

## Carpark Closure



Please note: This Friday 9 May the Showgrounds Carpark and Carpark to the north of our Administration Building will be CLOSED. Resurfacing of the carpark areas will be undertaken during Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May. While the closure will cause disruption to parking on Friday, the upgrade of the carpark area is well over due and will be appreciated by all who use it.

Please make alternate arrangements with your children. We encourage you to drive through the Stop, Kiss and Go zone at the front of our school (in Boscombe Rd outside the Admin building). A teacher is on duty in this area each afternoon. Children are required to wait inside the closed gates of the administration carpark. As parents pull into Stop Kiss and Go children move out of the grounds and get into their car. If your child takes too long coming up to Stop Kiss and Go you must leave and drive around the block, then come back to Stop Kiss Go to collect him/her. Please do not park or leave your vehicle in the Stop Kiss Go zone.

The carpark upgrade has been organised by our P & C Association and much of the work is being undertaken on a voluntary basis by the Steel Family (Jack Steel 1A, Brookfield Property Maintenance 3374 4249). The surface of the carparks will be graded and new road-base material will be packed onto the surface. This will greatly improve the access, use and safety of the carpark areas. Thank you Chris and Don Steel!



## Brookfield Show

The annual Brookfield Show is now only two weeks away. The Show is a wonderful community event involving many com-

munity members in organising, setting-up and running all aspects of the Show. Make sure you schedule time for your family to visit the Show over the weekend. Some families attend the Show in the afternoon and stay on for dinner and the fireworks display, others spend a few hours each day or the whole weekend in activities in and around the Show.

## School Display

Our school is involved in many ways from a "school display" next to the Art Pavilion to running a stall and selling raffle tickets. The stall is held each year by our P & C Assoc and generally raises around \$6000 for the P & C to spend on resources for children at our school.

## P & C Cake Stall

This year Mrs Helen Westenberg and other volunteers have offered to bake during the weeks leading up to the Show. Helen has asked for donations of butter, sugar, flour, fruit, eggs, packet cake mixes and any other items you grow, produce or can buy. She will turn your donations into items to be sold on the stall. A box is located in the foyer of our office so please send your goods in ASAP. (Do it now so Helen can spread her baking out over the next few weeks.)

Brookfield SS traditionally has a stall stacked high with home-baking – cakes, biscuits, fudge, lemon butter, honey, home-grown limes, etc. So please start organising your time to do some baking for our stall. Each Election Stall and Show Stall people comment that they come to our school stall in order to buy the beautiful home-baking, so please don't let us down this year.



We are happy to take ANYTHING you would like to make. If you require help or suggestions or can assist on the day, please contact Helen or Mel on: [Michael.westenberg@bigpond.com](mailto:Michael.westenberg@bigpond.com) or [mcardle05@bigpond.com](mailto:mcardle05@bigpond.com) or Helen on

0409 478860 or Mel on 0402 907 609. There will be ladies in the Tuckshop collecting donations from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm Friday 16 May or you can deliver them to the Show Stall on Saturday when you come to the Show. (We will only be holding our stall on Saturday this year).

## Year 6 & 7 Camp

Our Year 6 & 7 students and brave, supportive teachers spent last Wednesday to Friday at Camp. The camp was located in a very picturesque country area near Yandina. A variety of challenging and team building activities offered to our students included the ever-popular mid ropes course, the vertical play pen, abseiling, bushcraft, the challenge trail, team building games and our natural environment awareness charcoal sketching artwork.

I had the opportunity to interview our Year 7 students whilst we were waiting for our chariot to return us home..... And so this is their review:

**Will:** We learnt a lot about each other

**Georgia H:** I definitely loved the mid ropes the best.

**Carragh:** Mid ropes was the best because it was challenging and you could face your fear of heights.

**Sammy:** I liked the vertical play pen the best because it made you face your fear.

**Eleanor:** A very memorable experience!

**Will & Tom:** A marvellous experience that taught us a lot.

**Tom:** Always try everything.

**Chris:** It was lots of fun.

A special thank you to my camp buddies Kieron Skehan, Hilary Sheridan and Jodie Drew for giving up their family time and organising this wonderful learning opportunity for our Year 6 & 7 Brookfield students.

## ***P & C Raffle***

We are also seeking items for our raffle. Please send donations to the school office (Make sure they have a current "use-by date"). Our P & C Assoc will organise a wheelbarrow to hold the goods for a big raffle prize, donations of food, wine, toys, gift vouchers, etc. We've already had bottles of wine donated, a bottle cooler, chocolates, a bottle of Otard Cognac, and more. Please send your items in ASAP.

If you can help in anyway, on the stall, setting-up, etc, please leave your name and number at the school office. Thankyou.

## ***May P & C Meeting***

Next Tuesday 13 May we will hold our May P & C Association Meeting. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the school staffroom in our Administration Building. You are most welcome to join us, it's a great way to find out more about what's going on at your child's school. All welcome.

## ***Middle School Year 6/7 Camp***

Last week students in our Middle School attended a three day camp at Maranatha near Yandina behind the north coast. The students were involved in high ropes, abseiling, rope obstacle courses and team games. The camp was designed to challenge each child to have-a-go and to build team relationships between the children. By all reports it was a really fantastic experience for all the children who were full of stories of excitement and challenge on their return. A very big thankyou to staff, Hilary Sheridan (7A), Kieron Skehan (6A), Jodie Drew (6/7) and Sue Biffin (DP) who attended the camp. Excited children keep staff awake all night the first night, exhausted children slept like logs the second night. No doubt everyone slept well over the weekend!!

## ***Bus Safety - Hold Your Child***

I ask all parents to take more caution with their children as they walk around areas where cars and busses are parked and/or moving. I particularly request that parents with younger children take these children by the hand and keep them close, particularly as they walk along the busy footpath at the front of our school. As the large coach for the Middle School Camp pulled away from the kerb last Wednesday morning two



very small children ran up the footpath 3 metres ahead of their mother. As they ran the large rear wheels of the coach rolled away from the kerb right beside them. A fear went through me, a parent standing near me reached out to grab the little girl, the children kept running. Children are so unpredictable. Fortunately in this case nothing happened but the possibility of a trip and fall or a turn off the footpath was very real.

Please note, when buses are moving from the kerb school staff will stop you and your children from moving along the footpath near the bus until it has safely moved away. You will be delayed until the bus has gone. I strongly recommend all parents hold their child's hand as they use the footpath and when coaches are parked in this area I suggest you use the inside path for access not the footpath. Please take extra care and ensure your children are safe.

## ***Year 3, 5, 7 Testing***

On 13, 14 and 15 May more than 200 000 students across Queensland will take part in the first national literacy and numeracy tests. The tests

will see all students in years 3, 5 & 7 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts, replacing the previous state-based tests.

The tests results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and patterns.

Results from the test will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview. The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year. While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves.

- \* Get at least 8 hours sleep
- \* Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- \* Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- \* Develop a time management plan for studying
- \* If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any major concerns regarding these tests. There are strict procedures put in place



for exempting children or for giving them extra assistance so please advise us as soon as possible if you have any special requests. If your child is going to be away on any of these days you need to advise us as well as we have to allow for a test "catch up" day.

As always, if you have any issues you would like to discuss with us we are happy to meet with you. Please arrange an appointment via our ladies in the office on 3374 7333.

## ***Deputy Principal***

Last week Mrs Kenworthy and two other principals on the selection panel for a Deputy Principal at Brookfield SS short listed people for interview. The pool of applicants is of a very high standard including experienced Deputy Principals and small school Principals from throughout Queensland and some from interstate. Applicants demonstrated an extensive range of skills and experiences. We are very pleased that there is such a high quality pool of people who have applied for the position. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 20 May.

## ***Professional Development Weekend***

This weekend Mrs Paragreen (Business Services Manager) and Mrs Biffin (Deputy Principal) will attend professional development workshops organised by the QASSP (Qld Association of State School Principals). The program focuses on building positive visions, encouraging people in the workplace to have a positive attitude (life is what you make it!!) and building good quality, interpersonal relationships. Workshops are held on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

## ***District Cross Country***

District Cross Country is taking place this Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at Fig Tree Pocket State School. First event starts at 9am. All students attending need to meet Mr Skehan at the Brookfield State School tent to have their names marked off the roll and to participate in a warm up. Good luck to all competitors!!!



## ***Crunch Time for Brookfield Show Entries***

It's now or never for artists and craftspeople wanting to display their talents at the 2008 Brookfield Show. With just over a week until show time May 16-18, photography entries close Friday, children's craft has to be delivered Thursday or Saturday and children's art on Thursday or Monday. Entries close

Wednesday for cookery, although late entries can be taken next week for a \$2 late fee. Check entry forms and schedules for exact times and stewards' contact details to volunteer to help at [www.brookfieldshow.com](http://www.brookfieldshow.com).

### Mothers Day Stall

Each year the P & C Association holds a Mothers Day Stall for children to purchase a small gift for Mum. This year our stall will be held next Thursday, 8th May. Children come to the stall in their class groups and are able to purchase some lovely hand made items (thank you Craft Group) and a range of commercially produced items. Gifts range in price from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Please feel free to buy for Grandma too.



### Running Club

Running Club is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 am on the oval. Thank you Mrs Marita Womal and Cathy McCarthy Smith for running Running Club! All students are welcome to attend and try to run as many laps as they can to improve their fitness and have fun. Student's laps are recorded and certificates are awarded, on assembly when students achieve 10/15/20/25 or 50m kilometres or more.



### Choir News

There will be no Intermediate Choir next Monday May 12 as Mrs McMillan will be attending professional development day.

### Senior Band News

The Senior Band will be performing at Fanfare on June 10, 2008. We need all students to be practicing for the required amount of time each week (5 lots of 30 minutes). Please ensure that your child is doing this as it will help to retain the high standard of performance from this school. Every student is required at every band practice on time at 8:00am sharp. I seek your help in keeping student's punctual and encouraging their practice. Thank-you, Mr Lougheed.

### String News

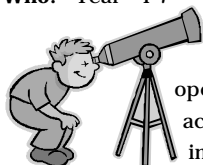
Mrs Fiona Lougheed has been employed to take Jen Hemming's lessons and ensemble practices. Students will need to practise diligently,



bring their instruments to school and be punctual for lessons and ensemble. Thank-you Mrs Lougheed for supporting our String Program in Mrs Hemming's absence.

### Optiminds Invitation

**Who:** Year 4-7 students ..... who would like the opportunity to participate in open ended, creative activities with challenging problems which require experimentation and divergent thinking. If you like acting, working in a team and challenges then Opti-minds is for you!



**When:** Wednesday 12:30 in the hall (bring your lunch)

**The Aim of Opti-minds** is to enhance the potential of all participants by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and demanding environment.

*We encourage participants to be unashamedly excellent!*

For more information: <http://www.opti-minds.com/about>. We hope to see you there, Mrs Biffin & Mrs McNeil.

### News From Year 4

**Local Area Study** - At the moment Years 4A & 4B are studying our local area. Each child has chosen a site, somewhere in Brookfield to research its history. We have filled in survey sheets about our site and at the present time we are making up time-lines of our sites history.

Next week we are making a plan for our 3D box model of our chosen site. We have to bring in materials needed to make our model in the next week and then we will construct it.

Year 4 has been very fortunate to listen to some invited guests talking about what it was like in the Brookfield area in the past.

Everyone is excited about our overnight camp at the end of this term, where we will be looking at things done in the past by pioneering people.

It's all happening in Year 4!

### Muso of the Month



**Congratulations** to Dena Healy who has practised very hard this month and has achieved entry

## Happy Birthday!

Anna Winters	Sarah Thomas
Benjamin Rosolak	Connor Leggett
Alex Thomson	Marni Findlay
Tessa McDougall	Chris Anderson
Adrien Cussac	Daniel Bailey
Georgia Rink	William Marshall

into the top music camp.

Dena also played the last post for Anzac Day. Well done!

### Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Brookfield Hall

Thursday 22 May, 10 am

Kids welcome. See flier in todays Banter.

More info - Jenny Edwards 0408 187 620.



### SPECIAL MENTION

**Congratulations to Harry Such** who represented our school in

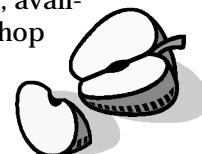


District Tennis at the Brookfield Tennis Centre and won the singles event.

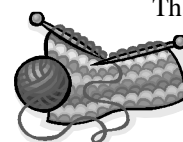
Well done.

### Tuckshop Specials

Running short on fruit at home? Send 80c with your child for a fun apple slinky, available each tuckshop day.



### Craft News



Thankyou to Dianne, Sharon, Pauline and Sarah for all of your help during the Term. There will be no craft group this week.

Thankyou to all involved who have helped with the Mothers Day gifts.

Some of the items for sale will be bookmarks, candles, notebooks, key-rings and many more fantastic gifts for mum.

