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From The Acting Principal - Carolyn Carey

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you have all had a restful holiday with your families. This is an exciting term, especially for our Year 7 students who are no doubt commencing on the count down until the end of the year.

There will be many "*this is the last time that we*" for these students. Please help your child enjoy and celebrate these moments.

Some of the activities scheduled for this term include:

- Musica Viva - 12 & 13 October
- Pupil Free Day - 19 October
- Prep Open Morning - 21 October (9 - 11am)
- Ball Games Carnival - 28 October
- Swimming Carnival - 25 November
- Sex Education Sessions - 14 & 27 October

Staffing

Mrs Kenworthy will be returning from her Long Service Leave next Monday. I am sure that upon her return, she will be fully relaxed and rested in preparation for the extremely busy term ahead.

Mr Tony Prichard is also on Long Service Leave for the next three weeks and is being replaced by Ms Jasmine O'Toole.

Welcome back to Mrs Leah Cathcart and Mrs Lisa McKay who are returning from leave.

Literacy Training

Part of our Department's Agenda is for the training of all teachers in Literacy. This term, a few of our staff will be undertaking this very valuable training. The Literacy training does not just focus on the area of English but develops an understanding of the language that is associated with all Key Learning Areas that are taught.

I am sure that at times, you may, like me, feel that our children have a much greater understanding of the technologies that are used on a daily basis. After undertaking some readings and research on our 'Digital Natives' it is becoming even more obvious that the Literacies our children are using and are exposed to are far removed from what we may have learnt when at school. I have

uncovered the following Tips on the SMS language that may come in handy.

The mobile phone as you would all be aware has a come along way from the original 'bricks' that first came onto the market. Our mobiles are now considered to be the most powerful computers that a person is capable of carrying with them.

Following is some useful information that maybe of some use for parents in the language of SMS. This information also touches on Safety Issues. Please remember that students are not to bring mobile phones to school. Contact with parents and your child is to be made through the school office.



Teach UR Mum 2 TXT

Advice for kids

Teach Mum and Dad how to:

- Send and receive text messages.
- Use punctuation and symbols.
- Use predictive text if available.
- Hold down keys for numbers.
- Set up a phonebook and store important numbers for contacting you.

Share safety tips

- Give numbers to friends and family only.
- If plans change, send a new text.
- Keep emergency money with phone.
- When alone in public, set phone to vibrate so as not to attract attention with ringtones.
- Immobilise your phone if it is stolen.
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Personal safety with your mobile

- Set up speed dials so you can phone home quickly.
- Set up your phone so it can be activated only with a pin number.
- Keep your phone charged and in credit.
- Keep your phone separate from your other possessions eg in a pocket rather than a bag.
- Keep your phone in a case to make it harder to identify what kind it is.
- Don't walk and text / talk at the same time as you will not be paying attention to risks like thieves or traffic.

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- Keep all your numbers in a safe place known to your parents.
- Use your phone only in well lit public places.

Text shortcuts and jargon

no1 no-one r are spk speak thx thanks
 u you ur your w8 wait wkend weekend
 b4 before 2day today 2nite tonight
 2morrow tomorrow cul8r see you later
 ru gonna b l8 2nite? Are you going to be
 late tonight?
 i will w8 up 4 u. I will wait up for you.
 pls txt me ur frends address Please text
 me your friend's address.

fore riding down Boscombe Rd towards Moggill Creek.

3. Students need to ride straight home using the route agreed to by their parents.

4 Students need to give way to pedestrians at all times. This might mean dismounting and walking your bike past pedestrians (particularly large groups or slower pedestrians) before remounting your bike.

I have been impressed by the application of all students to their studies on their return to school this week. In particular, our thoughts are with our Year 7 students on the commencement of their final term of primary school. With hard work and determination I am sure that their last term can be rewarding and memorable.

Acknowledgement:

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*Carolyn Carey
Acting Principal*

From the Acting Deputy Principal - Kieron Skehan

It was extremely satisfying to be complimented by a member of the public about the excellent behaviour being displayed by two Brookfield students in school uniform at the Kenmore shops recently. In particular, I was told that they were extremely courteous and well mannered. Well done to those two students for their excellent behaviour!!!

It is also a timely reminder that when students are out and about wearing their school uniform that they are recognised by the public because of the uniform they are wearing. An association either negative or positive about our school is formed by the public when interacting with students in uniform. By and large the feedback that we get is extremely positive. Congratulations to all students and always remember to wear your uniforms with pride.

Bike Riding

A number of students ride their bikes to and from school. Students need to remember the following points to ensure their safety and the safety of pedestrians.

1. Students need to dismount from their bikes upon entering the school grounds and then walk their bikes to the bike racks for safe storage.
2. Students need to walk their bike past the lower school gate (adjacent to the hall) be-

*Kieron Skehan
Acting Deputy Principal*

Music News

Letters have gone home this week to all Senior Band and Senior String students with details about the upcoming Brisbane Bands competition on Oct 24 and 25. If you have missed out on your copy, please collect an extra form from the office or from Mrs McMillan.

Next Monday (Oct 12) we have the Musica Viva in Schools program presenting a concert to all of our children. Imbosima is a group comprising of 3 professional musicians who feature music with African and South American influences. All classes have been doing preparation in music lessons, including singing and rhythmic activities, and are looking forward to the concert. Payment for the show was included in your Term 3 bulk payment.

Instrumental Program 2010

We are beginning the process of selecting students to participate in our school instrumental program for 2010. In accordance with Education Queensland Policy, students beginning Year 3 next year are eligible to begin lessons on Violin, Viola or Cello. Students beginning Year 5 in 2010 are able to try out for our Woodwind/ Brass/ Percussion Program, which includes instruments such as the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet,

Trombone, Baritone and general Percussion. This week, letters requesting expressions of interest in the program have been sent home to all Year 2 and Year 4 students. Please check for this note and if you have missed out, see either the office or Mrs McMillan for another copy.

Date Claimer

Our annual end of year concert for all of our Music groups is scheduled for THURSDAY, NOV 19. All students who participate in an extracurricular music group will be involved in some way. Junior and Intermediate groups (ie Junior Choir, Intermediate Choir, Boys Choir, Year 3 Strings, Intermediate Strings and Junior Band) will be holding their concert at 2pm. Senior groups (ie Senior Choir, Senior Band, Senior Strings and Senior Vocal Group) will be starting at 7pm. Both concerts will be held in our own school hall. Mark the date in your diaries and come along prepared to be impressed by what your children can do!

Melissa McMillan

2010 Back to School Book Orders!

Term 4 means it's time to order your book pack for next year. Your child's order form will be coming home this week. If you do not receive one, please first check with your classroom teacher, then with the office who may have some spare copies.

Step 1: Fill in the order form or complete your order online at www.campion.com.au (Please note that Pellegrini's ordering is now managed through Campion, hence the new website address)

Step 2: Optional: include book covering - online you must choose Yes or No to book covering for each item. Or choose to purchase the roll of book cover on the list (make sure you remove it from your order if you don't want it as it's quite expensive).

Step 3: Please complete your order by **Tuesday October 27th 2009** by either returning your order form with payment to the All Returns Box or complete your online order. Make sure you choose your **delivery method** (recommended: at home - \$6.95 per address (not per child) for home delivery or tick front page for school pick up (no cost))

Step 4: Book packs will be home delivered during the week of 4th December 2009.. School

Uniform Shop

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

pick up is anticipated to be **Monday 30 November 2009** (more details to follow)

We would like to highly recommend parents choose the home delivery method. This costs only \$6.95 per address (not per child), delivered to your door and is convenient, efficient and saves you or your child having to collect the heavy book packs at school.

Don't forget that Brookfield's P&C receive a commission on the sales through Pellegrini's (received by the due date) which is used to fund the wonderful facilities our children enjoy, so please support your school by using this easy and convenient system. You will find the prices comparable or cheaper than most stationery stores.

If you have any queries, please contact Tina Hill on email: tinahill123@hotmail.com.

Tina Hill and Deanne Wan Lum

Burger Bar

Considering it was the holidays, there was not a bad turn out at the Happy Hour Bar on Friday night. We raised \$621 on the BBQ and \$372 on the raffle - total of \$993 for our school! Thanks very much again to Richard and Bronwyn Allan and their Graceville Bakers Delight store for donating the bread for the evening. A big thanks also to Peta and Mark McDonald-



BBQ

Smith, Simon Squire and Robert Keir for manning the BBQ. Our younger helpers on the night did a fantastic job and I think we will be seeing a bit more of them in the coming months. Thanks Georgia Adams, Eliza Donaldson, Riley Allan and Jordana Wareham. Well done girls!!! The last burger night for the year, on the 6th November, is also coinciding with the City Council Movie night, so it should be a big one.

Rafting Ground Road culvert upgrade

As some of you may be aware, Brisbane City Council has recently commenced initial construction work on Rafting Ground Road culvert upgrade project.

The project aims to improve the road's immunity to flooding and increase safety for all road users. It will involve raising and widening the road at the Moggill Creek crossing, realigning the Willunga Street intersection and installing bicycle lanes, a pedestrian footpath and a grassed verge for horse riders.

The project will require Rafting Ground Road to be closed at the culvert crossing for much of the construction period. The road is anticipated to be closed on **Monday 16 November** and be reopened in March 2010, weather permitting.

Council has made a commitment to provide barricaded access through the construction site for pedestrians, cyclists and



Happy Birthday

horse riders at all times. Cyclists and horse riders are asked to dismount before travelling through this area.

If you have any questions about the upgrade please call the project information line on 1800 199 757 or send an email to roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Chess Club

Term 4 is Competition Term at Brookfield SS!

Starting in the second week of the term, Juniors (Grades 1 to 3) will be able to play on Wednesdays from 11.00am (the start of big lunch), and Seniors (Grades 4 to 7) can match their wits on Tuesdays from 11.00am.

At the end of the term there will be certificates for all players. The winners will receive trophies, and there will also be medals for other prize-winners.

Parents should enrol their students for these classes at the Office.

Uni of NSW Math's Competition

The University of NSW Math's results will be handed out on assembly next Wednesday, 14 October.

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 12/10	Stephanie Adams, Georgina Jarden, Miranda McDonald, Kimberley Murphy, Monique McKellar
Wednesday 14/10	Donna Peacock, Petra Jones, Carolyn Parsons, Jane Smith, Sue Tracy, Gouzel Coleman
Thursday 15/10	Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Christine Schultz, Sarah Stefanaras, Caroline Vassie

Home Baking Roster

Monday 12/10	Tracey Bremner, Rebecca Reeve, Peta Oelkers
Wednesday 14/10	Liz Cuffe, Jill Nicklin
Thursday 15/10	Deb Woltman, Mel McArdle, Megan Williamson

Donation Roster

Monday 12/10	Tamar McCullough, Karen Faux, Peta Oelkers
Wednesday 14/10	Donna Peacock, Jill Nicklin
Thursday 15/10	Toni Goldston



Print Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm