

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Thursday 5th March 2009

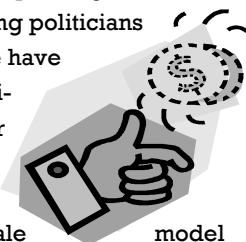
Deadline:
Tuesday 12pm
Tennis Court Hire:
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Principal:
Helen Kenworthy
Deputy Principal:
Karen O'Neill
P & C President:
Ross Jarden

Student Leader Investiture Assembly

Each year we hold a special assembly for our school student leaders. During this assembly our student leaders are presented with their badges and we celebrate their investiture as leaders of our school.

Over the past six years we have invited a special guest to each of these assemblies. Instead of having politicians to present the badges to our students, we have invited a range of people who have a variety of careers and are role models for our students. In past years we have had an Olympic tri-athlete, a police officer, a cello player from the Qld Orchestra, a male model (a past student working for Calvin Klein in New York), and an F111 Australian Air Force pilot.



This year we are delighted to announce that our special guest is Tania Fraser mother of Adam Schniederma (3A). Tania is a professional musician who plays Oboe with the Queensland Orchestra. Tania is also a past student of Brookfield State School who began her music experience in our primary school instrumental program playing the clarinet. Tania then attended Kenmore State High School where she changed to Oboe and went on to study at the Qld Conservatorium of Music before heading overseas to further her study.

Tania has willingly accepted our invitation to be our special guest at the Student Leaders Investiture Assembly where she will talk to the children about her career and play a piece for us.

The assembly will be held for Years 4-7 classes next Thursday morning at 9am in our school hall. Student leaders for 2009 and their parents have been invited to attend. The assembly will replace our weekly Wednesday morning assembly. Following the assembly our invited guest, parents and the student leaders will participate in a morning-tea put on for them by our Year 6 students and their families. This is always a lovely way for our Year 6 students to congratulate the student leaders. The assembly will start at 9am. All welcome.

Educating Students About Test Strategies

Over the past five weeks of this term our teachers have been working with the children to teach them test taking strategies. The focus has mainly been with children in Years 3, 5 and 7. We have worked with these children on strategies designed to take away the distracters during a test situation, for example using a sheet of plain paper to cover all the answer bubbles while you read the question so as not to be distracted by all the answer options. Also learning strategies to eliminate some of the answers in multiple choice questions and practice the task of writing non-stop for a 30 minute period to produce a complete narrative with an orientation, complication and resolution. We will also set the classroom up in a formal testing style over the coming weeks so the children can experience the changed environment. For many children a testing environment is unfamiliar, in particular our little 8 year olds in Year 3 are used to working in groups with teacher assistance and support and interacting with other children while they work. In a test situation we put desks into rows, tell children not to talk and make them work through a test booklet for 40 minutes. Practice in this environment is designed to avoid the stress experienced by so many children in a test environment. If you would like any further information about our strategies, please feel free to talk to a teacher in Year 3, 5 or 7 or see Mrs Kenworthy or Mrs O'Neill at the office.

Parents and Citizens Assoc Meeting

Next Tuesday 10 March we will hold our P&C Assoc Annual General Meeting followed by our March monthly meeting. Please join us to hear reports from the P&C about activities for the past twelve months. We are also seeking nominations for the various positions on the P&C for the coming year. Because it is an AGM we will have wine and cheese to start our meeting. P&C meetings are always interesting and informative. Please feel welcome to join us in the Administration Building at 7.30pm.

State Election

The State Election has now been called for Saturday 21 March. Our school hall is used as a Polling Place for the election. Traditionally Brookfield SS holds a stall on the verandah of our hall. The stall is a fundraising opportunity for our P&C Assoc. and a wonderful way to generate funds from people outside the school. The stall is set up along the verandah and has a lovely country feel. Some families leave home baked goods in the hall on Friday afternoon prior to the election and other families bring the home-baking with them when they come to the school to vote.

We also hold a raffle on the day. The raffle involves filling an eskie or wheel barrow with donated gourmet goods and selling raffle tickets to all those people who come to vote.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! We are seeking donations of home-baked goods – farm fresh eggs, jams, spreads, cakes, biscuits, slices, breads, etc. to sell on the stall. Please start baking now.

We also need donations for our raffle. Please start sending donations to our office asap so we can stock the box for a wonderful raffle prize. Donations of gourmet items – bottles of wine, gourmet jams, biscuits, chilli pastes, unwanted gifts, gift vouchers, etc are most welcome. Please check the “Use By” date so that we don’t get caught with lots of expired food items. Gourmet food items can be left in the school office now.

We will also need some wonderful parents to work on the stall selling cakes or raffle tickets. Please complete the slip below if you can give an hour of your time to work on the stall when you come to vote on the day.

THANKYOU!!!

Class Phone Lists

Once again this year the wonderful Toft family from Brookfield Vet Clinic have volunteered to produce a booklet of phone contact numbers for all classes at our school. This booklet is distributed to all families and holds phone numbers for all classes so that you can contact friends of your child to organise play dates, functions and more. Thankyou Bronwyn and Richard Toft.



We have been running a special return slip in the newsletter

for the past four weeks

inviting you to notify us if you DO NOT want your phone number published in the booklet. If you DO NOT want your number included in this publication you must notify our school by this Friday 6 March. After this date the booklets will go into print and be distributed by the end of this term.

Brookfield SS P & C Annual General Meeting

Our next P & C Assoc meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in our school administration building. The Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the normal March meeting. At the annual general meeting reports from all P & C sub-groups will be tabled. These reports, and the president’s report, will outline the activities of the P & C Assoc over the past 12 months. This meeting is always very informative and interesting. All parents, caregivers and community representatives are welcome to attend. At the Annual General Meeting all P & C positions will be declared vacant and nominations for the positions will be accepted. The following positions make up our P & C Assoc executive and P & C committee:

President – oversees the successful functioning of the Association. The President chairs the general and special meetings of the P&C Association and represents the Association at official functions.

Vice-President – chairs meetings of the P&C in the President’s absence. The Vice-President is also responsible for communicating the activities of the Association to the general parent body.

Secretary –

Minutes:

Prepares meeting agendas in consultation with the President and records minutes of all meetings

Correspondence: Receives and tables all incoming correspondence.

Treasurer – is responsible for the sound financial management of the Association. Keeps records of financial transactions and presents a report at each meeting. The Treasurer is also responsible for ensuring the records of the Association are audited each year.

Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Payable) – draws cheques and maintains records of transactions. All records are provided to the Treasurer.

Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Receivable) – deposits monies and maintains records of transactions. All records are provided to the treasurer.

Uniform Shop Convenor – coordinates the operation of the uniform shop including purchases and sales.

Books/Stationery Coordinator – liaises with teachers regarding book list requirements for students. Coordinates provision of book lists and distribution of book packs.

OSHC Liaison Officer – liaises with Outside School Hours Care staff and provides regular reports on OSHC activities to the Association.

Fundraising Coordinator – coordinates the fundraising activities of the Association with the assistance of a fundraising team. The fundraising coordinator does not need to be involved in all fundraising activities but oversees fundraising efforts to ensure a balance of activities across the year.



Parking/Grounds Coordinator – coordinates small works conducted by the Association in school car park and grounds.

Student Banking Officer – accepts and deposits students’ savings for Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite Accounts

Scholastic Book Club Coordinator – organises distribution of book club forms and sends returned forms to Scholastic Book Club.

Tennis Court Hire – manages bookings for school tennis courts.

Grants Coordinator – identifies grant bodies and writes applications to obtain external funding for Association projects.

We are inviting interested persons to nominate for these positions prior to the meeting if desired. Please contact our office or put your nomination in writing to our P&C Assoc. Our P&C Assoc does a wonderful job supporting our school and your children with sport facilities, air-conditioning of the school, security systems, and much, much more. Thankyou to our whole community for supporting our P & C Association.



Nomination For P&C Association Position

I would like to express an interest in the position of _____ with the Brookfield SS P&C Assoc for 2009.

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Please return to the “All Returns Box” in our school office by Tuesday 10 March.

Craft Group News

We are trying to get the Friday Craft Group up and running again, but we need YOU! You are invited to a coffee/chat this Friday morning at 10.00am at Tina's. Any one who is interested in joining the Friday Craft Group is most welcome. The FCG is funded by the Fundraising committee so there are no outlays. All you will be asked to give is your time, imagination, creativity, and humour. So come and enjoy a cuppa while we jot down some ideas for the year. The Group is held weekly and each week is hosted by a member - you are not obligated to attend every week. Our first project is almost complete (started last year). It is a patchwork quilt in which we intend to raffle. Please feel free to phone me for more information: Tina - 3374 0598 or email tkmcd@optusnet.com.au

Run Club starts again!

Run Club will start again on **Monday 9 March** at **8.15am** - join us on Mondays (with Marita) & Wednesdays (with Skye) provided it's not raining, or too wet on the oval. We meet near the tuckshop. As it is still pretty hot, please wear your hats and bring a water bottle. (We'd like to add a 3rd morning if we can get another parent to help - please contact Marita on 33740518 or mlstinton@bigpond.com)

Burger Bar

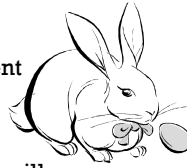
It's the first Friday of the month, so that means burgers are on the menu for dinner down at the happy hour bar at the showgrounds. Bring the family down and enjoy a drink or two without having to cook!! The bar opens at 6pm so see you there!



Cadbury Easter Egg

Chocolate Drive

Chocolates will be sent home on Friday! Each family, unless requested otherwise, will receive one mixed variety carry box of Cadbury Easter egg chocolates to sell. Each box contains 20 individual family packets of chocolate and the recommended retail price is \$3.00 per packet. The profit for each carry box sold is \$20 and this money will go directly to the school.



If you can sell extra boxes of chocolate please contact Gillian Keir on 3374 3308 or leave a message with Judith Lilley in the office and another box will be given to your family.

When returning your money to the office, please make sure your child's name and class is marked clearly on the envelope provided. All monies should be returned by no later than **Friday 20th March**.

If any parents are available to help pack boxes of chocolate on Friday 6th March for 2 hours after drop off, please contact Gillian Keir on 3374 3308. Any help would be really appreciated!

LOST

Kate Bruck from 3B is missing her tennis racket if you have seen it please contact Snjezana Bruck 3374 2541 or return to the office.



Happy Birthday!

*Eli Separovich Tom Watson
Olivia Wallace Renee Lake
Tom Simes Anna Bruck
John Bradtke Tom Bradtke*



PAID ADVERTISING

Hockey Club

Hockey Club is seeking more junior players for the following teams: U11 Boys contact Barry Chamberlain baz_chamberlain@bigpond.com or mobile 0488 132 486, U11 Girls / U13 Girls / U15 Girls contact Julie Ellett julieellett@yahoo.com.au or mobile 0422 986 848. Visit our website www.bellhowrie Hockey.org.au.

Go Sports

Go-Sports will conducting Cricket coaching (for grades 2-5) and Netball (for grades 3-6) this term on Friday mornings from 8am-845am on the school oval. Sessions begin on 13th February and go for 8 weeks. To register please contact Greg Martin on 0417 614 509 or enrol online at www.gosports.com.au by Friday 9th 2009.

CLASS PHONE LIST BOOKLET

LAST CALL

If you **DO NOT** want your phone number listed in a booklet for distribution to all families, please complete this slip and return to our school office by Friday 6 Marcy

P & C Election Stall Help Saturday 21 March 2009

_____ I would be happy to help co-ordinate the P&C Election Stall on Sat 21 March.

_____ I would be happy to assist on the stall or selling raffle tickets at the stall. I am available for a half hour shift at the following times _____

_____ My family would like to donate a wheelbarrow/large eskie for use in the raffle.

Name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____

Please return to the "ALL RETURNS BOX" in our school office ASAP

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 9/3 Monica Wareham, Wendy Baker, Gina Willmore, Katie Baker, Lisa Rink
Wednesday 11/3 Donna Peacock, Petra Jones, Carolyn Parsons, Jane Smith ,Sue Tracy, Gouzel Coleman
Thursday 12/3 Mel McArdle, Helen Westenbery, Christine Schultz ,Sarah Stefanaras, Caroline Vassie

Home Baking Roster

Monday 9/3 Debbie Maxwell, Katie Baker, Gina Willmore, Lori Brown
Wednesday 11/3 Liz Cuffe, Jill Nicklin
Thursday 12/3 Deb Woltman, Mel McArdle, Megan Williamson

Donation Roster

Monday 9/3 Monica Wareham

