

From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

World Teachers' Day

This Friday 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the signing in 1966 of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. It is an occasion to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which children, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

Internationally, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October each year.

World Teachers' Day puts the spotlight on teachers and the challenges of being a teacher today. In our rapidly changing and interdependent world, teachers not only have to ensure that children acquire solid skills in basic subjects, but also that they become responsible local and global citizens, at ease with new technologies and able to make informed decisions about health, the environment and other challenges.

This year the Brookfield Parents and Citizens' Association has organised a special morning-tea for our teachers as a way of saying "Thankyou for all that you do". On Friday, all our classroom teachers, specialist teachers, Deputy Principal and Principal will receive a thankyou message from the P & C and enjoy their special morning-tea.

Wonderful Teacher

With a special gift for learning
And with a heart that deeply cares
You add a lot of love
To everything you share,

Principal: Helen Kenworthy

Deputy Principal: Carolyn Carey

P & C President: Ross Jarden

And even though
You mean a lot,
You'll never know how much,
For you helped
To change the world
Through every life you touched.
You sparked the creativity
In the students whom you taught,
And helped them strive for goals
That could not be bought,
You are such a special teacher
That no words can truly tell
However much you're valued
For the work you do so well.
-Author Unknown

Human Relationships Education - Puberty and Me

This week we held the second of our Human Relationships Education evenings with a program for children and parents in Years 6/7. Once again the session was very informative and worthwhile. Jennifer Mason, from Centacare, presented the session in a practical and honest style, interspersed with funny comments that entertained us all. This factual and professional program provides parents and children with a common language and a basic understanding of changes to the body as children move into and through puberty. Feedback from many parents has been extremely positive and the sessions have once again been well attended and regarded as very worthwhile. Thankyou to Brookfield P&C Assoc. for organising and funding this excellent family program.

Mrs Needham Retirement

Our special senior assembly this morning was a celebration and farewell to Mrs Jenny Needham who retires from teaching this month. Mrs Needham has given more than 25 years of service to Education Queensland, with 13 of those years at Brookfield State School. She spent her time at Brookfield teaching Year 2 and has also been 'Key Teacher' for the Year 2 Diagnostic Net at Brookfield SS during that period.

Jenny has touched the lives of many children and families at Brookfield and at other schools in Queensland. She loves literature and teaching the joy of reading to all children in her classes. The children presented Mrs Needham with a digital photo frame.

School staff presented Jenny with some lovely books to enjoy in her leisure time along with a revolving compost bin to use in her garden. Brookfield P & C Assoc thanked Jenny for all she has done for the children by presenting her with a large china platter to use for entertaining friends.

It was lovely to see so many people at the assembly. Jenny was very touched by all the messages of farewell she received. Our Intermediate and Senior Choirs combined to sing for Jenny and following assembly, she enjoyed visiting classrooms after assembly for special farewell messages from all the children. Thankyou Jenny for giving so much of your life to the children at Brookfield, we know you will now enjoy a wonderful retirement.

2010 School Enrolment

At this time of the year our teachers begin a process of creating class groups for 2010. Teachers on each year level work together to develop the classes. If you have any special requests regarding your child (ie. social interactions with other children, special learning needs, behaviour support requests, etc) you are invited to inform your child's current class teacher of these matters. Please do not make appointments with Mrs Carey or myself to request specific teachers for your child. We have an extremely professional and high quality staff at Brookfield SS. Our performance on national testing programs is an indication of the quality of our teachers. Some teachers may move to different year levels for 2010, some have been transferred and will leave our school, and new teachers have been transferred into Brookfield.

If your child is moving to another school in 2010 we would really appreciate knowing this information so that we can have an accurate

idea of numbers of children in each year level as we develop the class groups. Please complete the response slip in today's newsletter and return it to our All Returns Box in the school office as soon as possible.

Trading Cards

Each year different 'fads' go through the school. Currently our younger students having been playing with and trading special cards they purchase outside the school. We tend to allow these 'fads' as enjoyable lunch time activities until there are problems with the games. The Trading Cards have gone very well for many weeks but some issues have started to occur with children taking other people's cards. As a result I have banned Trading Cards from school. I ask all parents to ensure that trading Cards remain at home. Any children found with Trading Cards next week will have the cards confiscated. Thankyou for your support in this matter.

*Helen Kenworthy
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From The Deputy

Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of spending time getting to know our new 2010 Prep Students and their families. We are very lucky in having so many wonderfully diverse little people join us in the new school year.

If you know of any other families, either new Preppies or older students, who are joining us, please encourage their families to contact the school office to make an appointment.

I have also had some conversations with parents surrounding the issues of parenting and how best to help and understand our children. I would like to include some thoughts and ideas that are implemented through the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program. These pointers may be of use in understanding the inner workings of our children.

1. Talk to your child about things that they are interested in and share aspects of your day with your child.
2. Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for them.
3. Teach your child new skills by first showing the skill yourself, then giving your child opportunities to learn the new skill. For example: speaking politely to each other at home.
4. Set clear limits on your child's behaviour. Sit down and have a family discussion on the rules in the home. Let your child know what the consequences will be if they break the rules.
5. Have realistic expectations. All children misbehave at times and it is inevitable that you will have discipline hassles.
6. Look after yourself. It is difficult to be a calm, relaxed parent if you are stressed or anxious. Try to find time every week to let yourself unwind or do something that you enjoy!

Prepared by Prof Matt Sanders, founder of the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program © & colleagues - UQ.

*Carolyn Carey
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Music News

Congratulations to our Senior ensembles on their performances at the Brisbane Bands Competition on the weekend. Our Senior Strings achieved a Silver award whilst the Senior Band really pulled together to be given a Gold award. In both sections, the adjudicator commented on the energy and life that our students played with throughout their pieces, as well as their presentation and discipline. The behaviour of all students was exemplary and they were great ambassadors for our school. Well done!

Don't forget our annual end of year concerts on November 19. The afternoon event (2pm) will involve the Junior, Intermediate and Boys'

2010 Enrolment Intentions

Please let us know if your child is changing schools in 2010 and will not be returning to Brookfield State School.

Name: _____ Class: _____ will **not be attending** Brookfield SS in 2010.

School attending: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 8 am to 9 am in A Block (next to the Library).
Otherwise by appointment - Helen 3202 6553

Choirs, the Intermediate and Year 3 Strings and the Junior Band. The night concert (7pm) will feature the Senior Choir, Vocal Group, Senior Strings and Senior Band. These will be great opportunities to see how much your child has learned this year so come along and be entertained.

Instrumental Program 2010

This week, all Year 2 and 4 students who returned an Expression of Interest form will visit either Ms Hemmings or Mr Loughheed to be assessed for instrument suitability. We are hoping to have letters of offer out next week, so keep an eye out.

Melissa McMillan

Junior Choir Performance

In our lead up to the end of year concert, the Junior Choir will be performing at this week's Junior Assembly. Students in the choir are required to come to the hall with their class on Thursday morning, they do not need to come to school earlier than normal.

Melinda Kienzle

Success With Poetry

7 of Brookfield State School Year 7 students entered QIEU, QTAC & JCU. In the poetry section, Bindi Nguyen came 3rd and Caitlin Macdonald came 2nd. This was a state wide competition and these results were a fantastic personal success for these 2 high achieving students.

Tony Pritchard

Tuckshop Menu

If anyone still has not received the Tuckshop menu, please email me at kgbish@bigpond.com and I will send you one.

Kim Bishop

Free program supports families following divorce

The University of Queensland is offering a free 12-week parenting program designed to improve outcomes for children following divorce. The program targets separated and divorced parents who have children aged 2-14 years, who have separated or divorced within the past 24 months, and who are having difficulty managing conflict with their ex-partner,



Happy Birthday

Company Closing Down

Need to get rid of Australia Post mailing boxes (PostPak). Sizes available are BW, BT & BC. \$1 each, I have hundreds. Whenever you want one to send xmas presents etc, just give me a call. I also have bubble-wrap!

Rebecca - 0488 711 669

copied with feelings, or managing child behaviour problems. For details, contact Family Transitions Triple P on 07 3365 7303 or email fte-mail@psy.uq.edu.au.

FOR SALE—Full size student violin. Was \$200 sell for \$150. Contact the School Office.

CLEANING POSITION AVAILABLE AT BROOKFIELD STATE SCHOOL

- 2.5 hours per week, immediate start
- Experience in a school environment would be an advantage
- The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Blue Card (Working with Children Check)

Please contact Beryl Paragreen, Business Services Manager on 3374 7333 for enquiries and application details.

Applications close Wednesday 11 November 2009.

Kenmore West Kindergarten and Preschool Vacancies

Situated in the quiet, leafy surrounds of Fallbrook St, Kenmore, the kindy currently has limited places available for 2010 for children who turn 4 on or before 30th June 2010. If you are interested, please telephone our Director, Natasha, on **3378 6488**.

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 2/11 Nicki Thorne, Victoria Brown, Fiona Guthrie, Robyn Bowman, Lynda Watson, Kristina de Nicolai, Fiona Christ
Wednesday 4/11 Summa Dedes, Jay Weyer, Helen Orr, Anne Armstrong, Nicola Thomas
Thursday 5/11 Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Devina Maher, Linda Gill, Rick Maher

Home Baking Roster

Monday 2/11 Victoria Brown, Fiona Guthrie, Kristina de Nicolai, Denise Cullen
Wednesday 4/11 Anne Armstrong, Jay Weyer
Thursday 5/11 Laura Dodd, Renae Ferri

Donation Roster

Monday 2/11 Margo Mitchell, Denise Cullen
Wednesday 4/11 Sarah Brownhall
Thursday 5/11 Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Laura Dodd



Print Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm