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## From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

### Learnathon

A very, very big thank you to all the Brookfield children and families for supporting our 2009 Learnathon. We are delighted with the level of support for this school fundraising activity. Children in all classes have worked hard to learn their facts, teachers have supported the children by putting homework on hold during the Learnathon weeks, and parents have encouraged children to learn the answers to their questions and provided sponsorship for their child. Some families have opted to make a donation rather than provide sponsorship in this instance. Thank you. One year level has been particularly outstanding with the amount of money raised and we will announce details of the success of our 2009 Learnathon in next week's newsletter. Prizes will be awarded during school assemblies next week. Please ensure all money is sent to school by this Friday. Only payments received will be eligible for prizes (prizes will not be presented to children who have not returned their money) So, don't miss out, bring money raised to the 'All Returns Box' in the school office ASAP. Thank you Brookfield families!

### September P & C Meeting

Our September P & C Meeting held last night was extremely well attended by members of the school community. Along with reports from various groups, a number of school related matters were discussed. These included: Quiz Night, Sun Smart Policy; Burger Bar and the focus of future fundraising initiatives.

Outcomes from the meeting include: Quiz Night will not be held this year due to lack of support for organisation of the night; School Sun Smart Policy document was approved and will continue to be implemented by school staff a future meeting will include a guest speaker from Queensland Cancer Council; our next meeting will include discussion about P & C goals, attendees have been invited to list ideas for the focus of future P & C spending eg: purchase of books & resources for Library when relocated to hall; refurbish of school oval — increase size, top dress, irrigation; ride-on mower; choir risers; etc.

### Principal Leave

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the last week of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4. This leave will enable me to have a

four week break to deal with a number of family matters as well as enjoy a family holiday. During my absence Mrs Carolyn Carey will act as Principal at our school and Mr Kieron Skehan (6B) will act as Deputy Principal. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Skehan to develop his leadership skills and I thank him for accepting the opportunity. Mrs Carey will continue her excellent work at our school while acting in the role of Principal. Mr Skehan has worked hard to ensure a detailed program is in place for the replacement teacher on his class so the children will not notice any marked difference with the change. Mr Skehan will also participate in the assessment of his class Research Task presentations. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at the office.

### NAPLAN Results

Next week, all schools will be able to access the results of the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These tests were conducted in May and Queensland acknowledges that the overall performance of our State is lower than the National average. We have worked hard to assist our students to learn "test-taking" skills but it is anticipated that all States in Australia will improve their results which in turn result in the National mean score being pushed higher and Qld results will come out in a similar position as for 2008.

At Brookfield, we have been looking at our 2008 school data and identifying areas where we can review our teaching programs. The situation is State wide. Staff at Brookfield SS are currently involved in a trail of high achieving schools in our District (Ironside SS, Graceville SS, Indooroopilly SS and Oakleigh SS) where the principals are working together to review current programs and develop teaching and learning strategies that can be shared with other schools in the State. It is interesting to note that our school performance is equal to, or better than, a number of private schools in the area, but reviewing our school performance against National levels is important.

NAPLAN results will be released next week. Item analysis data will be released during the September vacation and will enable us to analyse individual questions in the Literacy and Numeracy tests to identify our strengths and weaknesses. Brookfield students perform well in the NAPLAN tests achieving above the National standard, but we know we can do more to extend our high achieving students. We will provide you with further information about our

**Principal: Helen Kenworthy**

**Deputy Principal: Carolyn Carey**

**P & C President: Ross Jarden**

school performance in the coming weeks.

### Fathers' Day Thanks

A huge thankyou to Helen Westernberg, Mel McArdle and team for a wonderful Fathers' Day Stall with a great selection of gifts. The children loved giving! The fathers loved receiving!

### Staff Transfers

Annual staff transfers will be released next week. Some of the teachers at Brookfield SS are expecting to be transferred to other schools in Queensland. The transfer system is designed to be fair and equitable to all schools in the State ensuring that high quality teachers are transferred to remote schools so children in those communities have access to high quality teaching and learning programs. Along with teachers being transferred out of Brookfield SS, some new teachers will be transferred in.

Our teachers will receive notification of transfer next week. We will inform you of any changes, early next term.

### Numeracy Workshop

Miss Bernice Noonan has been invited to attend a Numeracy workshop in Central Office on Wednesday this week. Ms Noonan has been invited as a teacher who has a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the teaching of Mathematics. Bernice has been asked to share her knowledge with head office staff to assist with the review of teaching and programming in mathematics in Queensland schools. Her knowledge will be used to inform policy makers about planning school mathematics programs.

### Prep 2010 Orientation Day

Our Prep 2010 Orientation Day will be held this Thursday. The main session will be held in our school hall from 9.15am. To enable working parents to attend, the session will be repeated in the Prep classrooms on Thursday evening at 7pm.

While 2010 Prep children spend time in the Prep classrooms, the orientation sessions will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school. Prep teachers will also talk about the twelve months of Prep Year, how to prepare children for

school and ways to support them throughout the year. One of our current Prep parents has been invited to talk about experiences in Prep this year and members of our P & C Assoc, Uniform Shop and other committees will explain the role of the Brookfield P & C Assoc.

Next term, Prep families will be invited to attend an interview with Mrs Carey (Deputy Principal) so we can learn more about your child and make the best possible arrangements for his/her placement in classes at our school.

Our Orientation mornings have always been informative, friendly and a wonderful opportunity for new children and parents to become more familiar with our school and the beginning of their years as part of our school family. All new enrolments for 2010 are welcome to join us. Families unable to attend are invited to contact our office to make a appointment with Mrs Carey or myself.



### Brookfield Country Market

This Saturday, Brookfield Uniting Church will hold its annual Country Market. The market is designed to raise much needed funds for the community church and our choirs will be performing on the morning. Both the Junior and Intermediate Choirs will be singing around 9am. All children are asked to be at the market by 8.40am. The performance is always lovely and enjoyed by our community. Parents are welcome to attend and spend some time at the market following the choir performances. Thanks Mrs Kienzle and Mrs McMillan for organising our school's participation in the event.

### Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students will be participating in their annual camp next week. This year, we are using a new camp venue at Edmund Park near Laidley in the Lockyer Valley. This camp site is closer to Brisbane than our previous camp Midginbill Hill near Murwillumbah in Northern NSW. The camp focuses on connecting with the land, identifying the impact humans have on our environment, sustainability, and life skills. The children will partici-

pate in a range of activities conducted by qualified leaders at camp. Good luck and enjoy the camp Year 5.

### Year 4 Camp

Our Year 4 students recently participated in an overnight camp to North Pine Country Park. This camp is based on teaching children about the way of life in Australia during early settlement times. The program links into our Year 4 unit on Local Area Studies. Children participate in a number of activities based on life in a country town, with a baker using a woodfire oven and the children making damper, aboriginal experiences, bush craft, and more. This is a wonderful, safe camp which provides the children with first hand experiences of Australian history. The children (and teachers) returned full of stories, but exhausted, and many went straight home to bed. Thank you Sally Woods (4B) for organising the camp and to our other Year 4 teachers and parent helpers who attended.

*Helen Kenworthy*  
*hkenw2@eq.edu.au*

### From the Deputy Principal

#### Something to think about....

When children are little they often tell their parents and friends what they want to be when they grow up and this may change from week to week or even daily. There are so many different pathways that they could follow in life and the choices are constantly changing with the development of new technologies.

We are all blessed with different gifts and as parents and teachers we strive to nurture children to use their gifts and make the most of them which is why we provide such a wide range of key learning areas in schools.

While surfing the internet to find interesting information around literacy, I found the following 10 Commandments about Reading to your child. These have been written by the famous Australian children's author - Mem Fox. I have also included the link for your convenience if you would like further information.

### Uniform Shop

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



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# Happy Birthday

Carolyn Carey

ccaare7@eq.edu.au



## Music News

Letters have gone home to the Senior and Intermediate choirs about Opera at Brookfield. If you missed yours, spares are available at the office. We are having a special rehearsal this Thursday (TOMORROW) at 8am with Mrs Davidson Irwin to learn choreography for the day. The groups are sounding great and have worked hard to learn a large number of songs in a short time.

There will be NO JUNIOR BAND tomorrow, due to the special choir rehearsal. Mr Lougheed will be having band practice later in the day.

Don't forget Music photos next Tuesday. All Senior Ensemble members need to bring their performance uniforms along, as well as instruments. Cumberbunds and neckties will be given out on the day. Junior and Intermediate groups will wear school uniform.

Melissa McMillan

## Mem Fox's Ten Read Aloud Commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.

6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.

7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.

8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.

10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

<http://www.memfox.com/ten-read-aloud-commandments.html>



# TENNIS

## SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

### TERM 4

\$155 / term (10 weeks)

**BEFORE SCHOOL** 7:45 - 8:45 am

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday

5<sup>th</sup> Oct - 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

A full range of after school coaching is also available at our tennis centre on Brookfield Rd  
For bookings phone:

BROOKFIELD TENNIS CENTRE  
PH: 3374 1046

## Tuckshop Roster

**Monday 14/09** Wendy Baker, Monica Wareham. Gina Willmore, Katie Baker, Lisa Rink  
**Wednesday 16/09** Summa Dedes, Jay Weyer, Helen Orr, Anne Armstrong, Nicola Thomas  
**Thursday 17/09** Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Devina Maher, Linda Gill, Rick Maher

## Home Baking Roster

**Monday 14/09** Debbie Maxwell, Katie Baker, Gina Willmore, Lori Brown  
**Wednesday 16/09** Anne Armstrong, Jay Weyer  
**Thursday 17/09** Laura Dodd, Renae Ferri

## Donation Roster

**Monday 14/09** Monica Wareham  
**Wednesday 16/09** Sarah Brownhall



Print Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm

## Fathers' Day Stall



A huge Thank You to everyone who supported the Fathers Day Stall last week we hope that all of the Dads enjoyed the gifts that your child carefully chose for you. We would also like to thank Natalie Mutch, Justine Melrose, Christine Schultz, Nikki Thorne, Deb Woltmann, Malcolm Lehmann and the Year 6 & 7 Public Relations Group for your assistance on the day.

*Helen Westenberg and Mel McArdle.*

## Burger Bar

We had a record night at the Happy Hour bar on Friday night raising \$500 on the raffle and \$983 on the BBQ. That is \$1483 in Total!! Well done to our VERY busy volunteers - Bruce Donaldson, Rick Maher, Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Bronwyn Allen, Eve Buchanan and Robyn Bowman. Thank you also to our little helpers - Eliza and Georgie Donaldson, Jordi and Kenzi Wareham and Zoe Jeffrey. A HUGE thankyou to the Allen family, who have kindly offered to donate the bread rolls and bread from their Bakers Delight Bakery at Graceville. Thanks heaps Bronwyn!

*Monica Wareham*



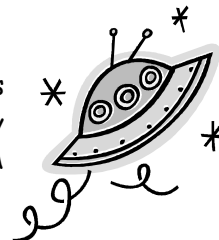
# Something wrong in Hypertron!!

One thing was certain there was something was wrong in Hypertron!! Arlek/Bodaron's Mother was very worried and confused about Bodaron.

Arlek had been sending messages to Earthling's and they had been responding.

One day Arlek decided to travel far far away to a whole different Planet called Earth. She travelled in the ministers Special Space ship. She knew if the minister found out the space ship was gone she would be in big big trouble.

Arlek landed with a crash and the Earthlings thought it was funny. They crept inside they were scared but exited at the same time. A flashing toy popped out then hands then Arlek.



Arlek showed them a picture of Bodaron sitting under a tree then said how she didn't understand that Bodaron thinks we need forests. The Earthling said forests are fun and good for us. Arlek gave them two boxes to collect things from the forest. The Earthlings came back with drawings. Arlek understood very well now.

They went to Zaneth but they could not get in contact with the ministers. Arlek had to go back to Zaneth. The Earthlings used there devices to get in contact with the ministers. The ministers understood and did not cut down the last forest.

*Kate 3B*

## Our Yr 3 students on their excursion to Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre.



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