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Deputy Principal: Ms Karen O'Neill
P & C President: Ross Jarden
Deadline: Tuesday 12pm
Tennis Court Hire: 3374 3675

WELCOME

A huge welcome is made to Mrs Karen O'Neil who started work as Deputy Principal at Brookfield SS last week. Already many parents have commented on Mrs O'Neil's enthusiasm and warmth, especially to the children, and she is quickly getting to know the children.

Mrs O'Neil comes to us with a wealth of experience and ideas and we look forward to working together with her.

If you haven't already said hello, make sure you stop her around the school and introduce yourself.

Welcome also to the eleven new children and their families who enrolled at Brookfield SS last week. We know you will enjoy your time at Brookfield and make many new friends.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



After delay due to a day of rain, our school Athletics Carnival was a wonderful event to start the new term. Excited students gathered on the hill beside the oval in colours of blue, green and yellow. Mascots, coloured hair, face paint, House shirts adorned and the March Past to begin the day was undertaken with much enthusiasm.

It was a wonderful day. The sun shone and children competed as hard as they could. All children encouraged from the hill and the positive sportsmanship would make every parent proud.

It was once again a wonderful day on the Brookfield State School calendar. Many parent, grandparents and community members attended. The children were beautifully behaved and participated with enthusiasm in all events.

Age Champions were spread across all Houses and the competition was very close. Age Champions for 2008 were:
Montana Rogers 9 Year Girls
Caden Atzeni 9 Year Boys
Jessie Claire-Smith 10 Year Girls

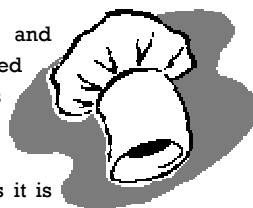
Mac Jarden 10 year Boys
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Andrea Rogers 11 Year Girls
Sarah Blight 12 Year Girls
Harry Such and Tom Morrison 12 Year Boys
Eleanor Rands 13 Year Girls
Andrew MacDonald 13 Year Boys

The overall winning house for 2008 was Paterson House. House Captains – Tom Morrison and Eleanor Rands were presented with the shield and humbly acknowledged their team's effort while also acknowledging the efforts of competitors in Mackellar and Lawson. The staff at Brookfield SS was very impressed by the positive team spirit and effort of all our students. Congratulations to all children.

An enormous thankyou to our Physical Education teacher Mrs Margaret Scott and Sports Co-coordinator Mr Kieron Skehan who put in many hours of work planning, organizing and setting up for the Athletics Carnival (Mr Skehan will now enter nominations data into the system for students who will represent Brookfield SS at the District Carnival).

Thankyou also to Mr Malcolm Leaman and Ollie Lind (Grounds staff) who prepared the oval and set up equipment for the day and to Kim Bishop (Tuckshop Convener) who organised, set up and worked all day providing delicious food for parents, staff, children and competitors.

Thankyou to staff and parents who assisted in a variety of ways throughout the day. The day could not be the success it is without your support. Always a wonderful community day at Brookfield SS.



STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

By now, all families will have received by mail Progress Reports for children in Years 1 to 7. Year 2 Progress Reports were mailed last week. The delay in receipt of Year 2 Progress Reports is a Statewide directive.

Year 2 teaching staff across the State meet together to moderate student work samples in reading, writing and number to ensure consistency of teacher judgement and student standards. The moderation process involves Year 2 teachers at Brookfield SS meeting together to compare student work samples and standards. Our teachers then attend a District Moderation process at Moorooka SS. Once the process is completed and any adjustments are made to teacher judgements Student Progress Reports can be finalized and posted home.



STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT FEEDBACK

We have received a great deal of very positive feedback from parents about the high standard of our Student Progress Reports issued last semester. Thankyou to those people who have taken the time to contact our office with the feedback. While comments about the presentation of the reports has been high, overwhelmingly the feedback has focused on the very detailed and very informative student standards and comments written by each teacher.

This standard is a reflection of the very high quality of teaching that goes on in every classroom at Brookfield SS. It is also a clear indication about how well our teachers know your child, his/her ability and what further support is needed to "stretch" your child beyond his/her current standard. The teaching staff at Brookfield SS is of a very high standard, providing top quality learning for each child. Thankyou parents for such supportive feedback!!

UNIFORM SHOP FEEDBACK

A huge thankyou to Mrs Helen Orr who gave 5 hours of her own time in the Uniform Shop on the Pupil Free Day last Monday. Helen Orr is our voluntary Uniform Shop

Convenor, who was contacted during the holidays to be available for new families to purchase school uniforms in time to start school on Tuesday morning. With eleven new children enrolling, Helen found herself still in the Uniform Shop after lunch on Monday. Thankyou Helen, your generosity enabled all our new students and their families to start Term 3 with ease!!

HOLIDAY GROUND WORKS

Thankyou to the Brownhall family (Isabella 1A) who undertook a large amount of tree lopping and pruning around the school during the holiday break. The Brownhall family provides this service to our school each year at a significantly reduced

rate in return for parking their equipment in the school oval. The tree lopping helps with building maintenance and safety.

The sculpture seating area looks fantastic thanks to the generosity of Zane Separavich (Eli Prep A and Lena 4B). We would like to thank Michael Gartner (Joshua Gartner 3B) from "Rocksolid" Bobcat Hire who donated his time and equipment to dig holes for Zane to use in installing the seating. Thankyou Michael!!!!

COMMUNITY LOSS

It was with great sadness that we returned from the holidays to learn of the tragic death of Mr Bruce Tye. Mr Tye had been actively involved with staff and children at Brookfield SS over the past few years. He attended this year's school Anzac Day Service as an official guest and interacted with our school leaders and staff at a special morning-tea following the service.

More recently, Mr Tye was actively involved with students in our 6/7 Middle School in their recent studies on Brookfield environmental history. Mr Tye attended a special day held by students in 6/7. Along with other Brookfield residents he shared his memories of the changes in the Brookfield area and how life in Brookfield was in the past. Mr Tye had also recently organized a Poets day at the Brookfield Showgrounds and had

taken on the role as area co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch.

Tragically Mr Tye died after falling from the roof of his home while undertaking maintenance. Our students, staff and P&C have written to Mrs Tye to express our deepest sympathy.

DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

A "Drugs in Our Community" parent forum will be held this Saturday 26 July at Runcorn State High School Performing Arts Building, 132 Hill Road, Runcorn (from 9am). This is one of a series of community educational days being conducted by the Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens Association (QCPCA). For further information contact Charles Alder on 0410 714 379 or charlesalder@qcpcpa.org.au

BROOKFIELD P&C ASSOCIATION AUDITOR NEEDED

We are seeking a local person to be the Honorary Auditor of the Brookfield Primary P&C Association. We've been privileged to have had Dodds Pringle act as Honorary Auditor for the past four years. We thank him sincerely for the wonderful job he has done, especially considering his son Alex finished Year 7 in 2006.

The Auditor must be either:-
 a member of CPA Australia
 a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants
 a member of the National Institute of Accountants
 an employee of a public sector entity who has the necessary experience
 an employee of an insurance company, financial institution or other financial organization who has the necessary experience

The role is not a large one but requires an Audit of the P&C & OSHC to be performed for the year ending 31 December 2008, prior to the Annual General Meeting that has been tentatively set for the 10 March 2009.

If you are interested in the role, or would like more information please call Michelle Wirkus - Treasurer 0404 087 494 or email michellew@urban8.com.au

LOST PROPERTY

The school has accumulated a huge amount of Lost Property. Could parents please take the time to see if anything belongs to your children.

MUSIC NEWS

Term 3 has arrived and the Music Department has hit the ground running. This Sunday, our Senior and Intermediate Choirs are participating in the Brisbane Festival Event "Opera at Brookfield". Notes have gone home with details for the day. Coming up quickly, we have a few more performance dates to mark on your diary.

Monday, 25 August - Senior Citizens Concert (Senior Band, Strings and Choir, Junior Choir)

Saturday, 15 September - Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets (Junior and Intermediate Choirs)

October - Brisbane Band Festival (Senior Strings and Band)

Thursday, 20 November - Annual Music Concert (All music students)

Keep an eye out for details regarding these events closer to the dates.

TRADING CARDS

Each year different "Crazes" come through our school as an interest for the children. The current "craze" is Trading Cards. We recognize the interest in such "crazes" that our children have and in the early stages this interest is exciting and fun. Overtime, however, tension between students creeps in, fights over the cards occur and sometimes bullying behaviour impacts on children.

We have now observed an increase in tension between children with Trading Cards. Some children have been bullied to hand-over the "good" cards and other cards have gone "missing". As a result we do not want Trading Cards at school.

From next Monday 28 July all Trading Cards will be banned. Any cards at school will be confiscated. We would appreciate parent support in this matter.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all students for their participation and excellent sportsmanship shown during last weeks Athletics



carnival. A big thank you to all staff who also showed tremendous team spirit to make the day a huge success.

AGE CHAMPION RESULTS

The following students are Athletics Age Champions for 2008.
Well Done!

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Jessie Claire-Smith 10 Yr Girls

Mac Jarden 10 Yr Boys

Leon Doret 11 Yr Boys

Andrea Rogers 11 Yr Girls

Sarah Blight 12 Yr Girls

Harry Such & Tom Morrison 12 Yr Boys

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Andrew MacDonald 13 Yr Boys

Records

The following students set new school records during last week's Athletics Carnival
Eleanor Rands: 13 Years Girls 200m 31.91s, 13 Years Girls 100m 14.66s, 13 Year Girls Shot Put 6.15m.

Harry Such: 12 Year Boys 100m 14.22s

Sarah Maxwell: 10 Year Girls 100m 15.00s

Jessie Claire- Smith: 10 Year Girls Long Jump 3.45m.

District Carnival

The West Akuna District Carnival is on the Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th of August at UQ. Students will be advised of their selection in the school team to participate in this event later this week when the district finalizes qualifying distances, times and heights.

Discus

Students wishing to trial for a position in the school team as a discus thrower at the West Akuna Carnival need to participate in the school discus trial held by Mrs Scott this

Wednesday and Thursday weather permitting. Students who are 10,11,12 and 13 years may compete. If it rains then all students wishing to be considered for selection for the carnival need to bring a letter from their coach/trainer which has the distance of their best throw for this year to Mr Skehan by no later than 9 am this Friday(25th July) Students need to make the qualifying distance and secondly need to be in the top two for their age to be selected for this event.

NSW MATHS COMPETITION

On Tuesday 29 July, children in year 4, 5, 6 and 7 who have nominated to do so, will be sitting the NSW mathematics competition. Good luck to all our students.

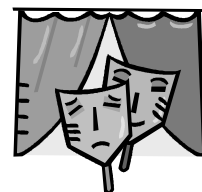
MEDIA LEADERSHIP GROUP NEWS

The Media Leadership group is holding a *Crazy Photo Competition* from 23 July till 18 August. There are 3 sections: Prep - Yr 2, Yr 3 - Yr 5 and Yr 6 - Yr7. For each section there are 3 prizes. 1st prize is a photo frame and a bag of lollies, 2nd prize is a king size chocolate bar and 3rd prize is a smiggle rubber and a bag of lollies. Entry is free of charge and if you wish to enter all you have to do is take a crazy photo which is an original with your name and class on the back to Mrs Sheridan's classroom and slip it in your year levels box and hope for the best. Good luck everyone.

OPTI-MINDS

This week a very large group of excited Year 4—7 students met with Mrs McNeil to hear their challenges for the 2008 Opti-minds

Challenge. The majority of the teams have chosen the Language Literature Challenge "Pop Goes the F.E.A.S.LE." while the remaining teams have chosen the Social Science Challenge "Making Amends". The teams are already busy with their ideas as they settle in for the exhilarating task of creating, scripting, designing costumes and sets ready for their challenge performances before the judges at Indooroopilly State High School on Saturday 30th August 2008.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 catalogues have now been distributed and orders should be received by Thursday 31 July (next week). Any problems please contact Deb Allman on 0439 755942.

Happy Birthday!

Tashana Singleton

Angela Dunstan

Larissa Miller

Charlotte Speck

Isabelle Wirkus

Megan Stewart



Tuckshop Roster

Monday 28/07 - Tamar McCullough, Jill Simes, Trish Santin-Dore, Jenni Bennett, Carey Parkinson
Wednesday 30/07 - Francina Delciod-Miller, Janet Dalton, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragan
Thursday 31/07 - Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Nicki Thorne, Sarah Stefanaras, Debra Woltman

Home Baking Roster

Monday 28/07 - Sandy Grant, Tracey Bremner, Anne Armstrong, Laurie Lefcourt
Wednesday 30/07 - Francina Delciod-Miller, Janet Sale, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger
Thursday 31/07 - Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Sonya Gartner

Donation Roster

Monday 28/07 - Karen Faux, Laurie Lefcourt
Wednesday 30/07 - Ann Junger, Stephanie Squire, Phillipa Devlin, Lisa Harragan
Thursday 31/07 - Kay Philipson, Sonya Gartner, Sarah Brownhall



Craft Group

Joining the Friday Craft Group is a fantastic way to support the Brookfield State School. There is absolutely no costs involved as the Fundraising Committee kindly funds us. If however you would like to donate fabric, ribbon, elastic, threads, etc, it would be very much appreciated. For more information please phone Tina on 3374 0598.



Saturday Junior Tennis Fixtures

Geater Brisbane Junior Tennis Association Inc. (GBJT) conduct tennis fixtures each Saturday afternoon for juniors up to and including the age of 17 years from 12.30pm to 3pm or 3pm to 6pm at the University of Queensland Tennis Centre, St Lucia.

Grading Day for new players will be held on Sunday 27 July, 2008 at St Aidan's Ambiwerra Tennis Courts, Erinvale Street, Corinda between 3pm and 5pm.

Season starts on 9 August, 2008. Nomination forms are available at grading day or on our website at www.gbjt.org.au. Any enquiries, please phone: Peta Davis on 3374 0516



Kenmore Junior Cricket Club

SIGN-ON DAY

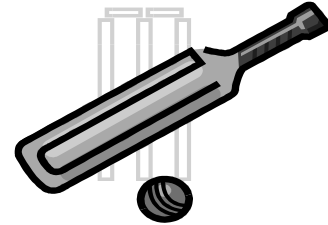
Saturday 2 August 2008

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Kenmore Centenary Rugby Clubhouse, Akuna Oval, Hepworth St, Kenmore
Boys and girls from 5 - 16 years old

All abilities welcome

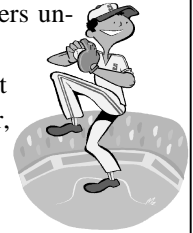
For further information, please contact Yvonne Cawood on
secretary@kenmorecricket.com.au or
0439 001 461.



Jaguars Softball Club Sign-On

Women and girls are invited to sign-on for the 2008-09 summer season. Sunday 27 July at the Kenmore Bears AFL Club, Akuna Oval, 2 - 4 pm. All new players under

18 must show Birth Certificate. \$150 deposit on fees. For more details, phone Heather, Club President on 3376 2592.



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.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK.....