

Wednesday 26 August, 2009 Issue 27

## From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

### Heartfelt Thanks

My heartfelt thanks goes out to this wonderful community for the messages of support I received for the sudden death of my father. It was a very sad and traumatic experience, especially for my children. Flowers received from Brookfield P&C Assoc, Brookfield Staff, Brookfield RE Teachers and members of the community, cards of sympathy, messages of support, and attendance at the funeral gave us strength and encouragement during this very difficult time, thank you.

### Thankyou

A special thankyou to Mrs Carolyn Carey, who acted as Principal during my absence, Mr Kieron Skehan, who acted as Deputy Principal, and all school staff who pulled together to ensure everything at school ran smoothly. Please accept our apologies for any break down in communication which may have occurred during the busy days of the last two weeks. Your support of our school during this period has been most appreciated.

### Learnathon

It's Learnathon year again! Our school holds a Learnathon every second year and 2009 is that year. Learnathon means children in each year level learn a number of facts from different Key Learning Areas. For example, Year 7 children are learning 100 facts including spelling, SOSE facts (general knowledge), and number facts; and Prep children learn some facts related to their current unit of work (Solar System) as well as some obstacle course activities. Each year level learns facts and will be tested on this information. We aim to assist all children to achieve 100% in their test. Every child is required to participate whether they gain sponsorship or not. All children will receive a certificate of participation.

This is a fundraising activity for our school and in previous years has raised \$15,000 to purchase resources for children to use in classrooms. It is a great opportunity for the children to feel proud of themselves for buying resources they can use in their own classrooms. This year the funds will be used to buy a new computer for **EACH** classroom. The computer will be labelled with an acknowledgement that the children have paid for the computer

through our 2009 Learnathon. So we ask all children to learn their facts, get sponsorship, and raise lots of money for our school.

As well as a certificate for participation, great prizes will be given to the children who raise the most money. The 20 children across the whole school, who raise the most money after the overall winner, will **EACH** be presented with a large bag of prizes including book, science toy, sport toy, craft item, etc.

Two overall prizes will also be awarded. The two prizes are **Movie Fun Pack for 5 children** and **Cold Rock Voucher for after the movies**, one will be awarded to the student who raises the most money overall, the second will be a "random draw" giving every child in the school the opportunity to win a **Movie Fun Pack and Cold Rock Voucher** simply for learning their facts and completing the test.

So everyone needs to start learning their facts and get 100% correct. Good luck!

### School Photos

Each child has now received an order form for school photos. All classes will have photos taken on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Extra curricular group photos will be taken on Tuesday 15 September.

Please note, payment can be made on the company web site. You can make one payment for all children in your family (each child needs a separate order envelope). A processing fee of \$1.00 will be charged for each online payment. Please return your order envelopes to the office, also available are sibling envelopes for family photos only.

### New Playground Installed

Wow, our wonderful, new, junior playground has been installed and the children are very excited. Have you been in and seen it? Colourful, climbing, fun, equipment! Thanks Chris Steele and team for applying for funding and organising the new playground! We love it!

### Staff Professional Development

This Wednesday afternoon, staff from local schools and Brookfield will work together with 10 Science teachers from Kenmore High to look at student writing in Science. The two and half hour workshop will look at Science knowledge, skills and literacy which primary age children need to learn in order to improve the standard of their

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**Deputy Principal: Carolyn Carey**

**P & C President: Ross Jarden**



written Science Reports. The workshop will be held in our hall from 3.30pm.

### Principal Courses

Next week I will be absent from school from Tuesday to Friday. I am attending a training program about NAPLAN Data and how to make the best use of the data each school receives. I will then be required to train other principals in schools in the Kenmore Cluster. On Thursday and Friday I will then be involved in a strategic leaders course away from the school. During the four days I am away, Carolyn Carey will be acting as Principal and Kieron Skehan will act as Deputy Principal.

*Helen Kenworthy  
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### From the Deputy Principal

#### Opti-Minds

Well done to our teams who performed at the Opti-Minds Tournament on Saturday. Although not gaining any places, the teams did themselves proud. It's all about the process, the team work and the answering of the challenge points. All groups created a new piece of drama on their own while working totally independently. Thank you to Mrs McNeil and all of the parents for their support.

#### Senior's Music Concert

All our music groups have been practicing very hard in preparation for our annual Music Concert for Senior Citizens of local aged homes and for our own Grandparents this Monday from 9.45am. Don't forget to bring a plate of food to share.

#### Year 4 Camp

There were a lot of excited young people outside of the office yesterday morning. It was great to hear the sound of laughter while the children were waiting to board the bus for their first school camp. Our Year 4 students are spending a night at Camp Warrawee and I am sure that they will have many stories to share upon their return.



#### Prep Orientation Morning

Just a reminder that our Prep Orientation Morning is being held on Thursday 10 Sep-

tember. If you know of any families who have children eligible for Prep next year, please let them know. There are two sessions: 9.15 – 10.30am and 7.00 – 8.30pm. Both sessions will be held in our school hall. Have a great week!

*Carolyn Carey  
ccaare7@eq.edu.au*

### Rafting Ground Road Closure

As many of you may know, Rafting Ground Rd will be closing for a culvert upgrade at the creek crossing near Rees Way at Huntington. Although there is still not a firm date, the closure could be as soon as the next few weeks. The road will be closed for 6 months approximately.

BCC have said that local residents will receive written notice of the closure up to two weeks in advance, and the road itself will have signage with closure details at that time also. BCC has assured us that there will be safe pedestrian, horse and bike access through the roadwork for the duration of the work.

**There are many of you who will be affected by this closure.** If you drive to school via the south side of the creek on Rafting Ground Rd your alternative route will be 8km around Kenmore to Brookfield Road. BCC will **not** be putting on bus services to shuttle from the closure to school. It will be possible to park near the road closure and walk the rest of the way, which is 1.2 km. We anticipate an informal version of the 'walk to school bus' will evolve between parents once the closure is established, and perhaps more local children will cycle to school. We are currently looking into the possibility of providing extra road safety education for children in anticipation of this.

That said, we are strongly recommending that those of you affected may want to start looking into car pooling options with local people in your areas. It might be a

good idea to explore possibilities / test things out with your friends, neighbours or class parents etc. If you have difficulties in finding other parents interested in car pooling, please pass on your contact details, including your address, email and phone number, to the email address listed below and we will try to put you in touch with other local people also looking for car pool options.

Updated information can be found in Cr Margaret de Wit's quarterly newsletters or on the council website:

[http://roads.mipo.jsadigital.com.au/Other\\_Road\\_Action\\_Program\\_projects/Rafting\\_Ground\\_Road\\_culvert\\_upgrade.aspx](http://roads.mipo.jsadigital.com.au/Other_Road_Action_Program_projects/Rafting_Ground_Road_culvert_upgrade.aspx).

During the road closure there will be more children walking and cycling between Green-trees Avenue and Boscombe Rd before and after school and **we urge all drivers to be extra vigilant when driving these roads at all times.**

*Phillippa Lynch & Liz Terry  
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### District Sports

The field events for the district athletics were held at UQ on Monday 17 August. Shade, suncream and lots of water were the order of the day as a scorcher was forecast. Tom Edwards 11year boys won the long jump with a huge jump of 3.95m. Spencer Cook 10 year boys came second in the Shot Put with an impressive throw of 7.99m. Carla Dreyer proved that practice makes for a great performance on the day with a third in the 11 year girls discus with a throw of 15.40m. All



**Our Opti-Minds team with Mrs McNeil**

### Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 8 am to 9 am in A Block (next to the Library).  
Otherwise by appointment - Helen 3374 3330

students acquitted themselves well against top class opposition. The following students deserve a special mention for finishing in the top eight of their event out of a possible field of 30 athletes.

#### Girls

Andrea Rogers 12 yrs 5<sup>th</sup> High Jump  
Marni Findlay 12yrs 8<sup>th</sup> Long Jump  
Carla Dreyer 11yr 5<sup>th</sup> Shot Put

#### Boys

Kotini Styles 11 yr, 5<sup>th</sup> Discus, 5<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
Pierce Cawte 11 yr, 6<sup>th</sup> Discus  
Lucus Bruck 13 yrs 6<sup>th</sup> Long Jump  
Jordy Hill 10 yrs 7<sup>th</sup> Long Jump

The track events for the district athletics were held at UQ on Wednesday 19 August. And what a glorious day it was; stunning weather, 12 district schools and a top class venue. In the girl's 9 years 80m final, Taylor McCarthy-Smith, Emily Rink and Lisa Dreyer all ran superbly and Lisa came third. She then went to fill in a place in the girl's under 10 relay and helped them make the final. She then stepped down to let the original runner into the team; the sign of a true champion and gracious team player. In the boy's 100m sprint final Mac Jarden came second and he then went on to win the 200m final in a gutsy effort that had the grandstand rocking. Mac epitomises Brookfield's sportsmanship and never-give-up attitude. He was second overall in the age champion

section. A special mention to Lena Separovich who came third in the 11 year girls 800m with an incredible run and to Beccy Gardener who came fourth in a extremely fast 12 yr girls 800m (her time in any other year would have seen her with a podium finish). Our boys under 10 relay team (Caden Atzeni, Jeremy Hunt, Jordy Hill and Louis Faux) came third, and our boys under 11 relay team (Ben Mutch, Charlie Fisher, Hugh McPhee and Mac Jarden) also came third. Lucas Bruck came third in his 800m final and also ran with great passion in his other events. Brookfield, be proud of your kids; they represented your school with honour and dignity and had nothing left in the tank at the finish line.

The following students all ran exceptionally to make the finals:

#### Girls

Sarah Maxwell 11yr girls 100m  
Shannon Lombard 13yr 200m  
Junior Relay 8th

#### Boys

Lucas Bruck 13yr 100m, 200m  
Joe Duckworth 12yr 200m  
Hugh McPhee 11yr 200m  
Senior Relay 4th

Congratulation to Chris Anderson 7B who has been selected in the Met West 12 year old Boys Softball team which will



## Happy Birthday

play at the State Championship on the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September at Ipswich. Good Luck!

*Kieran Skehan*

### Scholastic Book Club

All orders should be returned to the box in the office by **end of school tomorrow (Thurs 27 Aug)** in order to ensure delivery by end of term. Any problems contact Deb Allman on 0439 755942.

### Entertainment Books

This week is your **last chance** to obtain your copy of the 2009/10 entertainment book. Priced only \$60 you can collect one from the uniform shop on Friday morning or by calling Deb Allman on 0439 755942. Any unsold books will be returned on Friday afternoon so don't forget or you will miss out!!!

*Deb Allman*

### School Disco Reminder

School disco is this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Its will be held in the school hall. Like last year, we will be dividing the disco into 3 timeslots.

Prep - Year 1 11.00am -12.00pm (during class time-free of charge)

### Tuckshop Roster

**Monday 31/08** Joanna Yesberg, Mike Lefcourt, Jill Simes, Deborah Wallace, Liz Maxwell, Jenni Bennett  
**Wednesday 02/09** Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Sarah Edwards, Cath Kennedy, Natalie Carter, Liz Terry, Sonya Gartner, Leng Haynes-Lovell  
**Thursday 03/09** Paula Sale, Shona Fisher, Pauline Brothers, Karen Mallet, Michelle Vett, Susan Mallet

### Home Baking Roster

**Monday 31/08** Ruth Mathewson, Laurie Lefcourt, Liz Maxwell  
**Wednesday 02/09** Heidi Roehrs, Natalie Carter, Peta McDonald-Smith, Sonya Gartner  
**Thursday 03/09** Paula Sale, Shona Fisher

### Donation Roster

**Monday 31/08** Zee Upton, Jodie Drew  
**Wednesday 02/09** Peta McDonald-Smith  
**Thursday 03/09** Megan Leggett, Olga Riha

**Print Deadline:**

**Tuesday 12pm**

Prep and Year 1 students may wear free dress this Friday.

Years 2 - 3 5.30pm-6.30pm  
Years 4 - 7 7.00pm- 8.30pm

The cost to attend the disco will be \$6.00 per child (Years 2-7 only). This includes entry, chips and a drink. The events group have chosen the theme 'Famous'. Come dressed up as someone or something famous. See you there!

### Life Education- Exciting News!

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 8<sup>th</sup> September to the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Enclosed in today's Banter is a parent information letter explaining the modules for each year level.

A free information session for parents will be held on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Life Education Van. If you would like to come along please fill out the tear off slip at the bottom of the parent information letter and return it to the school office. The cost per child is \$8.50. Payment for the activity was included in the bulk payment offer sent home this term. If you have not already paid, please forward your payment to the office.

*Melissa Ashton*

### Numeracy Week Mathletics Challenge

Would you like to be in the Hall of Fame? Earn a medal or certificate? Then this is your chance!

During the first week of September you can earn points and win a place in the Hall of Fame, win a medal or win a certificate. All you have to do is log onto Mathletics on the following dates and follow the instructions ...

#### Challenge 1

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 - Curriculum Challenge - tests and practice activities - worth 10 points per correct activity.

#### Challenge 2

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Live Challenge - play against other students in live challenge for 60 seconds per game and win 1 point per

each correct question.

You can be part of the challenge from 8am to 10pm.

Good Luck and don't forget to email me when you see your name in the Hall of Fame!

### Mathletics of Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the following students who appeared in the Mathletics Hall of Fame this week:

**Annie G and Hamish K - well done!**

If you logon you can see their fantastic scores. Who will be next?

**Mandy Salisbury**  
[msali17@eq.edu.au](mailto:msali17@eq.edu.au)

### Music News

This Monday (Aug 31) sees our Senior Band, Choir, Strings and Junior Choir presenting our annual Senior Citizens' Concert in the school hall, beginning at 9:45. Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered their time to help out as well as donations of plates of food for the morning tea. Don't forget that senior ensemble members need to wear full performance uniform. Cummerbunds and neck ties will be given out on the day. We have had a great response for extra seating requests and we still have a small number of places available if you have a grandparent/neighbour/friend who would enjoy a good concert and a lovely morning tea afterwards.

### Robotics

This term our year 5 students are doing Robotics. Children use an instruction book to build robots using Lego. The robots are then programmed using a computer. They can make them go forwards, backwards, left and right, spin around, detect light and respond to a touch sensor. Robotics is exciting and students are enjoying test driving the robots.

*Jeremy Hunt*  
**Year 5**

### School Banking

Reminder—new school banking packs are now available from the office, let's encourage super savers! Please call me on 3374 0849 if you have any queries.

*Cath Charrington*

### Father's Day Stall

Please note that this year's Fathers' Day Stall will be held on **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER!** All children will have the opportunity to visit the stall during class time to make their selection. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

The stall will also be open before school on Friday 4 September, outside the tuckshop, for those who have missed out!

Please contact Mel (3378 1164) or Helen (3202 6553) should you have any queries!

*Mel McArdle*

### MS Readathon

Thank you for participating in this year's MS Readathon. Now is the time to collect and return your sponsorship money by the 31st August 2009, the fastest way to do this is by clicking on [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or by posting, with your receipt books and Completion Form to MS Readathon, National Processing Centre, PO Box 4373, Dandenong South, VIC, 3164. Hope you have enjoyed participating and helping people with MS.

*Louise Remmerswaal*

### Triple P Anxiety Project

Does your child experience fear and worries? Researchers from UQ School of Psychology have developed the FEAR-LESS Triple P parenting program, aimed at treating anxiety in youth between the ages of 7-14. The program is offered free of charge to families and there are places available for groups starting in September, October and November. For more information please contact the researchers on 3365 7307 or email [j.valvoi@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:j.valvoi@psy.uq.edu.au).

### Georgie & Sally programming their robot

