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## From The Principal – Helen Kenworthy

### June P & C Meeting

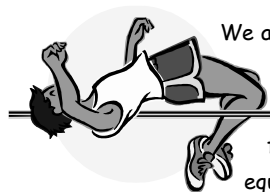
Our June P&C Meeting was well attended last night and a range of items were discussed. With half the school year behind us, our P&C Association has had a very successful year to date. This was a really interesting and informative meeting and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting Tuesday 7th July.

### School Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival is scheduled for early next term. As a result of the damage to our school oval by recent flooding, we will be changing the format of our carnival this year. The following arrangements are currently being made:

Tuesday 21 July - Junior Carnival. This carnival will involve Years Prep to Year 3 and will be held as a half day carnival on our school oval (using areas of the oval that have not been damaged by flood water or debris.)

Wednesday 22 July - Senior Carnival. This carnival will involve all children in Years 4-7 and be held at Chapel Hill State School. We will ask all 4-7 children to be delivered and collected from Chapel Hill State School on the day. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for the carnival. All track and field events will be held on the one day (high jump, long jump, 200m, 400m, etc), with groups of children moving around the events. Chapel Hill P&C has been invited to put on food and drink stalls if they wish to.



We are currently seeking support from other local schools to help us with sport equipment needed so that our students can practice field events. We need shot put and high jump equipment as our equipment is stored in the

shipping container that is still lodged in trees beside the creek. We are also hoping to use the Brookfield Showgrounds arena to practice for running events during PE lessons and during Friday afternoon training sessions.

Please note the following dates on your calendar:

- **Tuesday 21 July:** P - 3 Junior Sports Carnival  
Brookfield SS Oval
- **Wednesday 22 July:** 4 - 7 Athletics Carnival  
Chapel Hill SS Oval

### Mid Year Student Progress Reports

All class teachers are currently working on mid-year, student progress reports. These reports are designed to provide you with information about how well your child is progressing in all key learning areas, this year. Each child's progress will be rated using a five point scale: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, Support Required Year 1-3 reports and A-E Year 4-7 reports.

Once reports are finalised they are read by Mrs O'Neill (Yrs 1-3) and myself (yrs 4-7), before being printed and posted home at the end of this term (Year 2 reports sent home first week of Term 3).

All teachers are required to provide parent/teacher interviews in order to outline your child's progress in more detail. Many class teachers have already begun their parent interviews and will continue these into the first weeks of next term. Look for your child's interview request letter, or contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. Interview appointments are required so please ensure you make an appointment to discuss your child's progress as "drop-in" appointments are not acceptable.

Year 2 student reports will be issued at the beginning of Term 3. This is due to Education Queensland's Year 2 Diagnostic Net process whereby each child's progress in reading, writing and number is reviewed using specific criteria. Children deemed to have been "caught in the net" are those identified as requiring additional support and their work is reviewed through a District Moderation Process at the end of this term. Following the district moderation, student reports are finalised and posted home during the first week of term 3. Please feel free to ask your child's Year 2 teacher for more information.

### Year 6/7 Canberra Trip

Final arrangements are now being made for the Middle School trip

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to Canberra on Sunday 21 June. The five day trip, costing \$815 per child, is now only two weeks away. Children in years 6 and 7 have been involved in studies and research about government systems in Australia, as well as the Australian judicial system. Systems of local, state and federal government form the basis of curriculum this term and will be reinforced by activities and programs in Canberra. This year 98 children are attending the trip, along with 17 parents and 5 school staff.

Departing early on Sunday morning, our tour will spend the day in Sydney participating in a Harbour Cruise and visit to Taronga Zoo. The following four days in Canberra include programs at the War Memorial, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House (recently opened Museum of Democracy), Electoral Education Centre, National Gallery, High Court, Film Archives, Australian Institute of Sport, National Museum, etc. We plan the trip at a time when parliament is sitting so the children will see our politicians at work in the House of Representatives and in The Senate. Our Federal Member, Michael Johnson, will meet the children and usually joins us on the roof of parliament house (under the huge flag) where he provides afternoon tea for each child, talks about his role in parliament, and enjoys photo opportunities with the children.

This week I will spend time in each of the Year 6 and 7 classrooms, teaching the children about Canberra, our nation's capital. It is important for the children to know the history of this city, the design by Walter Burley Griffin, the role as our capital city, and the significance of the National symbols and buildings of national significance located in Canberra. I will explain the concept of 'satellite city' used in planning in the Australian Capital Territory, as well as more intricate design aspects such as Walter Burley Griffin's plan that politicians leaving parliament house each evening would look up Anzac Parade to the War Memorial and remember the men and women who have lost their lives for our country.



## Winter Weather

With winter officially starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the cooler mornings result in children wearing warmer clothes to school. As the day warms up, many children remove their jumpers and track pants, often leaving them in the playground. Clothes found around the school are regarded as "Lost Property" and sent to Lost Property baskets on the verandah outside our school library. During the June school holiday period, we ask all parents to check children's school uniforms to ensure they are all clearly named. Many of the items in our Lost Property collection are not named. This makes it impossible to return clothing to the children. Please check your child's clothes have names written on them, write names on with pen or use iron-on name labels.

*Helen Kenworthy*



School Travel Plan. Next meeting will be held on the 16 June at 2.00 pm in the school hall. All welcome.

## 2010 Pupil Free Days

Student Free Days for the start of 2010 are Friday 22 January and Monday 25 January. The 26 January is Australia Day, with students returning on Wednesday 27 January.

*Karen O'Neill*

## Music News

Last week, seven of our students attended District Music Camp at either Alexander Headland or Moorooka SS.

On Friday night, parents and friends were treated to 2 incredible concerts playing pieces that had been worked on during the week. As an audience member, the experience of hearing primary school students playing music at this standard was amazing. The parents must be very proud!

Congratulations to Dena, Tessa, Stephanie, Chloe, Phoebe, Miranda and Amy, who worked so hard and represented Brookfield at this event. The benefits to these students will be long lasting and they now return to school to share their skills with our school ensembles. Well done girls!

*Melissa McMillan*

## From The Deputy Principal

### Bollywood comes to Brookfield



It was remiss of me not to mention in last week's newsletter the wonderful job that 3B and in their performance of an Indian dance at Junior Parade a fortnight ago. Under the careful guidance of Ms Koppen both boys and girls were thoroughly engaged in the dance routine with much enthusiasm. Bollywood dance is a fusion of various Indian Folklore and classical dance styles. Thank you very much Ms Koppen and 3B for the entertaining routine.

### Active School Travel Plan

On May 26 our inaugural Active School Project Working Group met with Mr Harry Dodd from the Brisbane City Council to discuss the prospect of exploring sustainable transport initiatives such as students walking, cycling, carpooling or using public transport. The initial catalyst for the promotion of an Active School Travel Plan was the road closure for the Rafting Ground Upgrade. Mr Harry Dodd will be working with the school to discuss possible solutions and strategies that the school can adopt as part of an Active

## Burger Bar

It was great to see some new faces at the Happy Hour bar on Friday night.



We raised a fantastic \$1080.50 for our school. Well done to our army of helpers this month - Michelle Hewett, Chris and Don Steel, Caroline Vassie, Teresa King, Melissa McArdle, Helen and Chris Orr and Deanne Wan Lum.

Thank you very much also to Sandy Baldwin for donating a beautiful bracelet and Stephanie Squire for the bottle of rum and Gold class movie tickets for the raffle. The next happy hour night is in the school holidays, so if you are not away come down for a fun filled night!!

*Monica Wareham*

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By Oliver

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By Brianna

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