

Brookfield Show

The air was filled with excitement all last week as students awaited the commencement of The Brookfield Show. Teachers and Parent helpers treated our students to a visit to the show to watch the ring events and marvel at the wonderful competition entries and fabulous artwork. Congratulations to all those students who entered the various competitions, you must be proud of your grand efforts! Thank-you to Mrs Leanne Bassett for her hard work in displaying a selection of students' fine artworks in the Schools' Display.



Thank-you all for your generous donations for the P&C raffle and the stall. A special thank-you to our industrious home bakers who made delicious treats for very willing consumers. Our school is well renowned by show visitors for its home baking and clever craft goods. Congratulations to our fabulous P&C for yet another successful team effort. The enthusiastic effort of our very proactive present and past P&C members ensures wonderful resources that are well used and appreciated by our school community.

NAPLAN Testing



Last week our Years 3, 5 & 7 students made history by being the first cohort to sit a Nation wide testing program. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy Program for Years 3,5,7 & 9 students was held last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (with absent students finishing their testing last Friday).

All Year 3, 5 and 7 students are commended for trying their best in showing what they knew and could do under test conditions. The test results will be used by our teachers to inform their teaching

and planning. The National Testing is a point in time assessment in Literacy and Numeracy and will contribute to the already comprehensive data your child's teacher continually gathers to ensure a rigorous, quality teaching and learning program.

Practice Teachers

This is the last week for our Practice Teacher Miss Peta Ormes who has been teaching in Prep B under the expert guidance of Mrs Mclean. We wish her all the best for a rewarding teaching career. Also, thank-you to Ms Noonan and Ms Watts for sharing their expertise with their Practice teachers Miss Cara Newton and Mrs Helen Forbes. These Year 3 Practise Teachers will be working in our school for the next three weeks.



Professional Development

Mr Tony Pritchard attended a Queensland Autism Association's conference last Wednesday. The conference day examined the complexities of ASD (including autism and Asperger Syndrome) and how it may impact on individuals across a range of settings, age ranges and levels of functioning. Difficulties with communication, socialising, coping, independence, 'fitting-in' and self management of emotions was discussed from the perspective of the person with ASD. Practical exercises and discussions, questions and sharing of information /ideas enhanced learning outcomes for all.

Interviews for Deputy Principal position

Yesterday Mrs Kenworthy chaired an interview panel of Principals to select the best applicant for our school's Deputy Principal Position. An official announce-

ment will be made at the end of term.

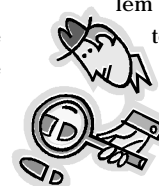
Improved facilities

Mr Zane Separovich (Eli Separovich Prep A and Lena Separovich Year 4) is currently working on the courtyard adjoining the Eating Area 1. His landscaping and creative art work will certainly beautify this central focal point in our school.



Optiminds

Our energized Optiminds students were challenged by presenting a solution to a mystery last week. This week students will be given a problem and be allocated into teams. We will present our solutions to the school in the last week of term.



Fanfare

Our Senior Strings and Senior Band will be competing in the Fanfare competition on **Tuesday 10th June**. As yet, we haven't sent notes home regarding this as we are waiting for confirmation of our session time for the day. Letters will be sent as soon as we are given a final time.



Strings News

Next Tuesday 27 May 2008, Ms Hemmings and the Year 3 players will be attending a full day workshop at Kenmore South State School. We hope they have a productive and fun day together. Due to this arrangement, there will be NO intermediate ensemble on Tuesday morning. **ALL TUESDAY LESSONS WILL BE RESCHED-**

ULED FOR WEDNESDAY. Please ensure your child brings his/her instrument.

Reminder to Parents

Student Absence - Please call the Student Absence line on 3374 7360



Stop Kiss and Go - Is strictly a

NO PARKING ZONE. In consideration of others, please drive around the block if your child is not ready to be picked up.

To ensure the safety of our students, please obey the road rules of the 40km/h or less speed limit in and around the school zone.



Also please refrain from using your mobile phones while driving in the school zone, this includes the upper car park.

Equestrian Events

By Georgia Horsley and Eleanor Rands

Last Friday at the Brookfield Show. Equestrian reputation continued to flourish at the District Show Day. 15 pupils competed with very high placing's and really tough competition. Some of these pupils continued to compete on Saturday and Sunday. We would like to congratulate the following place getters:

Georgia Murphy with Harry and Buster

1st and 3rd

Claudia Leggett with Oakey

3rd and 6th

Bethany Rands with Larry and Lightning

1st and 2nd

Eleanor Rands with Pebbles and Jerry

3 x 1st and 3 x 2nd

Georgia Horsley with Toff

3 x 5th and 2 x 6th

Phoebe Robinson with Samson

3 x 3rd and 3 x 5th

Tom Earl with Rosie

3rd and 4th

Summer King with Sandy

2nd and 3rd

Rhory Mackellar with Jasmine

3 x 5th and 2 x 6th

Jessica Terry with Terry and Andy

2nd and 3rd

Jessie-Claire Smith with Luke

4th

Taylor Smith with Luke

1st

Mrs Hilary Sheridan

1st and 2nd

Also we would like to especially mention the following:

Hannah Terry with Suzie for her high perseverance levels and giving 100%

Mrs Hilary Sheridan with Merlon

Reserve champion for the Barrel race

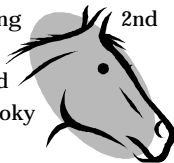
Eleanor Rands with Jerry

Barrell racing champion

Java Terry with Andy

Being the youngest competitor from Brookfield and placing 2nd

So well done to everyone and we hope you enjoyed your weekend at the Brooky Show.



Artists in Residence Program

Congratulations to Nathan Hart, James Stanfield and Rhyanna Boyce who were selected for the Pullenvale Artist in residence program held this week. The two day *Drawing from History* and *Nature* workshop enabled students to produce wonderful artwork based on their observations of nature.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to:

Helen Westenberg

Mel McArdle

Kim Bishop

Heidi Roehrs

Monica Wareham

Deb Woltman

Christine Schultz

for all of their hard work, baking, organising and running the Stall at the Brookfield Show.

Thankyou also to:

Liz Cuffe

Tania Bonner

for selling the Brookfield Show P & C Raffle tickets.

DON'T MISS OUT

Raffle tickets are still available, the prize includes:

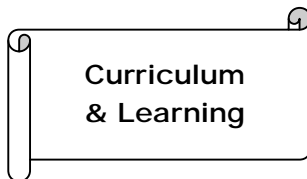
- 2 nights accommodation on the

Gold Coast

- Lexus Car Hire

- Wheelbarrow full of goodies

This P & C raffle will be drawn in June.



Curriculum
& Learning

FOCUS : Brookfield Community History

The Year 4, 6 and 7 classes would like to say a **huge THANK YOU** to the people of the Brookfield community for generously sharing their knowledge of this area's past.

The staff express a special thank you to each family, who is supporting and encouraging their child through this often challenging quest to discover our shared history.

During Term 2, the children have spent many amazing hours in the company of older residents of Brookfield, who have come into classrooms to share their personal memories, their family histories and their own historical knowledge of our suburb. Today the students were privileged to spend a morning interviewing and listening to the stories of many prominent local people.

Of the student's many questions, some answers have been found, while many queries remain unanswerable. The search for information has found the children examining old maps, talking to their neighbours, looking up websites, skimming through local history books, pouring over old photographs, wandering through the local museum and richest of all, listening to our older residents. As questions have been answered and histories



discovered, the students have been sharing new discoveries with their teachers and their classmates, so that everyone can benefit. One of the most exciting aspects of this learning adventure is the growing enthusiasm of the students which keeps them questioning and searching to discover yet another piece of the history puzzle.

District Cross Country

We wish our students participating in the District Cross Country on Tuesday 27 May 2008, all the best of luck for the day.

Sports Report

AFL

Junior Team won against OLR 33 to 30.

Senior Team won against Kenmore South Black 31 to 19.

NETBALL

Junior team lost to Moggill 4 to 11

Senior Team lost to Moggill 1 to 12

TENNIS

Junior Boys won to Brookfield 24 to 2

Junior Girls lost to FTPA 13 to 8

SOCCER

Junior team lost 1 to 0 in the final minute

Senior team lost 8 to 0

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Junior team won 5 to 0

Senior Team won 2 to 1

TENNIS

Senior Boys lost to Indooroopilly 5 to 24

A BRAIN BENDER

*What can run but never walks,
has a mouth but never talks,
has a head but never weeps,
and has a bed but never sleeps?*

Answer: A river



MATHS RIDDLES

Q. When is four half of five?

A. When it is the roman numeral f(iv)e.

Q: Why was the math book sad?

A: Because it had too many problems.

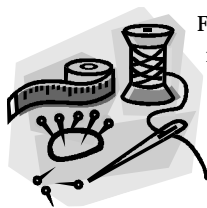
Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A. Because 789

Q. Why didn't the 20 cents roll down the hill with the 5 cents?

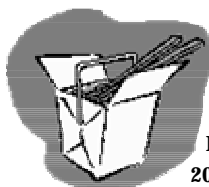
A: Because it had more cents.

Craft News



Firstly the craft group members would like to thank the talented mum who very kindly donated the fantastic home-made soaps. I was one of the lucky mums who received one! Thank you also to the girls who helped on the stall, it was very much appreciated. This week the craft group will be organising Fathers Day gift ideas. If you have any ideas or would like to join us please come and have a coffee and chat at Tina's this Friday after 9.00am. Phone 3374 0598.

New Tuckshop Menu



Our new Tuckshop menu is enclosed with today's Banter. It will start **NEXT MONDAY 26th May 2008**. There are significant changes to this menu, so please be sure to read it carefully and note new prices before ordering. If you have not received the new menu or have any comments or queries, please contact Kim Bishop by email at kgbish@bigpond.com

Reminder: Tuckshop is open on Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's only.

Happy Birthday!

Isabel Fisher
Thomas Orr
Ella Howie-Roy
Jorja Moretto
Morgan Whitehouse
Manuela Helbing
Sophia Sampson
Georgia Murphy
Seamus Murphy
Sara Blight
Lauren Macdonald
Zoe Irvine

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that catalogues have been distributed for Issue 4 and are due back by Friday 30 May. Any problems call Deb Allman on 0439 755942.



Tuckshop Roster

Monday 26/5 - Tamar McCullough, Jill Simes, Trish Santin-Dore, Jennie Bennett, Carey Parkinson

Wednesday 28/5 - Noela Donaldson, Heidi Roehrs, Cath Kennedy, Sara Edwards, Natalia Mutch, Cathy McCarthy, Liz Terry, Nicki Whitehouse

Thursday 29/5 - Paula Sale, Michelle Wirkus, Shona Fisher, Pauline Brothers, Cheryne Drummond, Karen Mallet

Home Baking Roster

Monday 26/5 - Sandy Grant, Tracey Bremner, Anne Armstrong, Laurie Lefcourt

Wednesday 28/5 - Heidi Roehrs, Peta McDonald-Smith, Liz Cuffe

Thursday 29/5 - Paula Sale, Michelle Wirkus, Shona Fisher, Teresa King, Jill Nicklin, Cheryne Drummond, Karen Mallet

Donation Roster

Monday 26/5 - Karen Faux, Laurie Lefcourt

Wednesday 28/5 - Peta McDonald-Smith

Thursday 29/5 - Georgie Gardener, Jackie Severs

