

in the placement process you will need to complete the form that was sent out in last week's newsletter. If you need new forms you can collect these from the office. These forms need to be returned to the office by this **Friday 7 November**. A reminder that :

- Class placements are not finalised until after day 8, 2009. At this time there may be a need to move some students as a result of changes to enrolment numbers, staffing or other circumstances such as medical reasons or disability.
- We work to make the best placement for students based on all of the information at hand.
- Children being placed in multi-age classes are not necessarily placed according to academic history only. NB at this stage with current numbers there will be multi age classes.
- Your information provides part of the picture and not the whole picture when making class placements. Please do not make promises to your child based on this preference sheet.
- Your information will be considered as part of the process.
- Not all children will be happy with their class placement. This is not always a bad thing. These challenges can lead to personal growth if supported by teachers and families.
- Please note that once classes have been formulated, and the children notified about which class they will be in there will be no changes.
- There is a strong possibility of a combination of year levels which is driven by enrolment numbers.
- We thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process.

At the moment that we are gathering data to inform us of class compositions for next year. Education Queensland's student ratio guidelines are 1:25 for P-3 areas and

1:28 for 4-7. At times, classes may be above or below this ratio.

EVERYDAY COUNTS AT OUR SCHOOL

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

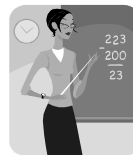
- ☐ all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- ☐ schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- ☐ attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- ☐ children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future. If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school. For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at : www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

PRE-SERVICE TEACHER

Last week saw our pre-service teacher Sophie Gibson finish her practicum and internship.



Sophie has worked tirelessly over her time at Brookfield State School in Year 1/2D and has been an enthusiastic learner. We wish her well in her career. Congratulations and farewell!

PELEGRINI BOOK ORDERS

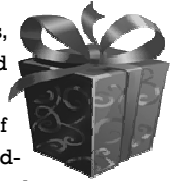
Bookpack Order Received with No Name or Payment



Pellegrini's (stationery supplier) have received an order for Year 2 and Year 6

students with no name or payment. The orders were stapled together. If you have a child in each of these year levels and think the order might be yours, please contact Sharon in the office, or you can call Bianca at Pellegrini's on 3367 8300.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A BIG thankyou to parents, students, teaching staff and administration staff for the magnificent effort this year of Operation Christmas Child-Shoebox appeal. The effort and response was magnificent. Mrs Jodie Drew organised the plain clothes day which contributed a bit over \$400 and the donations with the boxes was \$449.50 . On Wednesday I delivered 130 boxes to Samaritans Purse which was very gratefully received. Please keep all the children and volunteers, who now oversee the packing of the boxes into containers and send them on their way and also the ones at the other end who distribute them in your thoughts and prayers. Samaritans Purse is expecting to send 55,000 boxes from Queensland this year. I have been delighted by the reaction of the students in their excitement of packing a box. How much better is it to GIVE than receive.

Maxine Chandler

DATE CLAIMERS INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Interhouse swimming carnival is on at Kenmore State School Pool on Wednesday 26th November for all students in Years 4 - 7. Results from this carnival will be used as the basis for nominations for next year's district swimming carnival.



DAD'S TUCKSHOP

Thursday 4th December is Dad's Tuckshop BBQ and is the final Tuckshop for the year. Any Dad's able to assist on this day, please contact Kim Bishop via email at kgbish@bigpond.com

