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From The Principal – Helen Kenworthy

School Athletics Carnivals

What beautiful weather greeted us for the first of our major carnivals for the year. The week kicked off with the fabulous P-3 Sports Day. It was great to see all students participating with enthusiasm in a number of fun and enjoyable activities that highlighted the exceptional skills developed during the semester's PE lessons. Equally impressive was the large number of parents who turned up to cheer the children on and add some words of support. This year's format was slightly altered from that of previous carnivals and the response from children and parents alike has been extremely positive. At the culmination of the P-3 carnival, the scores were

Mackellar – 105 Paterson – 97 Lawson – 95

The following day saw the 'Main Event' with the commencement of the Yrs 4-7 Carnival. The children looked amazing in their house colours with some even going to the extent of colouring their hair and covering every spare inch of bodies with their team name. The day saw a number of outstanding performances and these are acknowledged below through the naming of our age champions for 2009. I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts throughout the day with a special mention going to Mackellar house who have the distinction of being crowned as this year's Athletics Champions. The final scores at the completion of both carnivals were:

Mackellar – 445 Paterson – 395 Lawson – 369

Age Champions 2009

9 Yrs Boys - Declan Madden
9 Yrs Girls - Lisa Dreyer
10 Yrs Boys - Caden Atzeni
10 Yrs Girls - Montana Rogers
11 Yrs Boys - Mac Jarden
11 Yrs Girls - Carla Dreyer
12 Yrs Boys - Ben Ferro
12 Yrs Girls - Andrea Rogers
13 Yrs Boys - Lucas Bruck
13 Yrs Girls - Shannon Lombard

A huge thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and effort towards making both carnivals such a success. In particular, Mr Chris Hennessey for his coordination of the events and to our groundsmen Malcolm Leaman and Ollie Lind for their tireless work in preparing the grounds.

Important Dates

Wed 12 Aug - Public Holiday & Thurs 13 Aug - Pupil Free Day

Public Holiday and Pupil Free Day

Next week is the Brisbane Exhibition (Ekka). Throughout the week, areas in and around Brisbane hold public holidays so families can attend the Ekka. The Show Holiday, for residents of Brisbane City, will be held on Wednesday 12 August. This public holiday is known as "People's Day" at the Ekka and means businesses and schools are closed.

Thursday 13 August is a Pupil Free Day for schools in Brisbane. Teachers attend school for professional development activities but the school is closed for children. Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service will operate all day next Thursday so please book your child into the program if you require care for the day (Ph:3374 2107).

On the pupil free day, teachers at Brookfield SS will be involved in First Aid training and computer skills workshops.

Social Skills Program

We continue to receive an enormous amount of positive feedback from parents about the implementation of our Social Skills Program. Across the school, feedback has been extremely positive with parents taking the time to write to me or coming into the office to speak to me personally. Many parents have thanked our staff for taking this initiative for their children. Others have thanked us for providing something they would have provided their children themselves, but at a significantly higher cost to their family. A number of parents have commented on the positive effect the program has had on their children so quickly (one Prep parent noting that her son is already articulating and using strategies to identify his moods and feelings and adjusting his behaviour accordingly (Wow, a capable little boy who is quickly applying his learning to real life experiences!) Other parents have asked that Prof Barrett come and speak again on another topic.

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Deputy Principal: Carolyn Carey

P & C President: Ross Jarden

Thank you to all the parents who have given us feedback. It is always a pleasure to receive positive responses for the hardwork our teachers do.

Brookfield P & C Association - August Meeting

Please note: Due to the Public Holiday next week, our August P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 August at 7.30pm in our school Staffroom (Admin Building).

Learnathon

This term we will hold our school Learnathon. This is an exciting fundraising activity involving all children at our school. Children in each year level are given a list of facts to learn - spelling, number facts, general knowledge, problem solving. Each child seeks sponsorship and raises money for the number of items he/she gets correct on the test day. Fantastic, exciting prizes are awarded to highest money raisers in each class. All funds go towards items for the children to use in their learning programs. So, get ready for this big event!!! Look out for more information in coming newsletters.

School Behaviour Focus

This term, we have held two whole-school assemblies to refresh children's memories about rules at our school. On the first day of term, we focussed on two rules - Don't run through garden beds - and - Pick up litter. The children have been FANTASTIC!!! The school grounds have never been tidier. I was so pleased with the children's efforts, I awarded each child in 4B with an Icy Pole for their effort in keeping their area extremely clean. Perhaps other Icy Pole awards will happen on future assemblies?

This week, we held a full school assembly and reminded all children about wearing hats while outside the classroom. The two rules we focussed on were - No Hat, No Play - and - apply sunscreen regularly. (Bottles of sunscreen are available in every classroom for the children to use.) After assembly, each teacher undertook a "hat check". There was a large number of children at school without hats. Consequences will be given to these children if they do not have hats when

Reference Code	Year Level	Date	Description	Cost
NORTHPINE	4	25, 26 August	Year 4 Camp	\$125.00
SKILLS/BOYS	various		Social Skills Program - boys	
SKILLS/GIRLS	various		Social Skills Program - girls	
MISSION EARTH	3A, 3B	20 August	Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre - Program called "Mission Earth"	\$16.00
MISSION EARTH	3C, 3/2	2 September	Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre - Program called "Mission Earth"	\$16.00
LIFEED	Prep - 7	8 Sept to 18 Sept	Life Education Program	\$8.50
ARTS/T4	Prep - 7	23 October	Arts Council Program	\$6.50
MUSICA VIVA	Prep - 7	12 October	Musica Viva program	\$6.50

checked again in the next few days. I have always found it to be worthwhile for my children to carry a spare hat in their school bag, in case they misplace their hat. I encourage you all to do the same. Also, please mark the hat with your child's name. Use a thick black pen and write in large letters inside the hat. This makes it easier to return the hat to the owner and more difficult for other children to claim the hat as their own.

Lost Property

We will hold a Lost Property display this Thursday. Please take a moment, to look closely at each item for things that belong to your family. Unclaimed items will be sent to charity.

Sick Children

Because it is the middle of flu season, there are lot of bugs around our school. If your child is unwell, please keep him/her home from school to help us prevent the spread of illness. Thankyou to all the parents who have been doing this to date. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

School Disco

Each year, we hold one or two discos for the children. These are social events and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The disco is organised by students in our Year 6/7 Middle School who are members of the leadership "Events Group". Ms Melissa Ashton (2/3) works with the students to co-ordinate the disco. The children usually select a theme for the disco and some children "dress-up" for the theme (though this is not compulsory).

As a noisy, night time event is often overwhelming for the youngest children in our school, an "afternoon disco" is held for children in Years Prep and Year 1. This event is held in our school hall from 2pm - 3pm. The children are involved in games and dances and have a great deal of fun.

Years 2 - 3 will have their disco from 5.30pm - 6.30pm, while Years 4 - 7 will be from 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.

Supervision is tight. Parents are asked not to stay at school to wait for their children. Children are not allowed to come in and out of the hall to talk to their parents. All children are supervised to and from the toilets by an adult. Parents are required to come to the hall in person to collect their children (we will not allow children out of the hall to your car. You must come in.) Children not currently enrolled at Brookfield State School are not allowed to attend. A small charge is required to cover the cost of the DJ hire and for a drink and packet of chips during the night.

Any parents, who are able to help on the night, are asked to speak to your child's class teacher. Parent assistance is needed for distributing food, supervision to and from toilets, and general supervision.

Stay tuned for the theme and further info!

!!!!!!TICK ALERT!!!!!!
Parents/Caregivers please check your children for ticks.

Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 8 am to 9 am in A Block (next to the Library).

Otherwise by appointment - Helen 3374 3330

Parent Cars in School Grounds

Thankyou very much to all our parents for the immediate response you have made to our change of procedure regarding parent vehicles entering the school grounds. All parents, collecting children from before and after school care, have been asked to park in the street and walk in to the grounds to collect their children. This request includes after hours collection (even at 5.45pm), holiday periods and pupil free days. We want to ensure the safety of all children at our school. Children walking through the areas at the front of our school are placed at risk by parents coming in and out of the grounds.

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German Immersion Program

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School Payments

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excursion. The table in today's Banter explains the details for some of the Semester 2 costs for which you have been invoiced. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Beryl Paragreen or Mrs Janet Sale in the office.

Beryl Paragreen

Health and Safety News

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Deb Allman

Uniform Shop - SALE

Second Hand Winter Uniform items are available for sale from \$3. Stock up for next year!!

Also new track pants, single knee in size 6 and 10 - \$5 each.

Having a problem with your backpack zipper???

Spartan the company that makes the backpacks have a tool to fix your zips. A representative will be at school on Monday 17th August at 9.30am. Bring your childs bag to Uniform Shop and have the zipper fixed. Any queries please call Helen on 0408 879 869.

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