

## From The Principal – Helen Kenworthy

### Working Bee – Replanting of Netball Courts

The sense of community is alive and strong in Brookfield if the working bee held on Sunday morning is an indication. It was one of the nicest experiences I have ever had at Brookfield State School. Just under 100 people attended, the atmosphere was happy and very friendly, and the weather was glorious.

A number of representatives from the Moggill Creek Catchment Group (MCCG) joined us to assist with the planting of trees and provide advice, Malcolm Frost, Bryan and Jenny Hacker and Peter Woods. Other members of the MCCG taught small groups of parents and children how to correctly plant the young trees to ensure optimum survival and growth, seeds were spread across the face of the rock cutting, a group of dads constructed a fence along the top of the bank to prevent balls and children from damaging the plants, some dads whippersnipped around the area, and others spread woodchip around the base of trees.

In all, 400 young plants were purchased from the MCCG and planted on the bank along the lower side of the netball courts. The planting was finished in an hour and a half, while the fence construction was completed soon after. The morning concluded with a sausage sizzle in the shade of trees below the netball courts while the new plants were watered, courtesy of Don and Chris Steele's water truck.

It was a really lovely morning. Thankyou very much to Moggill Creek Catchment Group for supporting this project. In particular to Malcolm Frost and Bryan Hacker for advice and support over the past twelve months and for enabling us to access the native plants. A very big thankyou goes to Shona, Charlie 4/5, & Isabel Fisher 3A who organised, planned and co-ordinated the morning. Your planning and preparation made the project flow smoothly and quickly, a

twelve year old child commented to me that, "it was really well organised", thankyou Shona.

### Curriculum Conference

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a curriculum conference organised for independent, state and catholic schools through by the Queensland Studies Authority. The conference was opened by Maxine McKew MP with the key note address from Prof. Barry McGaw who is the chair of the Australian Curriculum Board and Director of the University of Melbourne Education Research Institute. Barry McGaw outlined plans for the National Curriculum which aims to make clear what has to be taught and learned in all schools across Australia, and sets high standards for all assuming that all can learn. The Australian Curriculum from K- 12 will be released in stages with English, Mathematics, Science and History first, followed by Geography, Languages and The Arts, and then all others. The Shape of Australian Curriculum will be available on the Board's website this Wednesday.

Another key note address was given via a satellite link up with Harvard University. The presenter was Professor Howard Gardner who developed the theory of Multiple Intelligences. Professor Gardner talked about his theory "5 Minds for the Future" and described them as:

1. Disciplined Mind - work steadily at things to get better; becoming an 'expert' in something; mastering ways of thinking before university level (thinking in disciplines like history, math, science, etc).
2. Synthesising Mind - most important mind in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, mastering what to pay attention to, what criteria to determine use, teach people how to become better at synthesis.
3. Creative Mind - new ideas, new problems, new concepts. Belief that you have knowledge of the discipline and an ability to synthesise before you can learn to think outside the

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box.

4. Respectful Mind - accepts that everyone is different and learns and behaves in different ways.

5. Ethical Mind - what are my responsibilities (as opposed to what do I have/what do I want); act responsibly even if not in your own self interest.

Prof. Gardner believes that a good citizen/good worker focuses on the three E's - Excellence (works professionally, knows subject, keeps learning); Engagement (is involved, takes responsibility, does what is right for others); Ethics (carries out work in an ethical and responsible way). He also believes that young people today focus on - Money, Market and Me and as adults and educators we need to move young people to focus on the three E's.

The conference program covered an enormous range of educational topics and issues over the two days and was extremely informative.

### **NAPLAN Testing**

This week is the final week of preparations before the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3, 5, and 7 is held next week. I remind all parents of the importance of this testing program which will enable us to review the effectiveness of teaching programs at our school and

### **MOGGILL GIRL GUIDES**

There are currently some vacancies in the Moggill Girl Guides for girls aged 7-10 years. We meet on a Wednesday night at the Moggill Guide Hut in Birkin Road, Bellbowrie (next to the dog park). If you would like to come along to try please contact Linda on 3202 9482 or [moggill@johnoxleyguides.org](mailto:moggill@johnoxleyguides.org).

identify areas of support needed for individual children in specific areas. Our year 3, 5 and 7 teachers will be given some release from class at the conclusion of the tests in order to mark some of the test papers before they are posted away to external markers. This will enable us to gather information about each child and develop teaching strategies to assist the children this year, rather than wait for test results to be published in September.

Once again, I encourage all parents to avoid absences of their children during the testing period next week. Thankyou.

### **Brookfield Show**

The Brookfield Show is only one week away. Please start baking for our school stall. Show entries are invited from all members of the community. Some children enter the cake competition, art, craft etc.

We are also seeking donations of goods for our school raffle, so please assist. More information is included in today's newsletter.

Please note: Brookfield Show Society will use our school oval on Friday 15 May and throughout the weekend. Vehicals and horse floats will park on our oval. We anticipate that half the oval will be closed for the duration of Friday 15 May.

### **Brookfield P & C Association Meeting**

The May meeting of the Brookfield P&C Assoc will be held next Tuesday 12 May at 7.30pm in our school Library. Items for the agenda will include: Brookfield Show, Netball Court revegetation work, rain tank installation, and a special pres-

entation about Mathletics Computer program will be made by Mrs Mandy Salisbury (4A). All welcome.

### School Start Times

The first bell for the school day rings at 8.50am. At this time we expect all children to be in class & organising themselves ready to start their first lesson when the second bell rings at 9am. Please ensure your children are at school & in class on time each day.

### High School Feedback

Teachers from Bridgine College have given feedback on how well Brookfield children have been taught. In particular, teaching in Mathematics at Brookfield has been greatly praised with Bridgine teachers noting the Brookfield kids have covered everything in maths compared to other school (some children haven't learned fractions, decimals, etc) Well done Brookfield Teachers!

*Helen Kenworthy*

### **From The Deputy Principal**

#### **Student Teachers**

This week we welcome students QUT and USQ to Brookfield State School.

For some of these students it will be their first experience as student teacher in our school. These practicum's are an extremely important aspect of their training as teachers.

We welcome Mr Wee Pheng Goh who will be working with Ms Hilary Sheridan, Ms Renee Berriman who will be working with Ms Nikki Spanner and Robin Kerr, Ms Rachelle Wicks who will be working with Ms Jodie Blair; Ms Lydia Fisher and Ms Natasha Griffin who will be working with Ms Kienzle and Ms Melanie Grills who will be working with Tony Pritchard.

We trust that they will enjoy their time

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### Sport News

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*Kieron Skehan*

### Burger Bar

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*Monica Wareham*

### Music News

#### "OLDY BOYS ALOUD"

Mrs McMillan is trialling a singing Group for boys in Yrs 4 - 7, we will practise on Tuesdays from 1 - 1.30pm and all boys are welcome to come along and have a go, starting next week in the Music Room. *Melissa McMillan*

### Mothers' Day Stall Date Claimer

Please note that tomorrow 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 selection, etc. If you should have any further queries please contact Helen on 32026553 or Mel on 33781164.

*Helen Westenberg*

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*Beryl Paragreen*

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