

Brookfield Banter

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

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Tuesday 12pm

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Federal Government Funding

Last week we were delighted to receive notification that our school will receive funding through the Australian Government's "Building the Education Revolution (BER)". The BER is designed to have a major stimulatory impact on the national and local economies through the building of new and the refurbishment of existing school infrastructure.

Brookfield State School has been selected for immediate inclusion in Stage 1 of this three year program. We have been provided with \$2.6 million in the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21)* which will result in the construction of the following – New Multipurpose Hall; New resource Centre (Library); and New Science Innovation and Technology Centre.

A second aspect of the funding is through the *National School Pride (NSP)* program which prioritises minor capital works projects and will be directed towards the minor refurbishment of the school. Brookfield State School has been funded \$180,000 for work on refurbishments as already identified by our school which should include painting and minor repairs.

This is wonderful news for all the children at Brookfield SS and for our Brookfield community who will have access to these facilities. Last night our P & C Executive met to discuss the funding. Our P & C Association is delighted about the funding and the new facilities.

This will then enable us to use our existing hall and library for other purposes (eg. Music) A meeting on 9th March has been organised by the Queensland Government to address location of the buildings and other local issues. We will keep you informed about the progress of this future work.



Fire and Flood Appeal

Thank you to all Brookfield SS children and families for giving so generously to our fundraising appeal for victims of the Victorian Bushfires and North Queensland Floods.

Our children raised \$1632.20.

The Brookfield SS Parents and Citizens' Assoc has matched the amount raised dollar for dollar bringing our total to \$3264.40.

Thank you to all our children, families and P & C Association.

Easter Chocolate Drive

A simple, delicious and quick fundraiser is held by our P&C Association each year. This Chocolate Drive gives you an opportunity to pur-

chase Easter Eggs for the whole family while at the same time helping raise funds for our school. Our Chocolate Drive means that **each** family will receive a box full of packets of Easter Eggs to sell. Some parents take the box to work and sell the chocolates very quickly. Please note children must not sell chocolates door-to-door without adult supervision.

Some families opt not to sell chocolates for a variety of reasons. Many of these families are still happy to help us with our fundraising by sending a \$20.00 donation to our P&C Assoc. All families received a Chocolate Drive Form last week. Please ensure you complete the form if you do not want a box of chocolates sent home and if you would like to make a donation. If you have lost your form, please contact our office. Many families also sell more than one box, with some selling four or five boxes, this is fantastic support of our P&C and additional boxes can be sent home after payment for a full box is received.

Newsletter Advertising

The Brookfield Banter is about to get a fresh new look. New colour, new image, new style a whole new look for our school!!

Our current run of Brookfield Banter masters has finished and we are seeking companies and businesses to advertise on the back page of our next run of newsletters.

The newsletter masters run on an alternating fortnight. That is, one master newsletter with advertising on the back cover is used one week and a second master newsletter with a second set of ads is used the following week with the pattern repeating for 40 weeks of the school year.

A business card sized advertisement costs \$275 for a place on one newsletter master. That gives a company or business 20 weeks of advertising to our community for just \$275. Very good, low cost advertising.

We have now been approached by a number of companies and businesses to advertise on our next run of Banters. If you or your business wish to use our service please contact Judith at our school office as soon as possible 3374 7333. Mrs Kenworthy is meeting with a design company next week and with only a couple of business card size spaces left on each of the two masters, advertising spaces are going fast.

A very big thankyou to those families and businesses who have already requested advertising space.

District Sport

Phone: 3374 7333

Fax: 3374 7300

OSHC: 3374 2107

Absent Students: 3374 7360

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| <i>Laura Sinclair</i> | <i>Oliver Dickson</i> | <i>Ella Such</i> |
| <i>Drew de Amlmeida</i> | <i>Emma Field</i> | <i>Sebastien Voges-Haug</i> |
| <i>Sophia Bradtke</i> | <i>Jaymond Loong</i> | <i>Zenobia Dollimore</i> |
| <i>Antoinette Grice</i> | <i>Jackson Grice</i> | <i>Ammy Ottaway-Gaddes</i> |

Teams have been selected and students have been notified of their selection. Permission forms and Code of Conduct forms will be sent out later this week. The first round of competition is Friday March 6th.

The following is a list of sports, coaches and venues:

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| AFL | Coach Mrs Jodie Drew
Venue Akuna Park Kenmore |
| Netball | Coach Mrs Hilary Sheridan
Venue Chapel Hill SS |
| Soccer | Coach Mr Yehuwdiy Dillon
Venue Gem Rd & various |
| Tennis | Coach Kieron Skehan
Venue Brookfield & various |
| Tch Football | Coach Ms Tash Kuth
Venue Wests Centenary
Rugby League Fields
Grindle Road, Wacol |

Each sport is looking for parent volunteers to accompany each team to their games. If you could assist as a volunteer please see the appropriate team coach. More specific details about venues and draws will be made available as it comes to hand.

Voluntary Contributions

Thankyou to all those families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions so quickly. We are delighted by the support you give our school and your willingness to help us provide your children with the best educational resources we can. Generally each year 90% of Brookfield families pay the Voluntary Contributions. This helps our school with approximately \$50,000 towards the many consumable items children use in their day to day classroom activities. We really appreciate your support.

Uniform Shop

Winter Uniform and House t-Shirt orders are due for return Monday, 2nd March. Please return forms and payment to the All Returns Box at the office. Winter Uniforms will be available for viewing only

this Thursday, 26 February 2.30pm to 3.15pm at the Uniform Shop, or Uniform Shop will be open as usual on Friday morning 8am-9am. Enquires Helen Orr Ph 3374 3330.

Handwash Facilities

Much to the pleasure of our children (and a sudden spike in our electricity bill, due to the novelty) we have installed hot air hand dryers and foam soap dispensers in children's toilets. This will ensure handwash hygiene for all children and greatly reduce waste. Thank you to Beryl Paragreen for coordinating this project and to James Booth Electrical for the installation work and contact for the dryers.

Instrumental Music News

There will be no lessons or band rehearsals next week as Mr Lougheed will be on music camp with Centenary State High School.

Tuckshop Roster

- Monday 02/03-** Nicki Thorne, Victoria Brown, Fiona Guthrie, Robyn Bowman, Lynda Watson, Kristina de Nicolai
- Wednesday 04/03-** Kate Robertson, Trudie Early, Natasha Galea, Belinda Wynn, Narelle Morrow
- Thursday 05/03-** Mark Donnelly, Audrey Pieteron, Phillippa Lynch, Trish Santin-Dore, Tracey Boyce, Jim & Amanda Thyer

Home Baking Roster

- Monday 02/03-** Victoria Brown, Fiona Guthrie, Kristina de Nicolai, Denise Cullen
- Wednesday 04/03-** Trudie Early, Gillian Keir, Hana Ben-Tovim
- Thursday 05/03-** Lisa Smith, Andrea Stuart, Tracey Boyce

Donation Roster

- Monday 02/03-** Margo Mitchell, Denise Cullen
- Wednesday 04/03-** Trudie Early, Hana Ben-Tovim, Belinda Wynn
- Thursday 05/03-** Stephanie Squire, Andrea Stuart, Audrey Pieteron



Parent Phone Lists

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



Child's name: _____ Class: _____