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Deputy Principal Appointment

This week we received notification that a permanent appointment of a Deputy Principal has been made. Mrs Karen O'Neill will take up the position of Deputy Principal here at Brookfield at the start of next term. Mrs O'Neill has been the Deputy Principal at Gympie South State School for the past three years, prior to that she has acted as Principal in other Gympie schools and was also the teaching Principal of a small school for three years. Mrs O'Neill has a wealth of experience in primary schools, working with children across all year levels. She has skills and experience in Literacy, Boys in Education, Technology and many other areas. We look forward to working together with Mrs O'Neill.

Thank You Mrs Biffin

It is with enormous appreciation that we thank Mrs Sue Biffin for all she has done over the past six months as acting Deputy Principal at our school.

Many of you who have met Sue will have experienced her very warm and happy personality. Sue has supported children and staff in our lower school and thoroughly enjoyed her interactions with everyone.

In particular we would like to thank Sue for her enthusiasm and commitment to extra curricular activities for the children. Sue resurrected the weekly Science Club (working with the wonderful Dr David Leavesley & Mr Yehuwdiy Dillon); she has co-ordinated a very enjoyable and successful "astronomy evening"; organised the Optiminds Challenge for Brookfield and taken it to the next level by entering teams in the Regional Challenge at Indooroopilly SHS (working with the enthusiastic Mrs Shirley McNeil) and she has finished off the playground area outside our Prep classrooms that was started last year by the late Mrs Pam Swales.

Thank you Mrs Biffin for your hard work, friendship, smiles and jokes in the newslet-

ter! We wish you all the very best for your future and your return to the classroom at Samford State School.

Staff Leave

Mrs Jenny Needham will continue on leave next term. Our best wishes are with Mrs Needham and we hope she will be well again soon. Mrs Jodie Blair will continue to teach 2A. Mrs Blair has thoroughly enjoyed her work with the children in 2A and we look forward to her continuation on our staff. Ms Jane Martin will return to 2B next term and we are looking forward to having her back with us. Thankyou to Ms Melissa Ashton for teaching 2B this term.

Ms Bernice Noonan 3C will take leave for the rest of this year. This will leave a huge gap in our school but we know she will enjoy all the activities she has planned. Ms Melissa Ashton will take over the teaching in 3C while Ms Noonan is away. Ms Ashton is thrilled to be able to work with 3C and we know the children will enjoy having her. We look forward to having Ms Noonan back next year.

Mr Lougheed is currently away on leave and has left the Brass, Woodwind and Percussion program in the very capable hands of Mick Morgan.

Mr Malcolm Segar will take leave next term to have reconstructive surgery on his knee. We wish him the very best for a speedy recovery and we know how hard he works and how proud he is of Brookfield State School. Mr Brian Dodd will replace Malcolm next term.

Brookfield Athletics Carnival

Don't forget, our Brookfield Athletics Carnival will be held first week back next term. Our very hardworking Phys Ed teacher Mrs Margaret Scott, has been working away getting things ready for this annual event. Mrs Scott knows that the Brookfield Carnival is always a wonderful community event and

is looking forward to running the event this year.

On the first Tuesday next term (Tuesday 15 July, first day back at school) students in Year 4-7 only will be involved in final trials of field events – long jump, high jump, shot-put. Children across these year levels will come out of class at different times during the day to compete in their field event. On this day children are encouraged to wear sports uniform and clothing that is suitable for participation in the events.

On **WEDNESDAY 16 JULY** we will hold our full school Athletics Carnival. This is always a wonderful day. Children are encouraged to wear their Sports House coloured shirt and can wear face paint, hair colour and cheer on their House competitors throughout the day.

Parents, grandparents, family friends are welcome to join us on the hill beside the oval. Children are required to report to their classroom as normal at the start of the day. The class Attendance Roll will be taken and then each class will move to the oval hill where children will sit in House areas. Classrooms will be locked for the remainder of the day and children are not able to go back to their classrooms.

All children are required to wear a **hat**, bring a **water bottle**, and their **food** for the day (School bags to the oval are a good idea.) Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items they bring to school. Some children like to bring an old towel from home to sit on. Please put your child's name on the towel.

Parents who would like to take their child home with them when they leave later in the day are asked to tell the child's class teacher that they are leaving and come via the office to sign the child out. While this may seem a little inconvenient it is important for us to know where each child is, particularly in the event of an emergency. Other siblings are your responsibility. If you bring other children with you please ensure you supervise where they are and what they are doing throughout the day.

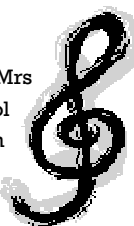


School children are NOT allowed on the play equipment during the day and teachers will not be supervising the play equipment, this is your responsibility. We also ask that you keep young children off the running tracks and out of the long jump pit. It is very hard for us to tell our school children not to go there when their younger brothers and sisters are playing in these areas.

The Tuckshop/BBQ will be operating throughout the day. Children may come and go to the Tuckshop to purchase what they desire throughout the day. Parents are welcome to purchase from the Tuckshop too and a Coffee Cart will be available.

Music Presentation at P & C Meeting

At last week's P&C Meeting, Mrs Melissa McMillan, our school Music Teacher, presented an information session for parents about the value of our school music program. Melissa



outlined the philosophy behind music education in schools and what she covers across the eight years of schooling at our school. She also explained how our school instrumental program works and the benefits of this program. It was an extremely interesting and informative evening. All parents who attended were impressed by Melissa's obvious passion for music and very in-depth knowledge of the music education program. Thank you Melissa, for giving up your time and giving such a marvellous presentation! The children at Brookfield SS are very privileged to have such a passionate music teacher and team of instrumental staff at our school!

Fanfare Success

Our young musicians performed most admirably at Fanfare last Tuesday. Congratulations to our band and String students for their varied and entertaining performances. Not only did they look fabulous in their uniforms they sounded fabulous too. It was great to see our parent supporters there too.

A few of the adjudicator's comments included:

Strings Group

- Great happy opening
- Pizz. is very tight, well done!
- Great transition into Ghost Ship
- Nice dynamics and mood changes
- Lovely 1st violin, excellent style

- A great mature sounding ensemble!

Band

- Excellent 1st trumpet line
- Well done Mr Bass of lower Brass
- Tasteful percussion
- This band played well in all styles and produces a rich and mature sound.

Congratulations to our String Group who achieved a Silver Award.

Our Band achieved a Gold Award, congratulations to all Band members. A big thank-you to Mr & Mrs Loughheed and Ms Hemmings for their excellent choice of performance pieces and for their dedication and inspirational teaching.

Music Note

This week we welcome Mr Mick Morgan who will replace Mr Loughheed whilst he is on long service leave over the next fortnight. I'm sure our band students will make him very welcome and continue their commitment to their musical learning whilst making the most of the opportunity to experience another teaching style.

Choir News

On Monday, June 23, our Senior and Intermediate choirs will have a special combined rehearsal at 8 am in the Hall. Mrs Rhonda Davidson-Irwin will be taking the rehearsal in preparation for our participation in "Opera at Brookfield" on Sunday July 27. I realize that the Year 4 students are on camp, but this is the only date that Mrs Davidson-Irwin is available. We will hold a second practice on Wednesday June 25 at 8 am in O Block for those students not involved in Senior Strings rehearsal. Senior Choir will rehearse as normal on Tuesday, in preparation for our performance on assembly next Wednesday.

Science Club

Our science Club has been a wonderful success this term firing our enthusiastic students' interest in Science.

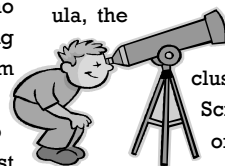
During Term 3 we have planned a Science Expo day and a whole School science competition. We are also hoping that we have been successful in our collaborative science grant application to QUT. This will enable selected students to participate in a Science program at Kenmore High and at QUT as well as school. Thank-you to the Science team teachers for their work in planning, purchasing and gathering the equipment needed for the experiments each week. Our science Club students have benefited a great deal from this fun, hands on learning



experience. Our Science Club is planned to resume again in Term 4.

Astronomy Night

Last Friday night our science club members and their families enjoyed a most informative and fascinating evening hosted by the South east Queensland Astronomy Club. Although the evening was a little chilly about 60 people gathered on our oval to view the wonders of the beautiful night sky. There were four high tech. powerful telescopes manned by very knowledgeable astronomers who willingly shared their expertise answering many, many questions. Students and parents viewed the rings of Saturn, the craters on the moon, a galactic nebula, the Milky Way and millions of stunning star clusters. Thank you to the Science Team teachers for organising this astronomical event.



A funny happening...

As you know over the past few weeks our teachers have been finalising their assessment of what students know and can do. This week, one of our Year 2 teachers was giving an oral comprehension to a child about a story he had just read to her. After about the third question asked by the teacher the child looked at his teacher and asked, 'Weren't you listening?'

The Brookfield Challenge

Our Brookfield Challenge students have been enthusiastically working to learn their scripts, design their costumes and props and be ready to perform next week. It is promising to be a most entertaining evening.

This challenge is a no adult input approach so students are able to develop time management and co-operative skills whilst being creative.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Brookfield Challenge Wednesday 25 June at our the Hall at 6.30 pm.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for supper.

Year 2 News

Year 2A and 2B have been designing 2D birds eye maps of imaginary communities. We had to think very carefully about the man made and natural features we wanted to include. We also thought about

what community services we wanted. Once the maps were completed we made 3D model's of our imaginary communities. We have been using all sorts of materials including modeling clay, paper, boxes, cardboard and even some sticks and leaves from outside. We have had such a great time making these and they are looking fantastic!

We are now in the final stages of evaluating and reflecting on our communities. We are comparing the models to the maps to look at differences and similarities. We are also looking at how some of the features could be improved.

This has been a wonderful activity to end out unit on Communities.

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Congratulations....

We would like to congratulate Linda Attard, who has been appointed to Permanent Part-Time Cleaner at Brookfield State School.



Out of the Box by 2B

On Wednesday the 11th of June we went to Out of the Box. First we traveled on a really big bus. When we arrived we met our buddy. Then we went to the chill out area to read some books and listen to music. We also drew some pictures. At 10.00am we went to a show called Boat. Our favourite parts were when the boy went to Candy Land and when the red hands came out of the hill. We thought the storm was really exciting as well. After that we had lunch at the parklands near the river. We looked across the river and we could see the big buildings.

Next we went to watch dancing at the Island Stage. Sarah, Nelly, Kate, Yasmin, Tashana

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and Elizabeth all went up on stage to dance. After that we went to the Art Gallery. We went into a dark room and watched some animations made by school children. They were funny!

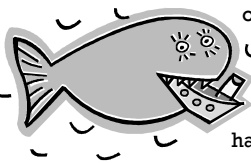
At 1.00pm we went upstairs to our workshop called Different Faces, One Smile. We met an artist called Towfiq. He is from Iraq. He taught us to make faces of the people who make us laugh. We also made puzzles with pictures of our favourite day. We had lots of fun drawing these pictures. By then we were very tired and ready to go home. On the way to the bus we stopped to listen to the noises the whales were making. We said goodbye to our buddy and got on our bus.

We thought Out of the Box was terrific!

2B have been doing some of the dances we learned at the Island Stage in class as well as some Out of the Box inspired art. Thank you to Sue Tracy and Jenni Bennett who came along to help.

Year 5 News

This term year 5 have been learning a variety of subjects including ocean studies, how to summarise main points and hands-on science. In ocean



studies, we did an oral presentation on any given sea subject, such as; ocean animals, things that can go wrong and mystery's unsolved. This had to be approximately two minutes. Summarising is reading a long report, and breaking it down into main points. For example, we wrote some dot points then we took a step up, and got given three areas of information on the Blue -ringed octopus, and summarised it into main points. After that, we wrote our own long report with relevant

headings, using the information we wrote down. During hands-on science, we did many exciting experiments; for example: Pepper scatter, where we made the pepper run to the edge of the plate. Then we did a write up on what happened. So far, we've had a great semester, and we hope it will be as fun next semester.

Sports Day Tuckshop

A reminder to all parents, our annual Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 16 July. As in previous years, there will be a BBQ Tuckshop down on the oval.

Due to the timing of Sports Day this year, there will be no need to pre-order food items. Hamburgers, sausages and some sushi will be available for purchase on the day.

We will also have many snack items, yogurts, home baking, drinks and ice blocks available.

Sports Day is a "Red Food Day" so we welcome donations of home baking from as many parents as possible.

A mobile Espresso van will be on site from 9 am offering coffee for sale to parents and staff. If any parents are able to offer some time to assist with BBQ duties, please contact Kim Bishop by email on kgbish@bigpond.com or leave your details at the office.

Missing Trophy

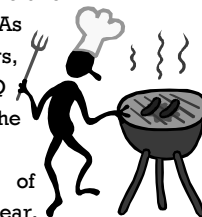
A player of the week soccer trophy has gone missing. It belongs to Moggill Soccer Club. If anybody sees it could they please hand it in to the office. Thank you.

Student Achievements

Once again, the Ipswich Eisteddfods has drawn to a close leaving Sophie Apps and Annie Simes from Brookfield State School a little more experienced in the art of musicianship.

Annie entered the under 12 instrumentalist section playing clarinet and won third place as well as an encouragement award from the competition.

Sophie came away with the Championship trophy for the under 12 instrumentalist section, an aggregate award and 4 first places.



P & C News

If you would like to use this great weekly newsletter to advertise your business/service, please complete the form we have at the office for the 2009 edition.

Burger Bar

It was a complete sell out on Friday night at the showgrounds. We made a fantastic \$783 just from the BBQ. We thought it might be a quiet night but obviously not a lot of people went away for the long weekend!

A big thankyou to our fabulous BBQ team - Simon and Eve Buchanan, Monique Mackellar, Phil and Sharon Blair and John Leggett.

Don't forget if you are staying put on the holidays, the burger bar will be happening on the 4th July from 6pm. See you there!

2008 Trivia Night

At the recent P & C Meeting the date for the 2008 Brookfield State School Annual Trivia Night was finalised. Please mark your diaries – Friday 24 October. Tickets will be on sale in September. We are looking for a few helpers to join Ross Jarden, Liz Cuffe and Gillian Keir to plan and stage this year's event. If you can spare a few hours to help get the evening organised please send Liz your

details by email cuffemail@bigpond.com.

Helpers needed to:

Coordinate Prizes Set up

Scoring on the night Collecting quiz sheets

Cleaning up! (always popular, get in early).

School Raffle

Please return any raffle tickets that you are holding to the "all returns box" by this Friday please. Raffle will be drawn next week. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 available at the office.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK.....