

## From The Principal - Helen Kenworthy

### Anzac Day

Last Thursday, our school held a special assembly to commemorate Anzac Day. The service was attended by all students, staff and a large number of parents and community members. Special guest, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Maher represented the Kenmore-Moggill RSL Branch and spoke to the children about the significance of Anzac Day and current conflict that touches the lives of many of the families at our school.

Our school Concert Band performed, Dena Healy (School Captain) played "The Last Post", Pamina Milenkovic (7B) recited "The Ode" and our Year 7 students conducted all other aspects of the special assembly which was organised by Mrs Jodie Drew (7B). I commend all the children for their outstanding behaviour during the service. Children from Prep to Year 7 sat quietly and respectfully throughout the service. There was complete, respectful silence from our children for the duration of the period of silence.

Thankyou to all who were involved in the Anzac service, and to all the members of our community who attended.

On Saturday morning, approximately 40 children from Brookfield State School participated in the Anzac Day March at Kenmore. These children proudly represented our school, some wearing replica medals belonging to family members. It is always a pleasure to see the involvement of our children and families in such significant community events. Thankyou to Mrs Jodie Drew and Mrs Robin Kerr for attending to support the children.

### Working Bee - Replanting Netball Court Area

We are seeking your support. This Sunday 3 May, our P&C Association is holding a Working Bee to replant the area around our new netball courts. Working closely with the Moggill Creek Catchment Group(MCCG) we will be planting native trees and shrubs on the bank on the southern side of the netball courts. Members of the MCCG will teach us how to plant properly so that each plant survives with a minimum of ongoing care. Other jobs on the day will include: building a temporary fence along the top of the bank to protect the plants from balls and children's feet, weeding, watering, whipper snipping of long grass around the base of trees in the area, and moving woodchip to the base of trees.



We have organised the Working Bee with an early start and limited to 2 hours so that you can get home and enjoy Sunday with your family (8.30am - 10.30am). The saying, "more hands make light work" is our theory. If you can attend, please complete the RSVP slip below and return it to our 'All Returns Box' in the office by Thursday 30 April. Please, also indicate if you can bring any of the following items - post-hole driver; wheel barrow; shovel (for moving woodchip). Other items needed for planting will be provided by MCCG.

**Please note:** All children must be accompanied by an adult. Even though our older students are enthusiastic helpers, we need you to supervise the behaviour of your own children (it might be best to leave young children at home for this project). A sausage sizzle will be provided for all who attend, so please join us, bring your garden gloves, hat, patience and care, and join us for two hours on Sunday morning. (Enquiries - Shona Fisher 3374 4880)

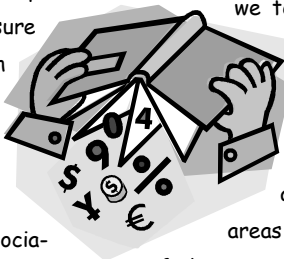
Thankyou Brookfield P&C Association for your ongoing support of our school, our wonderful netball courts and for helping us make the area even more attractive for our whole community. Thankyou Moggill Creek Catchment Group for supporting our school with plants, advice and your time.

### Math Program, Teacher Training

A group of Brookfield SS teachers is currently reviewing the way we teach mathematics at Brookfield State School.

We have sought feedback from Kenmore High School on the strengths and weaknesses of Brookfield students who enrol there; surveyed parents for their perceptions; reviewed school and national data for tests results outlining areas of strength and weakness; investigated the use of the computer based program, "Mathletics", as a resource for students to use for revision of math teaching, and; identified potential professional development opportunities for further training for our teachers.

At our 12 May P&C Assoc Meeting, Mrs Mandy Salisbury (4A) will give us, an opportunity to use the "Mathletics" online program. We are investigating the purchase of this program for school use and for children to use at home for math revision. If you would like to find out more about "Mathletics", please come along to the meeting at 7.30pm. (Mark the date on your calendar now.)



**Principal: Helen Kenworthy**

**Deputy Principal: Karen O'Neill**

**P & C President: Ross Jarden**

Another professional development program available through Education Queensland is "First Steps - Maths". (Education Queensland currently bases our Year 2 Diagnostic Net process on "First Steps in Reading, Writing and Spelling") "First Steps - Maths", is also used by many schools for training teachers and planning/monitoring for continuity in mathematics teaching across a whole school. This week, Ms Bernice Noonan (3C) and I attended a professional development session on "First Steps - Maths" with the view of future training of tutors for our school in order to provide training in this program for all our staff.

Overall, mathematics results at Brookfield SS are consistently high and performance of our students is above national benchmarks. However, our review is providing excitement amongst our staff by confirming what we are good at and offering information and programs that identify 'new' and different ways of teaching this subject to our students.

I find it extremely satisfying as the Principal of this school, to watch my staff develop their strengths as individual teachers, work together and support each other, and constantly seek new and better ways to improve learning for your children.

### Year 4 & 6 QCAT Moderation

As explained in last week's newsletter, our Year 4 and 6 children recently participated in Queensland Common Assessment Tasks (QCATs) in English. On the recent pupil free day, our Year 4 and 6 teachers worked together to moderate student work and results. This week, our Year 4 and 6 teachers also participated in a moderation session with Pullenvale, Fig Tree Pocket, Kenmore

and Kenmore South schools as a means of ensuring the judgements we make are consistent with the judgements made by teachers in other schools. This moderation process also provides an opportunity for professional learning and dialogue amongst the teachers from all the schools and is a very worthwhile experience. The moderation process confirmed that judgements made by Brookfield teachers are consistent with those made in other schools and our students continue to perform at a high level. Each child in Year 4 and 6 will receive an A-E rating and comment about their performance on the QCAT, in student progress reports at the end of this semester.

### We Need Your Assistance

At Brookfield SS we have some specific rules about the pick - up of children after school. These rules are designed to ensure your child is safe at all times. At Brookfield, we have a STOP KISS GO zone in Boscombe Road, outside our administration building. This zone has been created for safe pick up and set down of children. At 3pm each day, children are required to go to this area and wait in a quiet and responsible manner for an adult to stop in the zone to collect them. Some parents have asked their children to wait near the lower gate (in front of our hall). A number of children have been observed still waiting on the verandah of the hall well after 3.30pm and we regard this as unsafe. It is not possible to see the children from our school office, therefore we cannot ensure the safety of children waiting in this area.

Please note the following expectations of children waiting for collec-

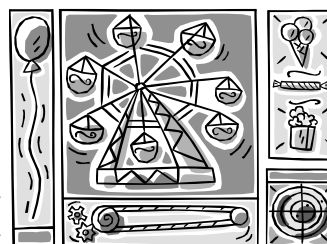
tion after 3pm:

- all children are required to wait in the supervised area near the school office.
- parents are requested to collect children from the STOP, KISS, GO zone in front of our administration area.
- Children not collected by 3.30pm are to move to the area directly in front of the school office.
- Children not collected by 4pm will be sent to After School Hours Care. Parents are responsible for any costs incurred.
- Parent vehicles are NOT to enter the driveway behind the school hall.
- Parents are requested NOT to ask children to wait for collection at the gate on the dirt road access to the school oval (This is an isolated area and the road used for large vehicles and horse floats. It is an unsafe area.)
- All children are to wait quietly for parents to collect them. No play.
- Children concerned about the late arrival of their parents may come to the school office and we will contact the parent.

### Brookfield Show

This year's Brookfield Show is only two and a half weeks away. Co-ordinator of the school stall. Kim Bishop & Mel McArdle is delighted with the very positive response from a large number of parents who have already offered

their support. If you haven't already started, please start baking, making jam, lemon butter, etc. We can sell home grown limes, lemons, eggs, at the stall.



### NETBALL COURT REVEGETATION WORKING BEE – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 8.30-10.30am.

Please return this coupon to the "All Returns Box" at the school office

Yes, we the \_\_\_\_\_ family will be attending the working bee. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ adults & \_\_\_\_\_ children attending.

Please tick if you would be able to supply:

Manual Post hole driver to drive in stakes to protect plants

We also request homemade cakes, biscuits, and other delicious goodies on the day.

The school will be running a cake stall and raffle on Saturday

16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to spare some time over that weekend to help on the stall, please leave your details at the office or contact Kim Bishop on [kqbish@bigpond.com](mailto:kqbish@bigpond.com). Donations of items for sale on the stall can be dropped to the tuckshop on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, they can be dropped off directly at the stall anytime over the weekend. A box will be placed in the office to take donations for the raffle. Suitable items include gourmet food items, kitchenware, wine, sporting equipment, gift vouchers or toys. All help and donations will be greatly appreciated!!

This year, our school oval will be used for parking of horse floats and vehicles. As a result, our school oval will be closed to children on Friday 15 May. (Please note: "exercise mums", you may need to use another area for your fitness classes, perhaps up and down the hill!!!). Thankyou to the Show Society for giving us a free stall site in lieu of the use of our oval.

It is a tradition at Brookfield SS, that classes visit the Show on Friday. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, is invited by the Show Society to walk around the Show. Children are not permitted to spend any money or use any of the rides, but simply have a look around at all the displays and stalls. Many classes spend time on the 'terraces' watching the horse events (some of our students ride in the events). If you are able to help with supervision of children as they walk around the showgrounds, please let your child's class teacher know of your availability.

### National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The annual national testing program, NAPLAN, will be conducted from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May, inclusive. All children in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the tests. Our teachers



and students in these year levels have worked extremely hard in preparing for this year's tests and we have no doubt the children will achieve results above the national benchmarks this year.

I seek your support in ensuring your Year 3, 5, or 7 child is not absent during this week of school. Our teachers have given the children opportunities to experience formal test environments (desks in rows, etc) so the children will not be overwhelmed on the day. Children have also been taught "test taking" strategies, including - go back and check all answers when finished; have-a-go at unknown answers; read the whole question *before* starting; estimate an answer and then check against your calculation; etc. Teachers involved in this process believe they have taught the children skills that will be useful throughout their lives. Results from practice tests have been used to identify areas that need more in-depth teaching. Our Year 3, 5, 7 teachers have attended weekly planning meetings in the lead up to NAPLAN and their contribution and hard work has been outstanding.

We are looking forward to this year's tests. Teachers will be released from class to mark the tests before they are posted away. This will enable us to plan teaching programs that assist children in identified areas and implement teaching programs as soon as possible after the tests, rather than waiting for the results to be returned to our school in September.

*Helen Kenworthy*

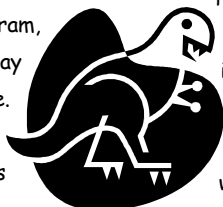
### From The Deputy Principal

#### Junior School

All P-3 children have settled back into school and are busy back at work. On Friday I had the opportunity to view the Year 3/2 presentations on Dinosaurs.

The presentation afternoon was an opportunity for the students in 3/2 to share all their

fantastic work from last term with their families. They each independently researched a dinosaur of their choice. They then took that information and wrote information reports. The



# Happy Birthday

PowerPoint presentations were created during ICT's in the lab and library. It was obvious that students worked incredibly hard to complete the slides, write the speeches and then present them at the presentation. Well done Year 3!

### Great Teachers Change The Future Today

NEiTA (National Excellence In Teaching Awards) conduct a program of national awards honouring exemplary teachers in Australian schools and early childhood centres.

The awards promote public recognition of the teaching profession and specifically those teachers whose inspirational approach to teaching stimulates student learning.

The program calls on parents, P & C's, student councils and local community organisations to identify teachers, principals who are an inspiration to their students, to their peers and to their community.

NEiTA seeks nominations for all sorts of teachers teaching all sorts of children Australia-wide for the 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards.

With the theme of *Great Teachers Change The Future Today*, NEiTA calls on parents, school and early childhood communities to nominate teach-

**Print Deadline:**  
**Tuesday 12pm**

ers, directors and principals from early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools across the education spectrum.

NOMINATE NOW! Free call 1800 624 487.

### Local Government Week

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is coordinating Local Government Week to be held from 1 - 7th June 2009.

LG Week is a state-wide annual event and this year Queensland Councils will promote a greater awareness and understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to sustainable living. LGAQ have organised three competitions, inviting primary school students in Grades Prep to 3 to enter a colouring competition and Years 4-7 to complete the poster competition.

Students should submit their colouring competition entry to the local councils for judging by Monday May 11 2009. The state winner of Level 1 and Level 2 will be awarded a cash prize each as well as \$250 for their respective schools. Competition details, terms and conditions, entry forms and the resource kit are downloadable from the LGWeek website [www.lgaq.asn.au](http://www.lgaq.asn.au).

*Karen O'Neill*



### Mothers' Day Stall Date Claimer

Please note that we will again be holding a Mothers' Day stall at the school. We would ask that you mark the date of Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> May in your diaries. All children will have the opportunity to come to the stall during class time and make their selection. We will have items priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00 available. Should you wish to avail of this service please, remember to send money to school with your child on Thursday 7 May. Teachers will be on hand to assist with selec-

## Create a healthy home

- Are you concerned about your exposure to harmful chemicals in personal care and home cleaning products?
- Are you concerned about the lack of nutrition in our 'fresh' foods?
- Are you passionate about preserving our environment?
- Would you like to earn a part time income from home?
- Through simple brand transfer you can create a healthy home and make a difference to your health, your environment and your income
- Call or email me for an obligation free information pack. It could be a decision that will change your life. Wendy Mollah; 38789641; 0439701108; [wenmol@powerup.com.au](mailto:wenmol@powerup.com.au)
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tion, etc. If you should have any further queries please contact Helen on 32026553 or Mel on 33781164.

*Helen Westenberg*



### Brookfield Show - deadlines fall for artists and woodworkers

Calling all local artists and artisans --- entry forms need to be in this Friday (1 May) for the 2009 Brookfield Show adult art competition. All woodcraft entries need to be delivered on Saturday or next Tuesday. The schedule includes five sections for high school students so any big brothers and sisters should be dusting off the school woodwork and trying their luck for a \$1 entry fee. For those who are handy with a needle, or a crochet hook, there's still time for needlework ---- entries must be in by Saturday week, May 9. There's still time to do some trial runs for potential winners in the cookery. Entry forms are due in next week but the goodies don't need to be delivered until just before the show on May 15-17. Entry fees are just 50 cents and the entries are open to kids from prep age to high school, with younger age groups able to enter packet cakes. For entry forms and details visit [www.brookfieldshow.com](http://www.brookfieldshow.com).

*Jan Martin*

### Sport News

#### Cross Country

Congratulations to all students involved in last week's Cross Country Carni-



val, Mackellar achieved the house championship. Congratulations to the following students who finished first, second or third in their age group and have been selected to represent the school at the District Carnival on the 7th May at Fig Tree Pocket State School. All permission forms for this carnival need to be returned to Mr Skehan ASAP. A reminder that students are asked to attend the pre-race, course walk-through which is happening this Thursday 30th April at Fig Tree Pocket S.S at 3:30, Mr Skehan will be in attendance.

#### Results

##### U10 Girls

1. Violette D'Avilla-Winters

2. Summer King

##### U10 Boys

1. Caden Atzeni

2. Jeremy Hunt

3. Jordi Hill

##### U11 Girls

1. Candice Lombard

### Tuckshop Roster

**Wednesday 06/05** Marita Stinton, Jillian Dickson, Lisa McGlinchy, Wendy Mollah, Elaine King  
**Thursday 07/05** Francina Delcid-Miller, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon, Jennifer Edwards, Peta McDonald-Smith

### Home Baking Roster

**Wednesday 06/05** Suzanne Horsley, Lisa Frazer, Robin Kerr  
**Thursday 07/05** Francina Delcid-Miller, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon, Janet Sale, Champs Pattullo

### Donation Roster

**Wednesday 06/05** Suzanne Horsley  
**Thursday 07/05** Ann Junger, Champs Pattullo



2. Carla Dreyer
3. Maddie Blair

#### U11 Boys

1. Mac Jarden
2. Willy Matuschek
3. Andrew Finney

#### U12 Girls

1. Beccy Gardener
2. Chloe MacDonald
3. Andrea Rodgers

#### U12 Boys

1. Ben Ferro,
2. Joe Duckworth
3. Duncan McGlinchey

#### U13 Boys

1. Lucas Bruck

A big thank you to Mr Chris Hennessey for his efforts in organising the carnival and to our groundsmen for their assistance in preparing for the day.

#### Rugby League

Congratulations to Hugh McPhee(6B) and Kotini Styles(6A) who represented the West Akuna District at the U11 Met West Rugby League Carnival. By all accounts both boys performed strongly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

#### Hockey

Well done and best of luck to Sarah Maxwell (6B) Nina Harrison (6B) and Hannah Casey (6A) who are participating in the Met West Hockey Trials this week. We look forward to hearing about the trials next week.



*Kieran Skehan*

#### Burger Bar

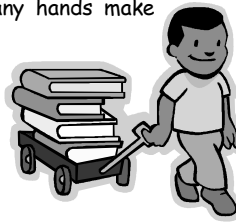
The burger bar is on again at the Happy Hour Bar the showgrounds. Bring the kids down for a run around and a bite to eat. Remember, this is a fundraiser for our school, so come and enjoy a great local night out. The bar opens at 6pm and live music from around 7pm til late!



PLEASE, PLEASE if anyone can help out this Friday or any other burger bar nights, please phone Monica Wareham on 33742009. It would be great to have a few fresh faces behind the BBQ and it is only for

a couple of hours. Many hands make light work!!

*Monica Wareham*



#### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 catalogues now distributed and orders should be returned by next Wed 6 May. Any questions please call Deb Allman on 0439 755942.

#### Entertainment Books

Have you checked out the sample copy of this year's book yet? If not hurry to the office and have a flick through - there are loads of your old local favourites such as Kenmore Tavern, Hogs Breath Cafe, Sitar Indian Restaurant and Fenhams, plus some great new venues such as Jellyfish and Siana. You may not eat out at flash restaurants, but surely you go to the movies, rent DVDs, get takeaway pizza or have the odd ice cream at Cold Rock or Wendy's - there really is something for everyone.

To get your copy, either pop into uniform shop on Friday mornings or call Deb Allman on 0439 755942. At only \$60 (with \$12 going straight back to our school P & C) it would make a great Mothers' Day gift - the one card she won't throw away!!!!

*Deb Allman*



#### Music News

Thank you to all Senior Choir members for attending a week of intensive rehearsals in preparation for Fanfare on Thursday, May 21. The difference in sound is amazing and we are now gathering momentum for a fabulous performance. Notes will come out next week. Please ensure that you have the black and white uniform ready. Cummerbunds and neck ties will be given out on the day. Mr Lougheed's Year 5 Beginners had a great (and exhausting) workshop on Tuesday. Well done to all those players. Please note that there will be NO lessons on Thursday for these students.

*Melissa McMillan*

#### RBWH Oral Health Services



In 2008 South East Queensland children received a significant boost in

addressing their oral health status with the addition of fluoride to our water and also with the Federal government introducing the Medicare Teen Dental Scheme, which provides financial assistance to eligible families to help assess the health of their teenagers teeth.

However, there remains an increased demand for free dental services and, as you know, an ever increasing time between offers of dental assessments for children attending school. We continue to actively encourage parents/guardians to seek dental care through the private sector to ensure that optimal timeframes between dental visits are maintained for your children.

Parents and Guardians of children 4 years of age and those attending school up to and including Year 10 seeking emergency treatment can continue to contact our centralised booking service on 1300 365 997 between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm to obtain an appointment at Stafford, Bracken Ridge, Kallangur, Ferny hills and Indooroopilly clinics.

For further information regarding emergency dental care, good dental health habits and details on the above clinics, please see the school office staff to collect a bro-

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 (next to the Library).  
 Otherwise by appointment - Helen  
 3374 3330

chure.

**LOST!**

A black Amart sports bag containing charcoal/orange Nike Mercurial football boots. The bag was left outside the Brookfield shop on Friday 24 April. If found, please call 0418 185 769.

Thank you.



*Queensland Health*