

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday 11th 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

P & C Association Annual General Meeting

This week the Brookfield Parents and Citizens' Association held its Annual General Meeting. Special thanks was given to members of the P & C Executive Committee who have volunteered their time for our school over the past twelve months. This large group of volunteers provides enormous support for the children and staff at our school. Such support helps to make Brookfield SS the outstanding educational facility that it is. Thank you to all P & C Assoc members. A very special thankyou goes to Mrs Michelle Wirkus (Martin 4A). Michelle has volunteered many hours of her time in the role of Treasurer of the P & C over the past 3 years. This has been a huge job and Michelle has worked extremely hard for all the children at our school.

A copy of the President's Report is included in this newsletter. It provides you with information about the activities of the P & C Assoc over the past twelve months.

The following people have been elected to positions on our P & C for the next twelve months:

President—Ross Jarden **Vice President**— Gerard Baden-Clay

Secretary

a. Minutes—Mike Lefcourt; **b. Correspondence**— Tania Bonner

Treasurer—Deb Allman

Ass Treasurer—Acc Rec—Shona Fisher; **Acc Pay**—Kathryn Charrington.

OSHC Liaison—Tania Bonner

Fundraising— Choc Drive and Election Stall—Gillian Kerr

Quiz Night- Brookfield Show Stall-

Other events-

Tuckshop —Kim Bishop

Unifrom Shop—Helen Orr

Books/Stationery—Tina Hill

Student Banking—Kathryn Charrington

Grants Co-ord.—Chris Steele and Mel McCardle

Auditor—Dee Morrison and Craig Sheridan (CKP)

Thankyou to all these people who lead our P&C Association and support our school.

Student Leaders Badge Ceremony

Tomorrow morning we will hold a special assembly to present badges to our student leaders for 2009. This assembly will be held in our hall for all children in Years 4-7. Special guest Ms Tania Fraser will attend and perform a musical piece on her Oboe. Our student leaders and their parents will receive their badges from Ms Fraser and the assembly will be followed by a congratulatory morning-tea put on by Year 6 children and their families. The assembly will be held in our school hall. All welcome. Please Note: There will be no Junior Assembly this week.

School Results on National Testing Program

On the 23 February we received additional information on the performance of students at our school in the National Assessment Pro-

gram for Literacy and Numeracy NAPLAN Years 3, 5 and 7. These results show the very high standard of performance of our school compared to national standards.

We have also received results from the School Opinion Survey for 2008. This information has been used in the preparation of our school Annual Operation Plan. and will no doubt be of interest to you all.

The following table outlines the percentage of students at Brookfield SS who are at or above the National Minimum Standard.

Our school performance in the Diagnostic Net for 2008 also indi-

		Australia 2008	Brookfield SS 2008
Year 3	Reading	92	100
	Writing	95	99
	Spelling	93	93
	Grammar and Punctuation	92	99
	Numeracy	95	100
Year 5	Reading	91	100
	Writing	93	95
	Spelling	92	97
	Grammar and Punctuation	92	100
	Numeracy	93	100
Year 7	Reading	94	100
	Writing	92	100
	Spelling	93	100
	Grammar and Punctuation	92	100
	Numeracy	95	100

cated very high performance by our students. The following table shows our school performance compared to all other Education Queensland schools. This is the percentage of students not requiring additional support in the following areas.

Taking pride in the achievement of our school and the high stan-

		EQ 2008	Brookfield SS 2008
Year 2	Reading	75	89
	Writing	84	98
	Number	81	93

dard of performance as indicated above, we acknowledge the top quality teaching that occurs at our school. We have an extremely professional and hard working team of teachers at Brookfield State School. These results are an indication of this high quality teaching provided to your children. Congratulations to all our staff on these excellent results.

School Satisfaction is rated on feedback from students and parents who are randomly selected to complete our School Opinion Survey each year. The following data will be included in our annual reporting documentation.

a. Percentage of students and parents satisfied that they are getting a good education at Brookfield State School.

	EQ Schools	Brookfield SS
Students	79	89
Parents	78	84

B. Percentage of students and parents satisfied that the school is a good school.

	EQ Schools	Brookfield SS
Parents	84	97

Headlice

Every year there are outbreaks of headlice in schools. If it is the first time your family has experienced headlice, it can be very unpleasant and frustrating. There are many forms of treatment available on the market. The most simple is to use cheap, white hair conditioner and a fine tooth comb and comb lice and eggs out of your child's hair. This method is effective but time consuming and must be carried out every two days over a period of time and repeated over a six week period. Many parents become frustrated when the lice keep appearing but often this is due to the fact that one little egg has been missed in your child's hair (often because the treatment has been stopped too early). If you do not keep treating the hair another egg will hatch and that one louse can lay many eggs and start the problem all over again.

To help us we request that all children have their hair tied back at school. Some parents braid, plait or put long hair into a bun to avoid contact with other children. The problem with headlice is more common in younger children as they tend to lean on each other, hug and have more physical contact at school than children in upper grades.

Please also ensure your child has his/her school hat every day (I keep a second hat in my child's bag for those occasions when the hat gets mislaid.). Encourage your child NOT to wear another child's hat.

More information is available at your local chemist and on various websites. Please let your child's teacher know if you discover lice, our school sends home a note to all children in a class if a case is identified.

Social Skills Program

This year children in years 6 and 7 will participate in social skills programs designed specifically for boys and girls. The first program, "Rock and Water" has been developed for boys and aims to offer physical exercises linked with mental social skills. Its given a framework of exercises and ideas about boys and manhood to assist boys to become aware of purpose and maturation in their life. This program will be conducted by teachers from our school who have been

trained as tutors. The second part of the program is "Friends" Program and will be used with girls in these year levels. This program will be conducted by Mrs Allison Baden-Clay who has been trained in the program by the Pathways organisation at Qld Uni.

Year 7 children will begin the program this week and participate for a 10 week period. Year 6 children will participate in a second ten week program once the yr 7 children have finished. A parent information session about the Friends program will be held in the Year 7 classrooms next Wednesday night at 7pm.

Gifted Education Mentor.

(GEMs) Training

Ms Nikki Spanner and Ms Karen O'Neill attended GEMs training on the 11th and 12 February. The GEMs course runs over three years and will allow us to build on the work we have already been doing at Brookfield SS on Giftedness in our children. The first two days of training helped us to gain a better understanding of who are the gifted, gifted characteristics and Gagne's Model of Giftedness and Talent and identification of students who are gifted. Teachers who have been at Brookfield over the years have already done a great deal of work in this area with our Extension Teacher Elizabeth Bullock.

We are very fortunate at Brookfield to have a fully trained GEM, Ms Elizabeth Bullock who works at our school on a Tuesday. Elizabeth has worked over the past three years assisting Brookfield State School to establish identification and referral processes for children who are gifted, providing professional development for the staff and working with identified groups of children. It will further enhance the programs at Brookfield by having three trained GEMs leaders.

Junior Assembly Cancelled

Due to our School Leaders Badge Ceremony being held on the Thursday 12 March at 9.00 am we have cancelled Junior Assembly this week.

Run Club

What a great turn-up for the 1st Run Club! We are adding Fridays as well (thanks to Tracey and Tanya). So see you on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (weather permitting) at 8.15am (meet near the Tuckshop).

Eggs Needed

Could you please send a blown-out egg to school if you have a student in Year 5, 6 or 7? It is a German tradition to make an 'Osterbaum' by hanging painted eggs onto a branch. We will be painting the eggs next week in the students' hour-long



lesson.

Burger Bar

A very BIG thank you to Monica Wareham who organises and runs the Burger Bar every Month!!!! This group raised \$8000 last year!!!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 catalogues now out and orders are to be returned by Mon 16 March. Please note that payment should be by cheque/money order, or by credit card - **NO CASH PLEASE**. Any questions please contact Deb Allman on 0439 755942.

Sport's News

Date Claimers:

- 6 March** Term1/2 Interschool Sport begins
- 1 April** Interhouse Ball Games Carnival 9-11am
Venue: School oval
- 22 April** Interhouse Cross Country Carnival 9-11am
Venue: School oval
- 7 May** District Cross Country
9 - 1pm Venue: FTP

All students interested in training for cross country should see Mr Hennessey who has developed a cross country training program which can be implemented at home.

All permission and payment forms for Term 1 and 2 Interschool sport need to be returned to the office by 13th March. All Code of Conduct forms need to be handed to the team coach by Friday.

Congratulations to all of our five swimmers Shannon Lombard, Chloe MacDonald, Breanne Shaw, Ben Mutch and Violetta D'Avillia Winters who swam at last week's Regional Carnival at Chandler. I am told they all swam incredibly well. Special congratulations must go to Brianne Shaw and Shannon Lomdard who qualified for the Met West Team to compete at the State Championships for 50 m Freestyle. Brianne finished 3rd with a time of 33.20.

Year 7 Girls Touch Football

Sharon Blair, one of our parent helpers to Ms Kuth Yr 6 & the interschool sport touch football teams, was lucky enough to stay with the Year 7 Girls recently. These 9 girls were encouraging and supportive to one another and every player gave 100% during the whole game. They were an absolute pleasure to watch and a credit to Brookfield State School. WELL DONE GIRLS.

Playground Areas

Our children share lunch time play spaces and eating areas as a whole school group of caring and sharing children. Eating are mixed so that older children can buddy with younger children helping them to open packets, talking with them, etc.

The areas are: Covered Area outside Tuck-

Create a healthy home

- Are you concerned about your exposure to harmful chemicals in personal care and home cleaning products?
- Are you concerned about the lack of nutrition in our 'fresh' foods?
- Are you passionate about preserving our environment?
- Would you like to earn a part time income from home?
- Through simple brand transfer you can create a healthy home and make a difference to your health, your environment and your income
- Call or email me for an obligation free information pack. It could be a decision that will change your life. Wendy Mollah; 38789641; 0439701108; wen-

shop children in P, 2, 4, 6 in one area and 1, 3, 5 in the Covered Area outside the Prep rooms.

Our senior Year 7's have their own special area in the eating shed near the library.

Whilst the children eat together there are designated play areas for the children. P/1 children play in the Junior Playground and Junior Soccer Field which is located in front of the hall and 1 A and 1B. We currently have Year 7 Peer Coaches rostered on during the breaks to support the Prep and Year 1 children. Prep and Year 1 children can also access the Library at both breaks.

All other facilities are available for use by our Year 2-7 students during the lunch breaks. On offer are the Tennis Courts, Oval (which has been divided into three sections with markers to allow similar age groups to have their own soccer field), Netball Courts, Library/Resource Centre and the Adventure Playground on the oval.

Our two larger Adventure Playgrounds have daily rosters which allow various year levels access to the playground at different times. We are keen to teach children to play in harmony with each other as sharing caring individuals.

Year 4 Recorder Text Books

All Year 4 students should have received a note about purchasing recorder text books. Please keep the money coming in, as we need all students working from a book as soon as possible. If you did not receive the note, please see the office for another copy.

Small Business for Sale – Work from home
Misshattan award winning international Milliner. All enquiries to style@misshattan.com or 0415 333 625

Happy Birthday!

Rory Kerr

Annie Lovett

Abby Stefanaras

Jon Staby

Kristen Dalton

James Stansfield

Emily Sale

Annie Bremner

Lachlan McGowan

Lyam Boyce

Lucy Hundloe

Aidan McGlinchey

Isabella Brownhall



Junior Girls' Disco



Junior Girls celebrated International Women's Day with a disco this week. It was a wonderful get together with plenty of smiles and energy. Thanks to Miss Noonan, Mrs Perry, Miss Ashton and Year 7 Girls.

Yr 3 & Yr 3/2 Parent Coffee Morning

Calling all parents from Yr 3 & Yr 3/2 coffee morning catch at Kenmore Coffee Clue Thursday 19 March contact Gina 0419 788 593. Love to see you there.

Cadbury Easter Egg Chocolate Drive

Thank you to all the families who have returned their money for the Easter eggs already. When returning your money to the office, please use the envelope provided and write the name and class of your child/children on the front.

If you would like another box of chocolates to sell, please collect one from Judith Lilley in the office.

Please remember the deadline for the return of all monies is next **Friday 20th March**.

Bush Fire Appeal

Our P&C Association has matched the funds raised by our children in the recent appeal to Victorian Bush Fires. Our students raised \$1,632.20 Our P&C Assoc has matched this figure dollar for dollar and will now make a payment of \$1,632.20 to the appeal.

Tuckshop Behaviours

Parents, please remind all children that they are not to buy food for other children. We encourage you to check whether your child is bringing extra money from home (maybe from their money box without your knowledge). We strongly discourage the sharing of food as we recognise the importance of the healthy food you pack for your child and want the children to eat their own lunch.

Before School Behaviour

Our school rule is that before school activity is WALK AND TALK only. Our teachers are busy preparing their teaching for the day and no teachers are on supervision duty. Children arriving before 8am are required to attend Before School Care. Before 8.15am children sit quietly in the covered area. After 8.15am children are organising themselves to start their school day -WALK AND TALK only. No play is allowed before school and children are not to use the playground equipment. Please avoid bringing children to school too early.

Bike Safety

We continue to receive reports from parents about the unsafe behaviours of children as they walk or ride to and from school. Please talk with your child about safe travel. Perhaps walking the route with your child might be a good way to remind of him/her of safe travel behaviours. Thankyou.

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 16/3 Julie Whayman, Dee Morrison, Cathryn St baker, Fiona Edgecombe, Ali Lord
Wednesday 18/3 Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Sarah Edwards, Cath Kennedy, Natalie Carter, Liz Terry, Sonya Gartner, Leng Haynes-Lovell
Thursday 19/3 Paula Sale, Shona Fisher, Pauline Brothers, Karen Mallet, Michelle Vett, Susan Mallet

Home Baking Roster

Monday 16/3 Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck, Rosie Turnbull, Bronwyn Toft, Cathryn St Baker
Wednesday 18/3 Heidi Roehrs, Natalie Carter, Peta McDonald-Smith, Sonya Gartner
Thursday 19/3 Paula Sale, Shona Fisher

Donation Roster

Monday 16/3 Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck, Rosie Turnbull, Bronwyn Toft, Dee Morrison
Wednesday 18/3 Peta McDonald-Smith
Thursday 19/3 Megan Leggett, Olga Riha

