

# A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday 18th March 2009

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

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

## ***Student Leaders Badge Presentation Ceremony***

Last Thursday our Student Leaders for 2009 were presented with their leadership badges during a special year 4-7 assembly. All student leaders and their proud parents attended the assembly. Our special guest this year was Ms Tania Fraser (mother of Adam Schneideman 3A). Tania is an Oboe player with Southern Cross Soloists and also performs with the Queensland Orchestra and Australian's Leading Chamber Music Ensemble. Tania performed a very moving piece from the film 'The Mission'. The children and all members of the audience were totally immersed in the beautiful music and Tania's performance. After playing, Tania spoke to the children about her career in music. She began her first music experiences learning the clarinet in the instrumental music program at Brookfield State School. While attending Kenmore High School she discovered an Oboe in the cupboard of the music room and began taking lessons. She then won a number of scholarships to attend music training overseas and developed her already outstanding skills. Tania talked to the children about 'practice'. She described the need to practice everyday in order to become really good at what you do. She compared her practice and hard work to that of swimming legend Susie O'Neil and encouraged all our children to work hard and practice hard.

Mrs Kenworthy spoke about the history of Brookfield State School and our school motto "Anima Sano in Capore Sano" (A Sound Mind in a Sound Body). Mr Gerard Baden-Clay (Vice President Brookfield P&C Assoc) talked about the attributes of leaders and how all students in our hall have the potential to become leaders in the future. Ms Fraser then presented badges to the proud parents of our 2009 school leaders who then pinned the badge on their child.

The assembly was followed by a special morning-tea for our guests, student leaders and their parents. This beautiful morning-tea was provided by parents and students in Year 6 as a way of congratulating the school leaders and their parents. Thankyou to Liz Maxwell and all the year 6 parents who prepared and set up this lovely morning-tea. Also a special thankyou to Mrs Jodie Drew (7B) who set-up the hall and prepared the children for the assembly.

### ***Congratulations to our student 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

## ***Temporary Staff Changes***

Over the next two weeks Mrs Karen O'Neill (Deputy Principal) will act as Principal of Mt Crosby SS. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs O'Neill to lead a school like Mt Crosby where she will draw on her experience as an administrator while at the same time picking up new ideas from that school.

While Mrs O'Neill is at Mt Crosby, Ms Wendy Woods (4/5) will act as Deputy Principal at Brookfield SS. Ms Woods is a very experienced teacher who has a wealth of knowledge about Brookfield. She is already working extremely hard with staff and children and thoroughly enjoying her experience in a leadership role. Mr Andrew Woodman is replacing Ms Woods on 4/5. He is well known by the children across our school. Mrs O'Neill will be back at Brookfield SS next Thursday 25 March.

## ***HELP PLEASE***

The Election is this weekend. We need donations of gourmet items, wine and other goods for our raffle. We need cakes, jams, bread, and other baking to sell on our stall. AND we need volunteers to spend an hour on the stall on Saturday morning. Please, Please, help us use this opportunity to raise some funds for our school.

The election has come up very quickly. Gillian Keir (Hamish 2/1) has jumped in and offered to organise the stall at very short notice so please help Gillian, she can't do it by herself. Contact our office to offer your time to work on the stall. Deliver cakes to the hall Friday afternoon or when you come to vote on Saturday morning.

## ***Student Protection Policy***

The Qld Department of Education and The Arts has developed a policy on student protection which involves (a) working to make schools safe and supportive places; (b) taking action to prevent students being harmed at school; and (c) reporting any suspicions a person may have that a student has been harmed or may be at risk of any harm. All children have a right to be protected from harm.

At Brookfield SS we are very fortunate to have many parents who volunteer their time to work in classrooms at our school and support our school in a variety of ways. It is a requirement for all vol-

unteers coming into the school to "sign-on" in an attendance book in each classroom or at the school office and thus establish a record of their time as a volunteer at our school. It is also necessary for all parents/volunteers to familiarise themselves with the Student Protection Policy and ensure that everything you do at our school is in the best interests of the child. The Student Protection Policy outlines expectations about your behaviour to ensure the safety of all children and the expectation that you must report any harm of a student to the Principal. Please find a copy of the Student Protection Policy with today's newsletter (on blue paper) and take a few moments to familiarise yourself with it. Mrs Kenworthy will present a Student Protection Policy training session early next term. You are welcome to attend. Look for information in future newsletters.

### ***Building the Education Revolution (BER)***

This week Mrs Kenworthy and P & C President Ross Jarden met with a representative from Education Queensland to discuss the Federal Government BER funding package. There will be more information regarding this in next week's newsletter.

### ***Friends Program***

A 10 week Friends program has started in Year 7 with tutor Alison Baden-Clay working with our year 7 girls. Already the feedback has been extremely positive with the girls talking about "feeling good about themselves" and making sure they say positive things to other girls. The program will run on Thursday afternoons for ten weeks and then change to involve our year 6 girls in a ten week program.

Requests have already been received from parents of girls in other year levels for an opportunity to participate in the program. We will investigate the possibility of further programs across the school in upcoming years. Boys in these year levels are participating in a Rock and Water Program designed to build resilience and self-esteem in boys.

### ***Play Equipment Needed***

We are asking all families to check their old toys and play equipment for things you no longer use. We would like donations of equipment for our Prep and Year 1 children to use in the playground during lunch breaks. Any of the following would be appreciated – toy matchbox cars; plastic farm animals and dinosaurs (not too small); Tonka trucks; scoops; plastic sandpit equipment; skipping ropes (preferably colourful small ropes for little children); hoola hoops; any other play equipment your children no longer use. Please drop the items into our office and our Year 1 and Prep teachers will put it to good use.

### ***Rafting Ground Road Culvert Upgrade Project***

As most of you would already be aware, Rafting Ground Road will be upgraded later this year, having a significant impact on families living on the other side of the road closure. The project will require Rafting Ground Road to be closed during the construction period to allow the road to be raised and larger box culverts installed underneath it. The project was originally anticipated to take approximately four months to complete, however following further construction assessments, the project is now expected to take six months to complete, weather permitting. Construction is anticipated to commence in July 2009.

Representatives from the Brisbane City Council met with Mrs Kenworthy last year to discuss the possibility of implementing an informal Active School Travel (AST) Program at Brookfield State School to facilitate alternate methods of transport for children who would normally be driven to school during the closure of Rafting Ground Road. Council will ensure that safe pedestrian access is provided through the construction site at all times to enable students on the southern side of the crossing to walk or ride to school.

I am currently trying to form a safe travel committee to work in conjunction with Council to encourage active modes of travel to and from school during the temporary road closure. If any parents are interested in joining the com-

mittee please complete the tear off section below and return it to Wendy Woods (acting Deputy Principal) or to Karen O'Neill upon her return.

### ***No Parent Cars in School Grounds***

At Brookfield State School we put the safety of our children first. In an effort to keep children safe we do not allow parents to enter the driveway behind our school hall. It continues to amaze staff and parents that a small number of parents use this drive way as their personal 'Stop Kiss Go' zone. This week we have had workman installing rainwater tanks in this area and still some parents have entered the driveway and parked amongst the workmen as they try to manoeuvre the bobcat around the parked cars. Yesterday workman had to stop and wait while one mother parked and went to collect her children. Last week a father was waiting at the temporary safety fencing with his car idling until he picked up his child. Please DO NOT drive your vehicle along the roadway behind our hall. Park in the street and walk in to collect your child. If it is busy and congested with traffic in the street, organise a place inside the school grounds for your child to wait (outside the office) and come a little later to pick up your child. A staff member is on duty near the office each day until 3.15pm. We would rather your child was late than risk the lives of other children at our school.

### ***Sports News***

#### ***West Akuna Trials***

Parents please be aware all students participating in West Akuna sport trials must give their names to Mr Skehan who will then forward the names on to the district convenor of each sport. All students need to take the documentation given to them by Mr Skehan - signed and filled out along to the trial and then give it all to the convenor of the sport. West Akuna policy is no paperwork no trial.

#### ***Netball***

All interested 11 and 12 year old girls wishing to nominate for district netball trials need to give their names to Mr Skehan by the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Trials will be held for Juniors (11year

## **Rafting Ground Road Upgrade**

*I am interested in joining a safe travel committee to work with the Council during the Rafting Ground Road Upgrade.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Attention Deputy Principal \*\*\*\*\*

olds) 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March and Seniors 25<sup>th</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Peter Lightfoot Oval Middle Park from 3:30-4:45pm both days. Players must have the following criteria in mind: a good attitude, good footwork and ball handling skills, a good understanding of match play situations and be able to play at least two positions.

#### **AFL**

All interested 11 and 12 year old students wishing to nominate for district AFL trials need to give their names to Mr Skehan by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Trial dates are 26<sup>th</sup> March and the 2nd of April from 4pm – 5:15pm at Kenmore AFL club – Akuna Oval Kenmore.

### **Music News**

Thank you to all those parents who have paid for their recorder text books. We began using them in class this week. If you haven't yet purchased yours, please pay \$10 to the office as soon as possible so that everyone can have a book for lessons and home practice.

### **Burger Bar**



It just keeps getting bigger! On Friday night we raised \$978 through the BBQ and raffle at the happy hour bar. Thankyou to our BBQ helpers Sharon and Phil Blair and Kym Forster, Jonathon and Tracey Rubens for selling raffle tickets and donating a prize, Monique Mackellar for her chopping skills and our buttering fairies Noela Donaldson and Cath Kennedy!  
If anyone would like to help out on this great school fundraiser by donating prizes for the raffle or helping out on the BBQ please phone Monica Wareham on 33742009.

### **P & C Election Stall**

The P & C are holding their Election Cake Stall and Raffle this **Saturday 21 March from 8.00am – 1.00pm.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Please bring donations of home-baked goods – farm fresh eggs, jams, preserves, cakes, biscuits, slices, confectionary, breads etc to the school hall on **Friday 20 March from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.** Alternatively, you can bring your home baking with you when you come to the school to vote before 1.00pm.

We also need donations for our raffle. Please keep sending donations to the office asap so we can stock the hamper for a wonderful prize. Donations of gourmet items – bottles of wine, jams, preserves, biscuits, chilli pastes, unwanted gifts, gift vouchers etc are most welcome.

If any parents are available to work on the stall selling cakes or raffle tickets between 8.00am and 1.00pm, please phone Gillian Keir on 3374 3308. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!



### **Earth Hour**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009, people in Australia and around the world will turn off their lights between 8:30-9:30 pm for one hour – Earth Hour – showing

their support and sending a powerful global message that it's possible to take action on climate change and succeed.

Earth Hour is a positive message of hope and action, emphasising what people can do when they act together. This is why Brookfield State School will take part in this year's event and encourage our local community to join us. Students at the school will participate in Earth Hour on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March by turning off unnecessary electrical items between 11a.m. and 12 noon.

### **Uniforms for Sale**

All Size 10: Jumpers, Girls shorts etc.  
Good condition.  
Please call Carey Parkinson on 0412 302 793

# **Happy Birthday!**

Charles Jones	Bailey Rubens
Jackson Schultz	Hugh McPhee
Jordan Smith	Benjamin Mutch
Nicola Boyce	Summer King
Jordan Bailey	Abbey Steel
	Veronica Kenworthy



### **Cadbury Easter Egg Chocolate Drive**



A huge thank you to all the families who have made this year's Chocolate Drive fundraising event such a success. Whether you bought and sold chocolates, made a donation or gave your time to distribute the chocolates, we greatly appreciate your help! As you know, all the profits from this fundraising activity will go towards improving the facilities at our fantastic school. The total amount of money raised will be advised in the next few weeks. We still have some boxes of chocolate left to sell. If you have returned your chocolate money and you are able to sell another box, please collect one from Judith Lilley in the office. If you have not already done so, please return all monies for your 1<sup>st</sup> box of chocolates to the office by this **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Attention Year 6 Parents**

All Year 6 parents are invited to the Coffee Club at Kenmore on March 26 at 9.15 am for a get together and a chat.

### **The Big Toad Bust**

Come save the frogs by helping to collect Cane Toads.

Where: Brisbane Forrest Park

When: 20<sup>th</sup> March (evening)

Contact: 3512 2300

All you need are rubber gloves and a torch. This very rewarding activity is absolutely FREE  
Ring BFP for more details

### **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; wenmol@powerup.com.au

CKP Accountants

### **Tuckshop Roster**

**Monday 23/3** Stephanie Adams, Georgina Jarden, Miranda McDonald, Kimberley Murphy, Monique McKellar  
**Wednesday 25/3** Marita Stinton, Jillian Dickson, Lisa McGlinchy, Wendy Mollah, Elaine King  
**Thursday 26/3** Francina Delcid-Miller, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon, Jennifer Edwards, Peta McDonald-Smith

### **Home Baking Roster**

**Monday 23/3** Tracey Bremner, Rebecca Reeve, Peta Oelkers  
**Wednesday 25/3** Suzanne Horlsey, Lisa Frazer, Robin  
**Thursday 26/3** Francina Delcid-Miller, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon, Janet Sale, Champs Pattullo

### **Donation Roster**

**Monday 23/3** Tamar McCullough, Karen Faux, Peta Oelkers  
**Wednesday 25/3** Suzanne Horsley  
**Thursday 26/3** Ann Junger, Champs Pattullo

