

ELECTION DAY STALL



Our Election Day Stall was a great success, our P&C profit for the day was **\$2018.95**. A mighty effort! Thank-you to our well-organised coordinators, Julie Baglot (Elise Yr4/5 & Trent Yr2) and Liz Cuffe (Lauren & Stewart Yr2), thanks also to everyone who helped by donating home baking and all who gave their time to work on the stall selling cakes, raffle tickets and cooking sausages.

SCHOOL DISCO



Our Term 1 School Disco will be held on Friday, 28 March, 2008. This is an opportunity for the children to interact socially with a range of age groups. The first disco is for children in Prep to Year 3. It runs from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Please note it is not compulsory for children to attend and sometimes the large group of children and the loud music is overwhelming for the younger children (particularly Prep age). Many Prep children don't attend a school disco until later in the year, we hold another disco at the end of Term 3. Our enthusiastic and dedicated teachers supervise the event. The Senior Disco is for children in Years 4 to 7 and runs from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please note that children who are not currently enrolled at Brookfield State School cannot attend the disco (this applies to brothers and sisters too). We apply very strict rules at school discos and ask parents to deliver and collect children from the hall verandah so we can ensure all children are accounted for and leave with the correct parent. We will not allow children to leave the hall and wait on the footpath for you to drive by and pick them up. Please park and come in and collect your child. Our enthusiastic and dedicated teachers supervise the Senior disco too.

A suggestion was made at the last P&C Meeting to combine the disco and P&C Welcome BBQ. As these two events have different purposes and our school staff are responsible for the safety and behaviour of all children, we will **not** be combining the two events. Our staff would like to be able to join families at the Welcome BBQ and meet them too. Some parents may choose to wait at the school during the disco (particularly the younger grades) and are welcome to do so. Please note however that your children will not be allowed to come and go from the hall to you during the night as the same rules apply to all children attending the disco.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET



At this time of the year Principals across Queensland are finalising our 2008 Annual Report and Budget. This year's Brookfield State School budget will continue to have a strong focus on supporting students in their learning, supporting teachers with relevant professional development, purchasing resources for specific curriculum areas and facility maintenance.

YEAR 5 CAMP



The first part of this week our Year 5 students, and wonderful Year 5 teachers- Mr Tony Pritchard, Miss Wendy Woods, Mr Yehuwdiy Dillon, and an adventurous parent Mrs Elizabeth Maxwell and a thrill-seeking teacher aide, Mrs Denise Wayne had a 3 day camp at the picturesque country venue at Midginbil Camp near Murwillumbah in Northern NSW. Co-operative, team-building learning experiences are a strong feature in the Camp's program. Students enjoyed the wide variety of camp activities including low ropes courses, team building games and star gazing, night hiking, archery and canoeing. Thank-you Year 5

Teachers, Mrs Maxwell & Mrs Wayne for your time and extra care of our students at this very worthwhile, exciting learning experience.

CHANNEL 7 HELICOPTER VISIT



Our students welcomed the Channel 7 helicopter with a 60 on the oval today. 60 being the minutes you need to save power on 29th March, 2008. Weatherman John Schluter accompanied by WWF representative Rebecca Richardson visited the school today to promote Earth Hour. Remember **you can make a difference** not just on 29th March, 2008 but everyday. Earth Hour 2008 is a global event to combat climate change. Everyone can participate to send a powerful message that it is possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We you to join with us on **Saturday 29th March**, 8.00-9:00pm. Switching off is a simple action that can make a difference, sending a powerful message that the people of the world care about the future of the planet. To register your home and for further information: <http://www.earthhour.org/> Facing up to climate change is about making a difference today for future generations. We hope you will join our school in supporting this initiative.

MUSIC MESSAGE



The District Camp Auditions will be held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at Graceville State School. A note will be sent home for selected students giving further details. We wish all students auditioning the very best of luck.

HARMONY DAY

This Friday 21st March is officially Harmony Day. It is celebrated each year and is about bringing people together to celebrate Australia's community harmony, participation and cultural diversity. Due to the Easter break we shall have our Harmony Day Learning activities on Thursday, 3rd April. This is a day our school focuses on 'Getting along' strategies and accepting differences. On this day we shall celebrate the harmony we so often take for granted at our school.

On Harmony Day your child will design a postcard with a special message we ask for your support in posting this for your child to a friend or relative to spread the important Harmony Day message.



EARTH HOUR

By Kelsey Shaw

Environment Leadership Group

On March 29 from 8pm till 9pm you can do your bit to save the planet by doing a little thing like switching all the lights off in your house. This is called Earth Hour. Your lights use electricity which uses a lot of energy. By using energy more efficiently we can help control climate change.

At least twenty-four cities from around the world will be in darkness on March 29. This is all to try and save the planet. So when you get home tell your Mum, Dad and friends to turn off their lights on March 29, 8pm-9pm for one whole hour and help make a difference.

Visit www.earthhour.org to register.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Monday- Lunch, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Students born 1995, 1996 and 1997 run 3kms and students born 1998 run 2kms.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend training to improve their fitness. Our School Cross Country is on the 22nd April, 2008.

EASTER JOKES



What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A Hot Cross Bunny.

How do you post a bunny? Hare Mail.

EASTER BREAK

The date on which Easter falls varies from year to year. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical Full Moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter is therefore observed between late March and late April and can extend to early May in the Eastern Christian Churches. A little known fact is that the timing of the full moon is based upon the Metonic Cycle, a method of calculating the date of the full moon know to the ancient Greek astronomer Meton, who lived in the 5th Century BCE. Easter Sunday in the West can fall on any date from March 22 to April 25th. The year to year sequence is so complicated that it takes 5.7 million years to repeat. This year the early date for Easter has resulted in a change to the way we hold the end of Term 1 holiday. This won't happen again for another 130years. Wishing all a happy break from the usual routine. Take care on the roads and we look forward to your safe return on Tuesday.



STUDENT CARDS

Parents or Caregivers please return your child's/children's Confidential Students Cards to the office, as soon as possible. It is very important that all personal details are kept up to date in case of an emergency. Thankyou.

YEAR 7 NEWSDESK

There has been much buzz and excitement as the middle school students have commenced their advertising campaign to promote a nominated product. During their media studies, students have surveyed their target audience, graphed these results using excel, devised a company name and logo, created a slogan and jingle in order to advertise their product. They will prepare suitable eye catching packaging, and within their group, script an advertisement using various techniques. All this hard work, including their advertisement for their product will be showcased at an evening extravaganza early next term. Watch out for this date so you can attend this evening and marvel at the ingenuity of Brookfield students. Meanwhile all children have settled into the routine of the rotational afternoon activities. Children are encouraged to consult their diaries on a daily basis and note timetables which are displayed in each year 6/7 room in order to be fully prepared for the day's activities. Also recorded in their diaries, are dates when major pieces of assessment are due. Please keep an eye on these organizers.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

READ TO SUCCEED



One of the most important and valued gifts you can give your child is the love of reading. Reading is therapeutic, it expands the imagination and has many positive implications for learning. So these holidays treat yourself and your family to a new book or spend some time choosing one from the library. Indulge yourself and your children in a good read. Enjoy!

Curriculum & Learning

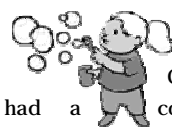
FOCUS : Showcase 08

We are entering a submission into the annual Showcase Awards for Excellence in Education. The submission is celebrating our Brookfield State School journey towards differentiation; the many ways we provide for the varied learners in our school.

The submission pays tribute to the vision of our principal Helen Kenworthy, the insight of our past deputy Pam Swales, the passion of the change process driver Elizabeth Bullock, the dedication and long term commitment of all staff members to developing their teaching practice and the support of the wider school community in their dedication to the education of their children.

As a school community, we have inspired other Brisbane schools to start their own journeys toward the positive school changes and benefits that can flow from differentiating for their students.

PREP PRECIOUS MOMENTS



Many precious moments happen in our Prep rooms. On visiting Prep last week I had a conversation with a student who told me she was having a great day. She said, she was really looking forward to after school too, as she was going to McDonalds with her sister and friends. I asked her why she liked McDonalds, smiling and very animatedly she replied " Cause they SELL WATER FOR FREE!"

MORE EASTER JOKES

What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?

One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny.



You are invited to the END of Term Disco

Who: P-3 Brookfield SS students

When: Friday, 28th March

Where: Our hall

Time: 6.00PM TO 7.00PM

Cost: \$6.00

Fully supervised by the Disco Diva staff



Who: Yr 4-7 Brookfield SS students

When: Friday, 28th March

Where: Our hall

Time: 7.30PM TO 9.00PM

Cost: \$6.00

Fully supervised by the Disco Diva staff.

(They will be supervised to and from toilets)

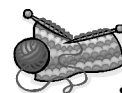
Parents please drop off & pick up students from the hall verandah

Note: students may not leave the hall during the disco.

Happy Birthday!

Charles Jones
Jordan Smith
Bailey Rubens
Charlotte Pilch
Lachlan Tewksbury
Hugh McPhee
Benjamin Mutch
Carragh Simpson
Veronica Kenworthy
Tayla Rosolak
Rory Kerr
Jordan Bailey

CRAFT NEWS



Due to the Good Friday Public holiday this, the craft group will not be held. Craft Group will resume next Friday 28th March 2008. If you are interested in joining the Craft Group or have any further enquiries, please contact Tina on 3374 0598 for details.



Easter Egg Chocolate Drive

Thank you to all the families who have returned the chocolate drive money!!!

There are 72 boxes of chocolates we are waiting on money to be returned. If you have not already done so, please return all monies to the office ASAP!

We still have 3 boxes of chocolates left to sell. If anyone can sell another box please contact the office or Teresa King 0421 919246.



10% off for all Brookfield State School families on mention of this ad

Tuckshop Roster

Wednesday 26/3 - Francia Delcid-Miller, Janet Sale, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon

Thursday 27/3 - Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Nicki Thorne, Sarah Stefanaras, Debra Woltmann

Baking Roster

Wednesday 26/3 - Francia Delcid-Miller, Janet Sale, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger

Thursday 27/3 - Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Sonya Gartner

Donation Roster

Wednesday 26/3 - Ann Junger, Stephanie Squire, Phillipa Devlin, Lisa Harragon

Thursday 27/3 - Kay Philipson, Sonya Gartner

