

TERM 2 WELCOME

Welcome back to Term 2. A very special welcome to the new families joining our school this week. Nine new children have enrolled at Brookfield this week and we trust they and their families will have a most enjoyable time of learning and friendship at Brookfield State School.

BROOKFIELD SHOW COUNTDOWN STARTS



It's time to start dusting off those paints, brushes, glue, needle and cotton, crochet hooks, hammer and nails and the like for the 2008 Brookfield Show next month.

Although the show itself isn't until May 16-18, mums and dads should note it's just over two weeks until adult art entries close on May 1. Students should be thinking about their craft, art and wood work, with three weeks until masterpieces have to be delivered to the stewards at the showground's. Needlework should be well and truly underway already and entries can be posted in anytime or delivered to Brookfield by arrangement. Stewards are also looking for help beforehand to handle entries and during the show with exhibits. Entry forms, volunteer forms and details are available now at www.brookfieldshow.com

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our staff were busy involved in professional development workshops on Monday (Pupil Free Day). Music staff attended music workshops, Prep staff attended a Prep reflection day and other staff were involved in workshops on Professional Standards for Teachers, assessment and reporting, and Unit Planning. The day was very productive for all staff.

BROOKFIELD STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Next week our school will hold our annual Cross Country Carnival. The Cross Country Carnival involves all children and all classes on our school oval at 9.15am next Thursday 24 April. Different age groups will participate at different times with the Carnival finishing at approximately 11am.

Each year level has walked through the 'course' designated for their age group. Early years (P-3) compete on a course that is in the school grounds while older year levels (4-7) have courses that increase in distance with age group and involve circuits outside the school grounds (Year 6 and 7 running along Moggill Creek and Rafting Ground Rd). Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. Many families bring comfy chairs and picnic rugs and sit on the hill beside our oval to watch the events and cheer the children on. If you do not want your child to participate in the cross country, please send your request in writing to your child's class teacher before Thursday 24 April.

TUCKSHOP

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Tuckshop at 1st break on Thursday 24 April due to the Cross Country. Children must bring their own food. 1st break will occur immediately after the Cross Country finishes. 2nd break Tuckshop **will be available.**

ANZAC DAY SERVICE



All classes at our school will participate in an Anzac Day service to remember those Australian men and women who have serviced our country in war. Our Anzac service will be held in front of our school administration building on the morning of

Monday 28th April at 9.15am.

A representative from the Kenmore/Moggill RSL will attend and participate in the service. Mrs Hilary Sheridan (7A) and Year 6/7 Events Group members will plan and conduct the service. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP



A huge thankyou to Helen Orr (Claire 3A and Thomas 1A) who willingly gave her time on Monday to help all the new children fit and purchase school uniforms so they could start school on Tuesday morning. Thanks Helen your efforts in the shop are very much appreciated.

Thanks also to the team of voluntary parents who have worked in the Uniform Shop this week to sort and distribute winter uniforms. A great effort. Orders were sent home via children this week.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL POSITION

This week Mrs Kenworthy received applications for the position of Deputy Principal at Brookfield SS to commence in Semester 2 this year. Mrs Kenworthy will be absent from school from 12 noon on Thursday as she attends Recruitment and Selection Process training. She will chair the selection panel over the next weeks. The panel involves two other principals Mr Ian Hall (Graceville SS) and Ms Vicki Sparkes (Petrie Tce SS).



JUNIOR CHESS

Junior Chess will not commence for Term 2 until Wednesday 7th May. Apologies are given for the inconvenience. Nicki Jones

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Every year staff and students at Brookfield SS select a group of children to be the "Leaders" of our school for the year. These children demonstrate leadership skills, and strengths in many areas. It is always a difficult task as many, many of our students demonstrate these capabilities. In an effort to acknowledge that all our students have leadership potential and to build the skills of leadership in each child, we have organised a "Leadership Day" this Thursday 17 April. The full day program will be held in our school hall and run by two leaders from the Australian Youth Development Association. All children in years 6 and 7 will be involved in the day. There will be three sessions

1. **Belief in Self** focusing on knowing what you want; what drives you; the impact of your actions on others; believe in you and having the drive and focus others will follow; identifying the qualities you live everyday.

2. **Belief in Others** recognising how we impact on others; making good choices for self; awareness that action and words impact on those around you; coaching and helping not ordering people around.

3. **Belief in a Goal** what are we going to do; how are we going to lead? The power of a common goal (This session will involve children in their leadership groups with their teacher representative ie, Media Group, Under 8's Group, Environment Group, etc).

It will be a very worthwhile day for our students and our school is funding half the cost for each child.

We will look at the possibility of a follow-up day later in the year. AYDA has also discussed the possibility of a "Dads and Sons" weekend where interested Dads and sons participate in a weekend that is eventful and challenging (Previous weekends have included Mountain Bikes at Maleny or Yachting on Moreton Bay). Look out for this event later in the year.

ROCK AND WATER PROGRAM

Mr Tony Pritchard (5B) and Mr Kieron Skehan (6A) have spent the first two days of this week attending a course titled "The Rock and Water Program". This program uses skills for physical and social teaching with boys (and girls too). Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The program leads from simple self defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. Topics include: intuition, body

language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising. The Rock and Water concept is based on the immovable rock attitude verses the mobile, communicative water attitude. While this program is specifically designed for boys, girls can profit from and enjoy the program as much as boys do but we acknowledge that girls clearly differ at a number of levels. They have to go on a different path of development and are confronted with different tasks of development so the Rock and Water Program is designed to be run in gender specific groups. We look forward to learning from our two teachers as we look at implementing the program this year.

GROUNDS WORK



A great deal was achieved during the one week break. Our playground outside the Prep classrooms has been completed. This project was a vision in Mrs Pam Swales mind and is now completed. The project includes a colourful feature tile wall with the faces of all the children in the first year of Brookfield Prep 2007. There are also tiles of Prep teachers, aides and of course Mrs Swales.

The landscaping was also completed making a wonderful play area for all our students to use. The "creekbed" will be enjoyed in fantasy play and exploration by our younger students no doubt. We have yet to glue shells around the sandpit and steering wheel and telescope to the stage area. A life buoy would finish everything off so if you spot one in your travels and can donate it to our school we'd love it!!

A big thankyou to Mrs Sue Biffin who has organised the completion of this work and came in during her vacation to glue tiles on the wall. Thanks also to Mr Yehudiy Dillon who came in to assist her and to groundsman Mr Malcolm Leaman. Ollie Lind (Groundsman) did all the wonderful, colourful painting (including the classroom doors) and the landscaping was done by S & E Landscapers. We are sure this area will be well used and enjoyed by our children for many years.

SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS

We are delighted to see the completion of the two netball courts at our school. These beautiful courts, located below the tennis courts, are very professional with their green painted surface and yellow line markings. Our students will be able to access the courts from Monday next week. We look forward to many years of great opportunities for our children in using the courts for different purposes during PE lessons, class time, lunch breaks and before and after school coaching. Our P&C has created another wonderful play

space for our children. The courts are accessible from our oval and a teacher will be on duty in the area around and including the courts (cubby house area and area beside creek) so that all children can access these spaces. We have employed the services of an environmental architect to design a revegetation plan for the area and will consult Moggill Creek Catchment Group for advice on re-planting this area and the neighbouring water corridor.

We thank the Brookfield SS P&C Assoc. and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for funding this project. The success of the project would not have been achieved without the enormous contribution of time, energy and support from Randolf Wirkus (Isabelle 7A and Martin 3A). Randolf has voluntarily given many, many hours of his time to manage this project, co-coordinating equipment and staff for the installation and painting of the two courts. This voluntary effort is very much appreciated by the children, staff and families at our school and we thank Randolf for all he has done over the last 6 months. Thankyou Randolf!

FRIDAY BROOKFIELD SHOWGROUNDS BBQ

Last year our P&C Assoc was approached by Monica Wareham (Zara1/2, Kenzi 4/5, Jordi 5B) to organise and run a monthly Food Bar at the Brookfield Showground's on Friday evenings. Monica then enlisted the help and support of other parents for this event. These parents work with Monica to cook sausages, steak, etc and make delicious hamburgers for patrons of the Bar and sell raffle tickets. This is a voluntary activity by Monica and a big group of other parents in supporting our P&C Assoc and our School. WOW!! What a success it has been. Monica and her hard working supporters raise between \$700 and \$1000 each month for our school. Thankyou Monica and Co.!!!

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

Junior Assembly this week will be cancelled this week due to the hall being used for our special Year 6 and 7 Leadership Day.

Please note - Junior Assembly will now be held at **9am each Thursday morning** as this is a preferred time for our students. Parents and Caregivers are always welcome to attend our assembly.

SCIENCE CLUB

We have had an overwhelming response from our students to join the Science Club. Our first session will take place this Thursday at 3pm in the undercover area next to the Prep classrooms. If you have not yet sent

your payment of \$10 for resources, please make payment and place in a named envelope and place in All Returns Box in the office. Themes for experiments during the Term include:

**Bizarre Beginnings
(Chemistry)**

**Crime Scene Investigation
(Chemistry)**

**Easily Broken
(Biology)**

**Wacky Weather!
(Environment)**

**When Push Comes to Shove
(Physics)**

**There's Air in There
(Flight)**

**Waves of Science
(Sound)**

**Hot Topics
(Heat and absorption)**

**Out of this world!
(Space)**

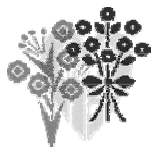
Technology

Science Club students and families are invited to the South East Queensland Astronomical Society View the Stars evening on Friday June 13, 2008 at school.



HARMONY DAY

Congratulations to Staff and Students for a most enjoyable Harmony Day. Our Junior school participated in rotational activities during the morning focused on anti bullying strategies using Walk, Talk and Squawk! During the middle session they celebrated National Values and also learnt about understanding tolerances and diversity. Middle and Upper school students helped Buddy Classes and focused on anti bullying strategies using drama activities and giving compliments to others. The event culminated with the whole school creating a colourful paper Harmony Day chain carrying goodwill messages. Harmony Day reinforces lifelong learning skills that we promote on a daily basis.



CROSS COUNTRY



20 litre water containers are needed for our school Cross Country. If you are able to assist the school, please leave well named containers with the school office before Wednesday 23 April. Thankyou

BROOKFIELD SHOW CAKE STALL



This year the school will again be holding a "Cake Stall" at the Brookfield Show. We are therefore seeking donations of the following:

Jams, Chutneys, Preserves, Pickles, Fresh Flowers and Herbs along with Cakes, Slices, Muffins etc. We thought we would give you as much notice as possible to allow time to plan or bake. If you are unable to bake but would like to assist in some other way, we would be happy to accept donations of fruit, veggies, eggs. Flour. Sugar, chocolate, lollies, jars and cake mixes and will turn them into something wonderful! If you would like any further information or can contribute in anyway, please contact Helen at Michael.Westenberg@bigpond.com or Helen on 0409478860 ; Mel at Mcardle@05@bigpond.com or on 0402907609. Thankyou

BURGER BAR



We had a huge night at the Happy Hour Bar on the Friday night school finished! We raised an amazing \$1140 in total. Thank you very much to our fabulous volunteers Kimberley and Adrian Murphy, Ross Jarden and Raffle extraordinaire Megan Leggett. A big thank you also to Candlelight Lodge Thredbo and Rae Park agistment for donating prizes for the raffle. The kids were a great help on the night as well! Thank you Elise Baglot, Georgia, Maddy and Seamus Murphy, Eliza and Georgie Donaldson, Maddy and Annabelle Blair and Jordi and Kenzi Wareham. If you missed out on this one, the next night is on the 2nd of May, starting at 6pm at the Showgrounds.

BURGER BAR RAFFLE PRIZES

At the monthly Friday Night Burger Bar we hold a raffle. The prizes have always been donated by local businesses and families

from our school and family businesses. We really appreciate their generosity and are looking for more families who would also like to donate. Some ideas are Gold Class tickets, chocolates, alcohol, gourmet goodies, vouchers for groceries, massage or dining out or anything specific to your business. It's any easy way to help the school raise funds. Please phone Megan Leggett on 0408722204 if you would like to donate.

Curriculum & Learning

FOCUS : Poetry Extension

Today we have hosted an enthusiastic and talented visiting poet, Jo Hinchliffe. During the day she conducted five different poetry writing workshops with students from years 2 - 7. These students had been identified by their teachers as displaying a particular love and talent for writing. Teachers participating in the sessions will be sharing Jo's varied poetry techniques with the whole staff, so that all our students can benefit from this unique opportunity. We will choose ways to share the poetry with the wider community.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2008/09

Just a reminder that books are now available anytime by contacting Deb Allman on 33741923 or 0439 755942 or by calling into Uniform Shop on Friday mornings. Books cost only \$60 and are a great gift idea for Mothers Day!! Why give Mum just one gift or treat when you can give a book packed full of them!!!! If you are unsure what is included in the book just call into the office and look at the sample copy on show there.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Issue 3 catalogues have been sent out today and orders should be completed and returned to the orange box at the school office by Wed 30 April please. Any queries please contact Deb Allman on 33741923 or 0439 755942.