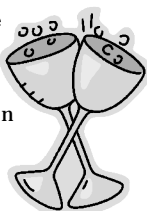


Our School at the Brookfield Show

All our students will attend the show with their teachers for some time on Friday to view the many interesting displays and events. Best of luck to all who have entered the competitions. We are looking forward to seeing your work. There's still a chance to participate if you've left it until the last minute. Late entries will be taken for kids' and adults' cookery up until 9.30am Thursday with a \$2 late fee. Entries are open for horticulture Friday and for kids up until Saturday morning. The kids' floral art section is lots of fun with sections for the under sixes through to under 14s, including an edible necklace and a vegetable or fruit clown. Poultry has lots of opportunity, with a junior novelty section including best kept chook and prettiest hen, all to be delivered and penned Saturday morning. For local equestrians, entries are taken on the day and don't forget Friday is district day for local owners, horses and riders. And if it still isn't for you, just come along and enjoy the fun --- sideshow alley, rodeo Friday, live music and lots of show ring action. Admission \$14 for adults, \$7 concession and unlimited family entry \$60 for the weekend. More information www.brookfieldshow.com.

Donations needed

We still need donations of baking or produce to sell and items to raffle. So far we have received: Alcohol, chips, lollies, biscuits, jams. All donations are appreciated; please bring them to the office as soon as possible or to the Tuckshop between 2.30 - 3.30pm.



Brookfield Show Cake Stall Reminder

Just a quick reminder that the school will be holding a stall at the show this weekend. Please don't forget to drop your donations of cakes, slices, pies, biscuits, jams, chutneys, etc. off to the Tuckshop between 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Thank you and don't forget to call into the stall on Saturday at the show!

A huge thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have already made a donation.

Any queries, please call Helen on 0409 478 860 or Mel on 0402 907 609.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all our competitors who ran in last Thursday's District Cross Country Championship. All runners ran with an amazing amount of pride and determination which could be seen by their extremely strong finishes. Brookfield finished a very credible fifth. A fantastic effort especially when considering that we were only 1 point from fourth place and 2 points off



finishing in third place.

A special congratulations goes to the following students, who finished in the top six of their respective age groups and have been selected to represent the district at the Met West regional trials at Limestone Park Ipswich on May 27.

- Jessie-Claire Smith, 10yr girls 4th place
- Mac Jarden, 10 yr boys 4th place
- Beccy Gardener, 11 yr girls 3rd place
- Seamus Murphy, 12 yr boys 5th place

District Boys Tennis



Congratulations to Harry Such and Seamus Murphy who have been selected in the District Tennis Team to compete in the Met West Carnival at the UQ Tennis Centre on June 2 and 3.

District Softball Trials

Please see Mr Skehan if you are interested in nominating for either senior boys or girls District Softball



Mrs Miller and our volunteers helping out at our Mothers Day Stall. (Childrens names not published due to child safety)

Trials. Nominations close this week.

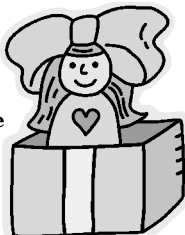
Mother's Day Stall

Excitement filled the air as astute student shoppers chose their gifts at our school Mother's Day stall last week. I know many Mums would be delighted with the beautiful gifts so carefully chosen for them. Thank-you to the P&C and the Craft Group members for working so hard to produce such a splendid selection of beautiful homemade and other gifts. Thank-you also to our Year 7 student leaders who diligently helped with the serving. I hope all our Mum's had a great day last Sunday.

Special thanks to the following:

Mothers Craft Group for the lovely home made items on the stall - particularly Tina McDougall, Sarah Edwards and Pauline Brothers who helped sell items on the day. Julia Whayman and Francia Delcid-Miller. Our enthusiastic band of helpers from the Public Relations group - Eleanor R., Hannah T., Sophie B., Georgina H., Caitlyn M. and Hannah S-R.

Groundsman, Malcolm and Cleaner, John for helping with the set-up and clean-up. And finally..... the teachers for bringing all the children along to the stall.



Car parks

Our school's car parks were graded and resurfaced last week. Thank you Steel Family (Jack Steel 1A) and Michael Gartner (Josh Gartner 3B) for the generous donation of their services and equipment. We would also like to thank Room Landscaping for the kind donation of the fill used to build up several areas. This work has made such an improvement to the grounds.

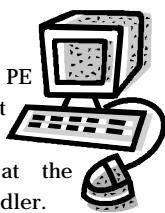
Just a Reminder

Parking is not permitted by parents through the lower gate as car's moving during school time puts our student's safety at risk.

Professional Development

Last week Mrs Scott (our PE teacher) attended 'Smart Moves' professional development conference at the Sleeman's Complex, Chandler.

Mrs Paragreen and Mrs Biffin attended the Queensland Association of State School Principal's conference last Friday night and



Saturday. An inspirational and thought provoking conference by Mike Polities it was the second part of the world famous, 'Fish Philosophy'.

This week Mrs Kenworthy is attending a Curriculum Mapping, Procedures and Possibilities Conference with international speaker Dr Heidi Hayes Jacobs from the USA.

Moe Roll Out

Smart Classrooms rollout to schools

A rollout of key ICT initiatives from 2007 will bring Smart Classrooms to all state schools. The rollout will deliver the infrastructure and tools schools need to accelerate their use of ICT in learning.

Before the end of term, the Managed Operating Environment (MOE) team will work in our school for about a week to change our school's computer system. By the end of 2008 all schools will be under this one system.

The benefits of MOE include:

- remote control technical support
- standardized desktop screens throughout the state
- standard programs in every school
- secure internet

Lost Property

Look out for Lost Property Mondays.

The first Monday morning of each month, the lost property will be displayed along the walkway to the Prep Rooms. Please take time to check for your child/rens belongings.



Covering Books

Due to the fantastic effort by Di Whitby before she went on leave, the library has a large quantity of new books that need to be covered. This requires the cutting of contact and the covering of books. The sooner this can be done, the sooner we can get the books into circulation. We need a few wonderful parents/caregiver who could help with this process, on a Thursday morning before school.



Old Plain Paper

Does anyone know where we could access some old architect plan paper? We would like to keep a small stock in the library for the children to use for drawing in the lunch hour. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

MS Read-a-thon

Does your child enjoy books? Do you read to your



child or listen to them read?

How about trying the MS Read-a-thon?

The Read-a-thon runs from June 1 to June 30, 2008 and helps the Multiple Sclerosis Society gain much needed funds while rewarding the participants for their efforts.

For further information and on-line registration, please visit their website, www.msreadathon.org.au or use the registration form available from school.

The Premier's Reading Challenge

Also running at a similar time is the Premier's Reading Challenge (May 28 - September 5).

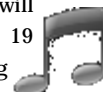
The aim is to encourage children to read or experience 20 books in this time. At the conclusion of the Reading Challenge, all participants who have achieved at least the 20 books will be presented with a certificate at school assembly during October. As our school is registered, you are asked to register through the school.

Both of these activities are voluntary. The school will help support your child, should they wish to participate in one or both of these activities.

For further information on any of the above, please see Mrs Bassett in the Library between 2.30 - 3.00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Instrumental News

From next week on Mr Lougheed will be re-arranging his days. From 19 May the year 5's will be having their lessons on a Monday and the Senior Band lessons will be on a Thursday. So please make sure you make a note of the changes.



News From Year 7

Media Night Extravaganza

With much excitement, Middle School students presented their media unit to their families last Thursday evening. The children showcased their campaign to market their product in a trade expo style evening. Parents were greeted by company executives manning their booths, and giving a sales pitch which persuaded the onlookers that their product was the product for them. The children's booths had displays outlining their target audience's responses to a survey, graphs showing outcomes, company names and product names in prominent positions, storyboards which showed the company's direction for a commercial, and a poster featuring their product.

There has been a lot of positive feedback from our parents and students alike.

"Media night was different to what I expected

but it was still fun and a great learning experience for everybody." - Alex Crowley

"The whole media unit was very challenging, but it was really fun too. Some of the questions were hard to answer, but we had to really think" - Georgia Horsley

"I was very impressed with the children's ability to express and apply what they had learned through this unit of work. Well done to everyone!" - Mrs Kenworthy.

"Congratulations to students and teachers for a very interesting evening. It was delightful to witness such animated and expressive sale's pitches as I wandered through the displays." - Trevor Hopper.

Run Club News



A special mention this week goes to Isaac and Declan Madden, Luke and Alex Bowman and Michael Thomson.

Great to see you at running club and really having a go!. Sarah M, Hamish and Jessie-Claire in year five have been great role models, leading the way for those to follow! Well done also to Kate and Taylor, buddies who run together have fun together, isn't that right girls?!

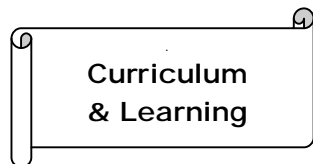
We look forward to seeing more runners joining us at the school on these wonderful mornings for a 5 minute run.

C'mon mums and dads. Drop them down, encourage them to get a bit of exercise, chat to them about what they have done, even make a chart at home and make a bit of a focus on getting healthy and being a part of the running club team.

Running club, it's for everyone.

We are just getting started. . . Let's make it great in 08!

It is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Meet at the tuckshop area at 8:15 am.



FOCUS: Brookfield Museum at the Brookfield Show

Next weekend The Brookfield Show will be a vibrant community celebration.

This year in the Brookfield Museum at the Showgrounds, the Brookfield historical group will host a display highlighting the gold history of our area. Many year levels at the school explore the rich history of Brookfield:

Year 4 are currently looking at the history of particular sites in Brookfield.

Next term Year 5 will investigate Australia's gold history, with an interest in local diggings, and Year 6/7 will begin research as environmental historians of Brookfield in partnership with the Pullenvale Environmental Centre.

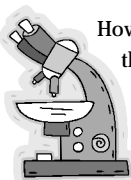
The Brookfield Showground Museum is open throughout the show and would be a great place to visit as a family, so that your children can talk with you about the topics and issues they examine during local area studies at school.

Burger Bar



Despite it being a relatively quiet night due to the long weekend, we still managed to raise \$901 for our school at the last Happy hour night. A big thankyou to Lexus of Brisbane for donating a luxury car for a weekend and to Megan Leggett and Steph Adams for selling the raffle tickets. Thanks also to the BBQ gang - Steph and Simon Squire, Peta McDonald-Smith and Noela and Bruce Donaldson. The next burger night is on the 1st Friday in June!

Science Club



How do you push a straw through a potato? How can you launch a small ball into orbit using a bigger ball? Impossible you say? Not for the Amazing Investigators of Brookfield Science Club! Once again we conquered these - and a few more - quizzical questions using only our minds. Air pressure, a fast jab and a straight hit seemed to ensure a well perforated potato, and the transference of kinetic energy saw our bouncing balls experiment reach new heights! Next week we will be creating lightning, melting the polar icecaps and bottling tornados.

Opti-Minds

Last Wednesday was our first Opti-Minds session with a very enthusiastic and talented team of students. We enjoyed drama activities and are looking forward to forming teams. This week the students will be given their challenges which they will work on and perform for the school at the end of term.

West Akuna Trials



WEST AKUNA DISTRICT SOFTBALL TRIALS for BOYS will be held Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th May 2008. Boy's trials will be held at Brookfield School Oval from 3:30pm -

4:30pm.

It is preferred that boys attend both trial days if possible.

Sport's Co-ordinators please forward the names of players by 28th May 2008 to:

Hilary Sheridan Brookfield School Fax 3374 7300

Email hsher@eq.edu.au

Thank You

Hilary Sheridan (Boys Coach)

Science Club Reminder



Reminder to Science Club Students. Please bring along empty soft drink bottles for the Tornado Experiment.

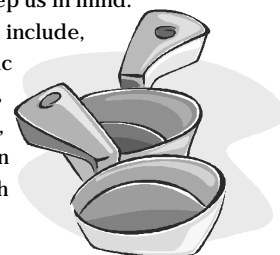
Tuckshop Days

Our Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays only. In the event of a public holiday there will be no additional Tuckshop day scheduled.

Tuckshop Equipment

Our Tuckshop is always on the lookout for good second hand equipment, so if you are spring cleaning your kitchen cupboards, please keep us in mind.

Items in demand include, pots, pans, plastic containers, plates, utensils, cutlery, etc. Any donation would be much appreciated.



CROSS COUNTRY CORRECTION

Children in Years 5 -7 born in 1995, 1996, 1997 or 1998 who achieved 1st or 2nd place at our school carnival will be eligible to compete in the District Cross Country.



