

# A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday February 18, 2009

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

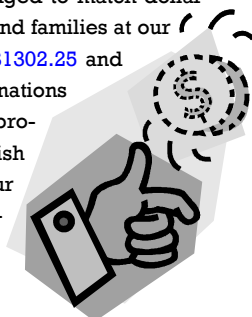
**Deadline:**  
Tuesday 12pm  
**Tennis Court Hire:**  
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## Fire and Flood Victim Appeal

Yesterday our Year 7 leadership groups organised an appeal to raise funds for the victims of the devastating fires in Victoria and victims of the floods in northern Queensland.

We decided not to hold a free dress day or any other incentive for our children, but rather ask them to give from the heart with care and compassion for those affected by these terrible events.

The Brookfield SS P & C Association has pledged to match dollar for dollar any amount raised by the children and families at our school. Yesterday our school appeal raised \$1302.25 and some families have continued to send in donations today. We will forward our donation to the appropriate organisations on Friday so if you still wish to contribute, please send your donation to our school office by Friday. Thankyou to all children and their families for contributing to this appeal.



## School Leaders 2009

We have now finalised the process of selection of school leaders for 2009. School Captains have been selected by the principal in consultation with staff while the children in each Sport House have voted for their house captains and the music teachers have selected Music Captains. Congratulations to the following students who are our school leaders for 2009:

### School Captains

Dena Healy and Ben Ferro

### House Captains

**Lawson:** Joe Duckworth & Marni Findlay

**Mackellar:** Chris Anderson & Chloe Macdonald

**Paterson:** Lucas Bruck & Sophie Bradtke

### Music Captains

**Choir:** Caitlin Macdonald

**Strings:** Mark Krkobabic

**Band:** Shannon Lombard

Congratulations to all our Year 7 students, those who nominated and those who have been selected as school leaders, who are all leaders and role models within our school. We are very proud of this year's group of young people who all have great leadership potential.

## Brookfield SS P & C Annual General Meeting

Our next P & C Assoc meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in our school administration building. The Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the normal March meeting. At the annual general meeting reports from all P & C sub-groups will be tabled. These reports, and the president's report, will outline the activities of the P & C Assoc over the past 12 months. This meeting is always very informative and interesting. All parents, caregivers and community representatives are welcome to attend. At the Annual General Meeting all P & C positions will be declared vacant and nominations for the positions will be accepted. The following positions make up our P & C Assoc executive and P & C committee:

**President** – oversees the successful functioning of the Association. The President chairs the general and special meetings of the P&C Association and represents the Association at official functions.

**Vice-President** – chairs meetings of the P&C in the President's absence. The Vice-President is also responsible for communicating the activities of the Association to the general parent body.

**Secretary** –

Minutes:

Prepares meeting agendas in consultation with the President and records minutes of all meetings

Correspondence:

Receives and tables all incoming correspondence.

**Treasurer** – is responsible for the sound financial management of the Association. Keeps records of financial transactions and presents a report at each meeting. The Treasurer is also responsible for ensuring the records of the Association are audited each year.

**Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Payable)** – draws cheques and maintains records of transactions. All records are provided to the Treasurer.

**Assistant Treasurer (Accounts Receivable)** – deposits monies and maintains records of transactions. All records are provided to the treasurer.

**Uniform Shop Convenor** – coordinates the operation of the uniform shop including purchases and sales.

**Books/Stationery Coordinator** – liaises with teachers regarding book list requirements for students. Coordinates provision of book lists and distribution of book packs.

**OSHC Liaison Officer** – liaises with Outside School Hours Care staff and provides regular reports on OSHC activities to the Association.

**Fundraising Coordinator** – coordinates the fundraising activities of the Association with the assistance of a fundraising team. The fundraising coordinator does not need to be involved in all fundraising activities but oversees fundraising efforts to ensure a balance of activities across the year.

**Parking/Grounds Coordinator** – coordinates small works conducted by the Association in school car park and grounds.

**Student Banking Officer** – accepts and deposits students' savings for Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite Accounts

**Scholastic Book Club Coordinator** – organises distribution of book club forms and sends returned forms to Scholastic Book Club.

**Tennis Court Hire** – manages bookings for school tennis courts.

**Grants Coordinator** – identifies grant bodies and writes applications to obtain external funding for Association projects.

We are inviting interested persons to nominate for these positions prior to the meeting if desired. Please contact our office or put your nomination in writing to our P&C Assoc. Our P&C Assoc does a wonderful job supporting our school and your children with sport facilities, air-conditioning of the school, security systems, and much, much more. Thankyou to our whole community for supporting our P & C Assoc.

### **Election Stall**

You may have heard the whisper in the press of a state election as early as 10 March. Our school always holds a cake stall outside the hall on election day. So start cooking!! Start sewing!! Start crafting!! Jams, spreads, cakes, crafts and other homemade items etc will be requested for our stall. This is a way to generate funds from outside our school community.



### **Inter-School Sport**

With inter-school sport for years 5-7 about to commence for semester 1, some changes to times will affect our school. Bus companies used to transport children to and from the events have requested earlier times for inter-school sport to enable them to return students to schools in time to attend their after school runs. This in effect will bring inter-school sport into an earlier time of the

day with children departing from school earlier so buses can depart from sporting facilities by 2.10pm.

Out teaching staff has expressed concern about the impact of this significant amount of academic learning time away from classrooms each week. Returning from sport at 2.30pm on a Friday effectively eliminates any focussed learning time from 2.30-3pm. Our teaching staff, in consultation with our P & C Assoc will investigate alternate sporting programs for 2010. We may introduce a school based skill development program with qualified coaches as an alternative to travel away from the school. This year's interschool sporting program will continue as planned meeting the earlier time demands. Alternate proposals will be investigated for next year's program.

### **Teacher Information**

#### **Evenings**

Thankyou to those families who have been attending our series of Information Evenings held by each class teacher. Feedback from parents has been very positive as the programs have offered a great deal of information about the coming year. Thankyou to all our teaching staff for providing the information sessions. Further information about activities for each class will be provided via class newsletters and notes from your child's teacher throughout the year.

#### **School Library**

Have you visited our school library lately? Thanks to Federal Government funding through the Investing In Our Schools Program, our library is big, bright, colourful and full of children during breaks who read books, present puppet plays, use the 16 laptop computers, and generally enjoy their time in this lovely facility!



#### **Federal Government**

##### **Stimulus Package**

Unconfirmed information received suggests that the Federal Government's Stimulus Package could see Brookfield State School receiving \$200,000 for maintenance and potentially \$3 million for a hall or library. While this amount of funding may not be enough to build a large hall on our hill, we are extremely ex-

cited about the potential benefit of this project for our school and our children. At this stage these figures are hearsay. We will be delighted if they are confirmed.

### **School Assemblies**

Each week we hold two assemblies in our school hall. A year 4-7 assembly is held on Wednesday morning at 9am and a Prep-3 assembly is held at 9am on Thursday morning. The assemblies are chaired by children from middle school 6/7 and from Year 3 (Junior Assembly). Items from classes are often presented, various announcements from sports and behaviour coaches and awards from teachers are made. The assemblies are positive, informative and enjoyable. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. Seats are provided at the back of the hall for your comfort.

### **Parent Help Needed**

Some of our classroom teachers are in need of help covering books. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please check with your child's teacher if they have any books that need covering. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



### **Strings News**

Miss Hemmings would like to thank all her strings students for their extremely good behaviour over the past few weeks. Students have also been arriving for strings rehearsals on time which is also very pleasing. Well done strings students.

### **Music News**

Choir has started and Mrs McMillan is also very pleased to report that rehearsals are going really well with very well behaved students. Fantastic, well done students.

### **District Sport News**

#### **District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all of the Brookfield swimmers who competed in last Friday's carnival and braved the inclement weather.. Brookfield finished in fourth place!! An amazing effort considering that we had a team of only 16 swimmers and we managed to place higher than some schools who have their



## **Parent Phone Lists**

We **DO NOT** want our phone number to appear on the Brookfield State School Phone Lists.



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK FROM HOME**

- V FULL TIME OR PART TIME
  - V BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
  - V PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
  - V BE YOUR OWN BOSS
  - V NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
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  - V POTENTIAL FOR BIG INCOME
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- OR CALL: YVETTE ON MOB: 0406-082223



**Babysitting & Private Tuition**

Old Brookfield SS/Somerville House now first year Dental Science Uni student is offering babysitting or private tuition to primary students and secondary students (General Maths, Maths A, Maths B, General Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology).

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own pools. All Brookfield students are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship displayed at the carnival. All swimmers appreciated competing in professionally run carnival and testing themselves against the districts best swimmers. Many swimmers swam PB's and finished in the medal placings and all swimmers tried their hardest! Thanks to Brian MacDonald and Lauren Casey who volunteered to be timekeepers for the day.

Five swimmers have been selected in the West Akuna district team to swim at the Met West Championships to be held at Chandler. They are: Violetta Dávilia Winter, Shannon Lombard, Chloe MacDonald, Ben Mutch, Brianna Shaw.

Congratulations to Lisa Dreyer who won every 9 Yr Girls event on the program and subsequently became the 9yr Girls Age Champion. Unfortunately 9 Yr olds do not compete at the Met West Championships.

The highlight of the day was definitely the performances by all swimmers in the relays with all teams finishing in the top three places. The Junior Boys 4x50m Relay team made up of Caden Atzeni, Louis Faux, Alex Bowman and Tom Simes finished third.

The Junior Girls team 4x50m Relay team made up Georgie McArdle, Kristen Dalton, Violetta Dávilia Winter and Lisa Dreyer finished in first place.

The Senior Girls team 4x50m Relay team made up Brianna Shaw, Carla Dreyer, Chloe MacDonald and Shannon Lombard finished in second place.

Well done to all of our swimmers for your excellent effort. Best of luck to our swimmers competing at the Met West Championships.

**Interschool Sport**

Students will find out this week if they have been selected in a team for interschool sport. Interschool sport starts on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips and code of conduct forms will be sent home shortly.

***Religious Education Classes***

Last week we welcomed volunteers from vari-

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ous churches and faiths who give of their time to provide Religious Education for all children at our school.

There are currently two programs of religious education offered at Brookfield SS. One is an Ecumenical Program where a syllabus has been developed in consultation with various Christian churches - Uniting Church, Anglican Church, Catholic Church, Baptist Church. The curriculum is endorsed by Education Queensland. Children purchase a learning resource/magazine for use in lessons. Volunteers from churches in our local area come to the school and provide one half hour lesson each week. The other is the Baha'i faith. Members of this faith believe community life revolves around spiritual, social, educational, and artistic activities designed to promote unity, uplift the human spirit, reinforce our human relationships, and enhance our devotion to the sacred. Study circles, devotional gatherings, children's and junior youth programs are among the core activities of Baha'i community life. Volunteers from local Baha'i communities provide one half hour lesson each week. Religious Education classes are held each Friday morning during school time. Class teachers remain in the classroom during this time. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers

**Happy Birthday!**

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| <i>Nicole Colicchia</i> | <i>Nick Westenberg</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Doyle</i>   | <i>Lochlan Hill</i>    |
| <i>Elliot Hunt</i>      | <i>Calen Hardy</i>     |
| <i>Ben Apps</i>         | <i>Zoe Jeffrey</i>     |
| <i>Willy Matuschek</i>  | <i>Amy Mitchell</i>    |
| <i>Samuel Bignall</i>   | <i>Zachary Harley</i>  |



who give so willingly to our children in this area. If you do not wish your child to participate in Religious Education, please write to your child's teacher. If you would like your child to attend the Baha'i lessons, please write to your child's class teacher.

***Classroom Representative***

Thank you to the parents from individual classes who have already offered to act as a classroom representative for 2009. Some have already organised a class coffee morning to welcome new parents. If you are willing to act as a class representative and assist with communication between the school/P&C and parents, please let your child's class teacher know.

***Scholastic Book Club***

A reminder that all orders should now be in for Issue 1 - last day is today Wed 18th. Any problems contact Deb Allman on 0439



755942. Books should be received by end of next week.

**Brookfield United Cricket Club's Lazy Sunday**

**When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

**Where:** Brumbies "Top Bar" - Brookfield Showgrounds

**Time:** 12pm - 6pm

**Cost:** Adults \$10, Children \$5

\* Food, drinks, live entertainment and activities for the kids!

\* All proceeds will go towards a new roller for the club.

### **Tuckshop Roster**

**Monday 23/02-**

Joanna Yesberg, Mike Lefcourt, Jill Simes, Deborah Wallace, Liz Maxwell, Jenni Bennett

**Wednesday 25/02-**

Summa Dedes, Jay Weyer, Helen Orr, Anne Armstrong, Nicola Thomas

**Thursday 26/02-**

Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Devina Maher, Linda Gill, Rick Maher

### **Home Baking Roster**

**Monday 23/02-**

Ruth Mathewson, Laurie Lefcourt, Liz Maxwell

**Wednesday 25/02-**

Anne Armstrong, Jay Weyer

**Thursday 26/02-**

Laura Dodd, Renae Ferri

### **Donation Roster**

**Monday 23/02-**

Zee Upton, Jodie Drew

**Wednesday 25/02-**

Sarah Brownhall

**Thursday 26/02-**

Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Laura Dodd

