

# A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday September 17, 2008

**Deadline:**  
Tuesday 12pm  
**Tennis Court Hire:**  
3374 3675

**Principal:**  
Mrs Helen Kenworthy  
**Deputy Principal:**  
Ms Karen O'Neill  
**P & C President:**  
Ross Jarden

## Brookfield Country Market

Thank you to all members of our school Junior and Intermediate Choirs, their parents, Mrs Kienzle (1/2) and Mrs McMillan (Music Teacher) for performing at the Brookfield Country market at Brookfield Uniting Church on Saturday. The singing was delightful and enjoyed by all who attended. Feedback from Market organisers was extremely positive, they were delighted with our children and their enthusiastic singing. It is very obvious that the children involved enjoy singing and were very proud to perform in front of the large audience. Congratulations and well done to all!

## Brookfield Craft Group

The Father's day stall was a huge success and we wonder how many Dads are washing their cars!? A big thank-you to Sharon, Bronwyn, Pauline and Sara, as well as our student helpers Tessa McDougall and friends, for working on the stall. None of this would have been possible without the amazing skills of Tina McDougall, who organised everything, Sharon, Pam and Dianne, who come to craft group and have no children at Brookfield School, and lastly, but by no means least, our Brookfield School Mums Pauline Brothers, Bronwyn Toft and Sara Edwards. Thank-you for all your wonderful efforts with the craft group. Keep an eye out for the craft group Xmas raffle; it is a stunning handmade patchwork quilt.



The Brookfield SS Craft Group meets on Friday mornings at the home of one of the members. At the meeting parents sew, cut, paste, draw, etc while enjoying a cuppa and a chat. It is not necessary to have any craft making skills, simply come along and join the group for a social get-together. It is such a nice way to meet some other mums and support our school at the same time. The group consists of parents with children currently enrolled at our school and some parents with children who have moved onto high school (they enjoy it so much they have continued to be involved).



If you are interested in joining this lovely group for one of their morning-teas, please phone Tina on 3374 0598. Thanks Craft Group for your ongoing support of our school!

## Staff Changes

In last week's newsletter you were informed that Mrs Kenworthy would be on leave in the first week of Term 4. A letter sent to all families yesterday informed you that those arrangements have been changed. The Executive Director of Schools has asked Mrs Kenworthy to act as the principal of Graceville State School in Term 4 and return to Brookfield for the beginning of 2009.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Kenworthy to learn about the organisation and management of a bigger school. Arrangements at Brookfield for term 4 will be Mrs Karen O'Neill (deputy principal) acting as principal and Mr Tony Pritchard (5B) acting as deputy principal.

## Free Dress Day

Each year we allow our students to come to school in Free Dress (non-uniform) on the final day of each term. The children love it! It's always a nice way to celebrate the end of term. When wearing Free Dress we encourage children to ensure they have shoulders covered (wear sleeves), wear a hat for sun protection, and wear safe footwear. Each child is asked to make a donation of a gold coin on the day. This donation is used to support a charity. This term the free dress donation will be used to assist with the payment of postage for the Christmas Box Appeal we run through our religion classes. (See item below).

## Operation Christmas Child

Over the past years, children and families at our school have participated in a charity program called Operation Christmas Child. We believe it is important for our children to understand that there are children in the world who are not as fortunate as they are. Our young children lead very privileged lives and have no concept of hardship. They are very fortunate to have you as their wonderful parents. Operation Christmas Child is used at Brookfield SS as an education program to assist our children to understand the concept of "giving". Each year we invite families to put together a shoe box full of items for a boy or girl (see list below for suitable gifts). We encourage your whole family to wrap a shoe box in colourful paper and fill it with gifts then label the shoebox with the appropriate tag to indicate whether it is suitable for a girl or boy and the age of the child. The shoe boxes cost \$8.00 each to post (our Free Dress Day will raise money to help with the postage). You are invited to bring your completed box to school so our Religious Education teachers can organise delivery to children in third

world countries. We will have a guest speaker attend the first assemblies next term to talk to our children about where the shoeboxes are sent. He will also show a DVD of children receiving the shoeboxes. Over the holidays your family could start collecting. Choose whether you are buying for a boy or girl aged: 2-4; 5-9; 10-14. Buy items from the following categories – **Something to love** e.g. Small cuddly toy; **Something to wear** e.g. Undies, t-shirt, skirts, singlets and socks; **Something to write or draw** e.g. (school items) pencils, crayons, sharpeners, rubbers, notebooks, coloured pencils, biros, chalk. **Something to play with** e.g. Dolls, small truck, cars, tennis balls, bouncy balls, jewellery (hair bands, bracelets, necklaces, games, yo-yo, kaleidoscope, sunglasses); **Personal hygiene items** e.g. toothbrush, soap, washers, comb, brush NO TOOTHPASTE, LOLLIES OR TOYS WITH BATTERIES.



Remember: the items have to fit into a regular sized shoe box. A card or letter from your family is a nice idea too.

### Swimming Classes

All children in Years 2 and 3 will participate in swimming classes at Bellbowrie Pool during Term 4. A letter about this year's swimming program was sent home on Monday.



This year we have organised for pool staff to teach swimming to our children in small groups. The staff are qualified swimming coaches and will provide quality lessons for the children in half hour blocks each week. The children will travel by seat-belted coach to and from Bellbowrie Pool. Classes begin in week 2 of next term for a cost of \$50.00 for eight weeks. Please return your payment and permission slip ASAP. As with all school activities, parents requiring a pay-off plan or financial support are invited to contact Mrs Kenworthy.

### Uni of NSW Maths Test

Recently a number of students from years 4-7 nominated to participate the Uni of

NSW Maths Testing Program. While the test was particularly challenging Mrs Sheridan (7A) great maths teacher, got 32 out of 40 a Distinction. She though she'd get a High Distinction. This year we are delighted to announce that Reuben Dutton (4/5) achieved a High Distinction meaning he performed in the top 5% of students in the State. Congratulations Ruben! A large group of students also achieved Distinctions and Credits and should be very proud of their efforts. This is a good result for our school. We are very proud of all the students who participated. Sitting such formal tests can be quite overwhelming and the experience is very worthwhile in assisting our students towards dealing with formal test environments.

### Prep Enrolments 2009

Thank you to all those families who have returned the slip from last week's newsletter to indicate children who will be enrolling in Prep at Brookfield for 2009. We currently have an expression of interest from more than 80 families. We will be holding our Prep 2009 Orientation Meeting on Tuesday 7 October. There will be two sessions: 9.15am to 10.30am with 2009 Prep children invited to join the activities in the Prep classrooms. The second session will be a repeat in the evening from 7pm. Please let us know if you have a child who will be enrolling in Prep next year.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers. Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results. This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret

**Pupil Free Day NOT first Monday of Term 4. Is Monday 20 October.**

these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered, along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact our school office.

### Ball Games Carnival

Our Beautiful sunny morning set the backdrop for another wonderful Ball Games Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Scott (PE) and Mr Skehan (6A) for all the work preparing for the carnival. Thanks Mr Dodd (Groundsman) for setting up and to King Sport for again donating all the ribbons for our carnival. Thanks to our staff for all their assistance and enthusiasm!



The children love it! So many happy faces with place ribbons received for their team effort. For many children this is the only time they achieve a ribbon and they are delighted.

All house teams were enthusiastic and supported each other really well. Congratulations to all our children.

A big congratulations to Paterson House the overall winners of the carnival!!

### Music News

In the first few weeks of Term 4, we will begin the process of selecting students to join our instrumental program in 2009. All Year 2 and Year 4 children will complete the Selmer Musical Survey in class music lessons, as well as attend a session to demonstrate instruments that are avail-

### Prep 2009 Enrolments

I/We wish to enrol our child in Prep at Brookfield SS for 2009.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy Birthday!

<i>Carrie Stanfield</i>	<i>Jack Dore</i>
<i>Christian Hiley</i>	<i>Grace Hiley</i>
<i>Lilly Woltmann</i>	<i>Emerson Faux</i>
<i>Penelope St Baker</i>	<i>Lachlan Mutch</i>
<i>Elizabeth Reeve</i>	<i>Nina Harrison</i>
<i>Georgia McArdle</i>	<i>Danielle Woods</i>
<i>Callan Meyers-Young</i>	<i>Nia Rodgers</i>
<i>Mark Krkobabic</i>	<i>Julian Lam</i>
<i>Felix Davonport-Manners</i>	



Saturday October 18.

• **Senior Band** - Brisbane Bands Festival, Sunday October 19.

(Letters with more detail will come home after the holidays).

• **All Music Students (Strings, Choirs & Bands)** - End of Year Concert, Thursday November 20.

Mark it in your diaries and we'll see you there!

## Queensland Roar Coaching Clinic

At Senior and Junior Assembly Barry Guyett will be visiting the children and offering them an opportunity to be involved in a skills based program around soccer.

Stay tuned for more information. The program includes four 1 hour coaching sessions over 4 weeks, beginning 10 October from 3.15 - 4.15pm on the Brookfield oval.

## Burger Bar

Don't forget, even though it is school holidays, it will be business as usual down at the Happy Hour Bar at the showgrounds on Friday the 3rd of October. This is the last Friday before school resumes, so bring the kids down for a hassle free dinner and catch up on all the holiday antics!! Bar is open from 6pm until late.

## Free Give Away

Michael Johnson Federal Member for Ryan has produced a family newsletter which includes a Times Table Poster. If you would like a copy of the newsletter, copies are available from our school office.



Renaissance Kids

## Fun NEW Children's Art Classes.

Renaissance Kids is about art, language, geography, history BUT most of all FUN!! Classes start Sat 18 Oct for 8 weeks. Small personalised classes for kids from 5 - 8 and 9 - 12.

For more info check out [www.renaissancekids.biz](http://www.renaissancekids.biz) or ring 0404 847 684.

Hurry classes are filling *fast!*

## Birthday offers from the Heritage Building Society Bellbowrie Community branch

Special 1st birthday offers:

- ✓ No application fees on personal loans
- ✓ 50% off some home loan application fees
- ✓ A low introductory rate of 7.95%pa on Visa cards
- ✓ No application fee on business loans and overdrafts
- ✓ Free personal banking consultation to assist with your transaction banking needs.

(Quote Special Offer code: VBEL1107)

Special offers available 24-30 September 2008.

Bellbowrie Shopping Centre,  
Birkin Road, Bellbowrie.  
Phone 3202 6122



able for lessons next year.

Parents are invited to attend this demonstration. Year 2 students will see and hear the stringed instruments on Wednesday, October 15 while Year 4 students will be shown the woodwind, brass and percussion on Monday October 13. Information regarding the selection process will be handed out to students this session.

Keep an eye on future Banters for updates on the selection process.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa McMillan on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays at the school.

### Music Dates:

Here's a reminder for our music students about upcoming events.

• **Senior Strings** - Brisbane Bands Festival,



## Uni NSW Maths Competition Honour Board

### High Distinctions

Year 4

Reuben Dutton

### Distinction

Year 7

Andrew MacDonald

Year 5

Jacob Brooke, Bailey Rubens, Alexander Thomas

Year 4

Caden Atzeni, Jeremy Hunt

### Credit

Year 7

Callum Georghiou, Isabella Harrison, Jonathan Kogan, Tom Morrison, Georgia Murphy, William Toft

Year 6

Nicholas de Paola, Caitlin MacDonald, Tessa McDougall, Bindi Nguyen

Year 5

Lachlan Toft, Thomas Barker, Hannah Clark, Tarquin Davonport-Manners, Nina Harrison, Dana Mays,

Rory McFadden, Madeline Murphy, Benjamin Mutch, Patrick Penny, Joshua Pereira, Jack Riek,

Will Valmadre, Zac Womal

Year 4

Manuela Helbing, Georgia McArdle, Tayla Mackintosh, Mitchell Toft, Sophie Burton, Daniel Christ,

Georgia Corke, Thomas Gardener, Jordy Hill, Nicholas Horsley, Zoe Jeffrey, Thomas Simes

## RUN CLUB

Run Club is going well, with 15 - 20 runners turning up for most sessions. As well as running laps of the oval, we have also been having fun doing relay races.

A special mention to class 1/2D which has the most runners from any class, with 10 regular runners - Well done!

Remember you can join us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.15 am.



### **Tuckshop Roster**

**Monday 06/10-** Robyn Arthur, Julia Whayman, Dee Morrison, Cathryn St Baker, Fiona Edgecombe, Jill Valmadre  
**Wednesday 08/10-** Megan Leggett, Ali Lord, Michelle Edgecombe, Alison Chandler, Jane Smith  
**Thursday 09/10-** Robyn Bowman, Donna Peacock, Petra Jones, Margo Hobson, Gouzel Coleman

### **Home Baking Roster**

**Monday 06/10-** Robyn Arthur, Cathryn St Baker  
**Wednesday 08/10-** Amanda McKenzie, Victoria Brown, Michelle Edgecombe  
**Thursday 09/10-** Suzanne Marshall, Donna Peacock, Megan Williamson, Kristina de Nicolai

### **Donation Roster**

**Monday 06/10-** Robyn Arthur, Dee Morrison, Jay Weyer  
**Wednesday 08/10-** Amanda McKenzie, Michelle Edgecombe, Sandra Dara  
**Thursday 09/10-** Suzanne Marshall

