Vett, Susan Mallet

Home Baking Roster

Wednesday 21/10 Heidi Roehrs, Natalie Carter, Peta McDonald-Smith, Sonya Gartner
Thursday 22/10 Paula Sale, Shona Fisher

Donation Roster

Wednesday 21/10 Peta McDonald-Smith
Thursday 22/10 Megan Leggett, Olga Riha



Print Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm

Instrumental beginners 2010

Testing of all Year 2 and all year 4 students for involvement in next year's Instrumental Program has begun. Next week, these students will be attending a demonstration in our school hall to view the instruments available for tuition. The Year 2 students will be seeing our Junior Strings on Tuesday, October 20 at 9:15 am, while the Year 4 students will be watching the Junior Band perform on Thursday, October 22, at 1:45. Parents are most welcome to attend these demonstrations. Don't forget to return your Expression of Interest forms to the office by October 23 so that your child can be considered for a place in our program in 2010.

Intermediate Strings

There will be no rehearsal next Tuesday morning, 20 October, but please still bring your instruments to school for lessons.

Melissa McMillan

2010 Back to School Book Orders!

REMINDER - Book Pack Orders Due
Tuesday 27 October 2009!

By now you should have received your booklist. Please don't forget to place your order for next year's book pack via the order form issued to your child, or online at: www.campion.com.au. The deadline is **TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER**. If you need another copy of the list, please see your class teacher or the office staff. Please note that unfortunately Pellegrini's no longer offer the book covering service. Any queries or concerns, please email Tina Hill: tinahill123@hotmail.com.

Tina Hill

Wow! I Never Knew Science Could Do That! . . .

When we were lead down to the hall where the science show was said to begin, I, and I'm sure most of 3B didn't know what to expect. Certainly not what we saw when we stepped into the hall. Large glass balls with electric bands of varying colours, emitted glows and size, making them look like a huge, bloodshot eye.

Several tables had been put up overnight or earlier, and on top lay toy playthings, we were told and very soon found out, had everything to do with science, along with the many other gadgets displayed.

As we sat down in the free- of - tables space in the hall, we were explained and introduced to the puzzling objects by the director of the whole thing, a woman called Barbara and her helper, Brian.

Soon we were roaming about, testing those robots there, and these eye - curiosities here, not to mention those games and solar - powered things that I never knew existed before. To say it was merely exciting would be a gross miscarriage of justice. It was absolutely **AMAZING!**

But all too soon it was time to go. I could hardly believe two hours had already passed (the exhibit had started at 9:00 and, according to our timetable, ended at 11:00)!

By Sarah

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues for Issue 7 have now been distributed and orders should be returned to the orange Scholastic box at the Office by **Friday 23 October**. Don't forget that

books make great presents so start your Christmas shopping now! Any problems call Deb Allman on 0439 755942.

Deb Allman

Bellbowrie's Annual LIGHT PARTY!

What is a light party? It is an alternative to Halloween that gives children all the fun of dressing up in cheerful costumes and playing games and having lollies without walking dark streets, visiting strangers' houses and frightening the cats with spooky black outfits.

Where: Bellbowrie Community Church

When: Saturday 31 October

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$2 donation - Sausage sizzle and party food included.

Light sticks and soft drinks on sale. Children dress up, but as something that is positive and exciting like superheroes, animals, fairies etc. They play games and, yes, they will still get their lollies.

Remember to dress up (please wear shoes) and invite a friend.

For any further information call Paul Vandersee 0416 199 653 or Debbie Grey 0439 185 048.



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