

# Wednesday 4 November, 2009 Issue 35

## From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

### World Teachers' Day

Last Friday, our school celebrated World Teachers' Day and acknowledged the wonderful work teachers do for our children. At Brookfield SS, our teachers were greeted with a small chocolate and a special note from our the Brookfield SS P & C thanking each teacher for all they do for the children at Brookfield State School. We also held a special morning-tea at 11am with a cake from the Brookfield SS P&C Association and a cake from the teachers of the Baha'i Community who are voluntary members of our religious education team, working in our school each Friday.

Brookfield State School P&C Association, Vice President, Mr Gerard Baden-Clay acknowledged the work of our teachers and thanked them for their hard work, love of children, compassion and care that touches the lives of all the children they teach. He also made a presentation of 25 Year Teaching Service Medals to Mrs Kenworthy and Mrs Carey.

It was lovely to see many children with cards, flowers and other small tokens of their appreciation for their teacher.

### Ball Games Carnival

Our annual Ball Games Carnival was held this morning and was an absolutely delightful morning. The sun was shining, the oval green, children in coloured Sports House shirts having lots of fun. This carnival is always a fun event and provides an opportunity for many children to achieve a place ribbon. Perhaps the most wonderful aspect of this carnival is the support and encouragement of children for each other across all year levels. Our Sports House Captains and Yr 7 students set an excellent example by encouraging and supporting children from every House. Thankyou to Mr Hennessey (PE Teacher) for planning and co-ordinating the carnival and to grounds staff Malcolm Leaman and Brian Dodd for preparing the oval.

A huge congratulations to all children in MacKellar House, the overall winning house on the day.

### Welcome Back

A special welcome back to Brookfield to Mr Brian Dodd (Groundsman) who has been relieving at Carol Park State School for the last 12 months. Brian returns to work a five day fortnight

- alternating Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday. It's great to have you back Brian.

### District Leaders' Day

Mrs Carey and I will both be attending a District Leaders' Day tomorrow at the Queensland Academy for Science, Maths and Technology at Toowong.

### Brisbane City Council Movie Night

This Friday evening, the Brisbane City Council will hold a FREE Movie Night at the Brookfield Showgrounds. The Movie Night includes a sausage sizzle, burgers etc. supplied by Brookfield State School P & C Association while the Brookfield Show Society will be running a licensed bar which will start serving drinks from 5.30pm. So bring the family and a blanket and come and enjoy "Mamma Mia" starting 7pm, weather permitting. Our regular Brookfield Show Society Burger Bar/Music Night will follow the movie.

The cemetery paddock pony club carpark across the road from Brookfield General Store, will be available for parking.

### End of Year Functions

This year we are changing the way we hold our Year 7 Graduation Night. In the past, the Year 7 Graduation has been held on the same night as our P&C End of Year BBQ. This year we have decided to hold these events on two separate evenings.

The **P&C End of Year BBQ** will be held on Thursday 3 December from 5.30pm on the lawns outside our hall. We are hoping to have a pre-order and pay Spit Roast and some free entertainment for the children. We are seeking volunteers to organise the night. If you can help, please complete the slip in today's newsletter and return it to the office ASAP.

Our **Year 7 Graduation Evening** will be held on the last Wednesday evening, Wednesday 9 December. This event is for Year 7 children and their parents. We are planning a gathering of families on the hall verandah followed by a presentation ceremony in the hall. Year 7 teachers are co-ordinating this event. Parents willing to assist in planning and co-ordination of this event are asked to fill in the slip in today's newsletter.

Our **School Music Concerts** will be held in our school hall on Thursday 19 November. The Junior Concert will be held from 2 pm - 3

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pm. The Senior Concert will be held from 7pm. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. Children interested in joining our school music program in 2010 are also encouraged to come along and see what they will aim for.

Each year we acknowledge the wonderful support of parent volunteers at our school. So many, many parents help at Brookfield State School. This support is outstanding and helps to make our school the great learning environment that it is. We want to thank all the people who help in our school in so many different ways. We will hold a **Wine and Cheese Afternoon** on the hall verandah on Tuesday 24 November from 3pm. Please return the RSVP slip included here today to help us with catering.

The annual **Bush Christmas** is a wonderful community event. Held each year in the Brookfield Showgrounds, this event involves the whole community. Starting after school on Friday 4 December with entertainment for children and families, the program runs through the evening offering entertainment, carols, a visit by Santa, food to purchase for dinner, drinks at the bar and finishing off with fireworks. So get out your portable chairs, picnic rugs and picnic basket, come along and sit on the terraces at the Show-

grounds and enjoy a fabulous night with family and friends.

### Teacher Award

This week one of our teachers, Ms Wendy Woods (4/5), received a letter of commendation and "Certificate of Appreciation for Your Valued Guidance" from Queensland Academies. Ms Woods was nominated as an important mentor to past student Fraser Rubens who describes Ms Woods as having had a significant influence on his education and is willing to share in his future achievements.

The Queensland Academies acknowledges Ms Woods good mentorship as a teacher both during a student's time at Brookfield SS and also once the child has graduated to higher or tertiary studies. They write to acknowledge Ms Woods' skill, knowledge and power to influence her students. Congratulations Wendy Woods, a well deserved award. (A copy of the letter and certificate is included today for your information.)

### Congratulations

A very, big congratulations to Ms Judith Lilley (Administration, front office). Ms Lilley has been successful in her application for a permanent, full time administrative position at Middle Park State School. Ms Lilley has been working in our office in a temporary

capacity replacing Ms Hicks who is on maternity leave. I have no doubt you will all agree that Ms Lilley is a very warm and welcoming face at our office counter and on the telephone. She has a tender and caring approach towards the children who come to the first aide room, sick or injured, and has built lovely relationships with parents and staff. We will miss Judith around our office and thank her for everything she has done at our school. Judith will finish at Brookfield SS next Friday 13.

### Forthcoming Rafting Ground Road Closure

Last week, local Councillor Margaret de Wit turned the first sod of soil for the Rafting Ground Road upgrade. This \$5 million Brisbane City Council Project will result in the upgrade of the culvert crossing, raising the road level to make it less susceptible to flooding. Rafting Ground Road will close to traffic this month on November 16.

The road will be open to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Please ensure you have begun planning your strategy for getting children to school. Walking groups and cycling is strongly encouraged. The road will close in 12 days. We have also enclosed in this weeks newsletter a letter from

### P & C End of Year BBQ - Thursday 3 December

#### Offer of help

I/We would be happy to help with organisation of the P&C End of Year break-up.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the All Returns Box in our school office by Wednesday 11 November.*

### Year 7 Graduation Night - Wednesday 9 December

#### Offer of Help

I would be happy to help with planning and co-ordination of the Year 7 Graduation Night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the All Returns By Friday 6 November. We need your help to make this special night special.*

*Thankyou for Helping at our School*

### Parent Helpers Wine and Cheese Afternoon - Tuesday 24 November, 3pm

I/We will be attending the parent thankyou Wine and Cheese afternoon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the All Returns By Friday 13 November. Please join us, our staff would very much like to thankyou for your support.*

### Uniform Shop

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

### Help Win the Ultimate Staffroom

The Queensland Teachers' Credit Union is currently running a marketing promotion whereby our school could win a staffroom improvement. The promotion recognises the role teachers play in society, and the Queensland Teachers' Credit Union is offering one school the chance to create a staffroom of its dreams up to the value of \$30,000.

To help Brookfield SS win you need to log onto [www.staffroomimprovement.com.au](http://www.staffroomimprovement.com.au) and vote for Brookfield SS for a staffroom makeover. Each person who votes will need to register a different email address. An email will be sent to you to confirm your vote and you will then need to click on the link and answer a brief questionnaire.

Voting closes 4pm Friday 20 November.  
*Helen Kenworthy*  
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### School Photos

The school photos have arrived and distributed. Extra-curriculum photos are on display in the school office. All orders will need an 'Order Envelope' - choose the Group required from the list on the front of the envelope, enclose the correct money and return the envelope to the 'ALL RETURNS BOX' by the 13 November.

### Remembrance Day 2009

Poppies for sale from the Year 7 classroom before and after school. Show you remember on the 11 November by buying a poppy for 50c.

### Burger Bar

This Friday is the last Burger Bar for the year and the council are putting on a free movie (Mama Mia), so bring the family down to the Happy Hour Bar from 6pm. See you there!

### Brookfield Outside School Hours Care

With the end of Term 4 approaching fast, we at BOSHC are planning what exciting Vacation Care activities and excursions we can look forward to! We offer full day care in Vacation Care periods, from 6.30pm-6.00pm. **Please be aware that Vacation Care will be closed as of Friday 25th December 2009, and reopening Monday 11th January 2010.** We will also be closed Australia Day-26th January 2010. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families.

Please do not drop your child at Stop, Kiss and Go and send them down to us. We understand you may be in a hurry in the mornings, but for the safety of your child/children they must be signed in. Many thanks.

Robyn Lawford  
Co-Ordinator



# Happy Birthday



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FOR SALE

- Full size student violin in excellent condition with bow, chin rest, quality carry case.
- Paid \$200 sell for \$150 (would make a good Christmas present for child starting the program in 2010)
- Contact our school office on 3374 7333.

### Tuckshop Roster

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| Monday 9/11     | Wendy Baker, Monica Wareham, Gina Willmore, Katie Baker, Lisa Rink                             |
| Wednesday 11/11 | Kate Robertson, Trudie Early, Natasha Galea, Belinda Wynn, Narelle Morrow                      |
| Thursday 12/11  | Mark Donnelly, Audrey Pieteron, Phillippa Lynch, Trish Santin-Dore, Jim Dollimore/Amanda Thyer |

### Home Baking Roster

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| Monday 9/11     | Debbie Maxwell, Katie Baker, Gina Willmore, Lori Brown |
| Wednesday 11/11 | Trudie Early, Gillian Keir                             |
| Thursday 12/11  | Lisa Smith, Andrea Stuart, Tracey Boyce                |

### Donation Roster

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| Monday 9/11     | Monica Wareham                                   |
| Wednesday 11/11 | Trudie Early, Gillian Keir, Belinda Wynn         |
| Thursday 12/11  | Stephanie Squire, Andrea Stuart, Audrey Pieteron |



## Print Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm