

Brookfield Banter

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday 1 April 2009

Deadline:
Tuesday 12pm
Tennis Court Hire:
3374 3675

Principal:
Helen Kenworthy
Deputy Principal:
Karen O'Neill
P & C President:
Ross Jarden

Administration Staff Changes

Last week Mrs Karen O'Neill accepted an offer to continue in her acting position at Mt Crosby State School until the end of this term. Mrs O'Neill very generously accepted this request in order to support the principal who has been unwell. Ms Wendy Woods (4/5) has returned to her class after acting as our Deputy Principal for the past two weeks. We thank Wendy for all her hard work and the tremendous support she has given children, parents and staff during this period.

For the next two weeks Ms Nikki Spanner (Prep C) will act as Deputy Principal at our school. Nikki has been working in a Head of Curriculum role at Brookfield this year and has willingly stepped into the Deputy Principal position. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Nikki to share her knowledge and skills with our staff and learn more of the skills involved in school administration during her time in the office. Replacing Nikki on Prep C is Robin Kerr who is an experienced Prep teacher who has worked at Brookfield on many occasions including Prep A last year.

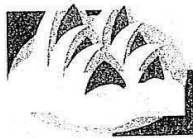
Easter Egg Drive

Thank you to all families who have so willingly supported our annual Easter Egg Drive. There are still a number of boxes of chocolate for which we have not yet received money. **The due date for the return of unsold chocolates to Cadbury has now passed, therefore payment is due on any chocolates you still have. If you have not already done so, PLEASE RETURN ALL MONIES TO THE OFFICE ASAP!** A very big thank you to the large number of families who opted not to take a box of eggs but made a \$20 donation instead. Also thank you to Mrs Gillian Kier (Hamish 2/1) who volunteered to co-ordinate the chocolate drive this year.



We still have a few boxes of chocolate left to sell. If anyone can sell another box, please collect one from Judith Lilley in the office.

Building the Education Revolution



We continue to be very excited by the forthcoming major upgrade to facilities at our school. We are currently exploring the possibility of constructing a full size hall on our current tennis court site, including a tennis court inside, then constructing a new tennis court at the front of the school near our existing hall (a space that was once an ant-bed tennis court). We then plan to refurbish our existing hall and

turn it into a large library resource centre, refurbish the 1B classroom and install interactive whiteboards and data projectors in 11 classrooms.

A full size hall will be a wonderful asset for our school. Education Queensland staff are working closely with Mrs Kenworthy and our P&C Assoc to ensure the best possible outcome for our school. A full size hall will be used by our school in so many ways including physical education lessons, whole school assemblies, Quiz Night, end of year Music Concerts, tennis lessons, etc. It is possible construction will commence before the end of June with a possible finish date by November this year. All going smoothly of course!

Earth Hour



It's wonderful to hear so many children talking about how they supported Earth Hour on Saturday night. Congratulations to all our families for supporting this important event. Our school supported Earth Hour by turning off lights and computers for an hour last Friday. Children were given Earth Hour stickers and encouraged to register their support online. We hope that such a promotion encourages children and families to turn electrical appliances off standby and strive to reduce the consumption of power on our Earth. Thankyou to Mrs Kienzle (1/2) for co-ordinating this event.

Rafting Ground Road Culvert Upgrade Project - Update

Thank you to the parents who have already indicated their interest in forming a safe travel committee to work in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council. Mr Harry Dodd from the Active School Travel (AST) Program has offered to work with the Brookfield State School safe travel committee to facilitate the coordination of a walking, cycling and carpooling program during the closure of Rafting Ground Road. We would like to organise a meeting next term and we are still asking for interested people to complete the form below and return to Karen O'Neill (Deputy Principal). Karen will contact committee members when she returns next term with more information.

The construction is anticipated to take a minimum of 6 months. Your input and promotion of alternative forms of transport to school during this time will be invaluable in reducing the impact of the road closure.

Sports News

Best wishes to Shannon Lombard who is competing in the State Secondary School Swimming Championships at Chandler this week.