

Brookfield Banter

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday 25th March 2009

Deadline:
Tuesday 12pm
Tennis Court Hire:
3374 3675

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

P & C Election Stall

Once again the generosity of our school families amazes us! Thank you for the overwhelming response to our call for items to raffle. The wonderful array of goods received allowed us to offer 5 fabulous prizes in our raffle. Some items have been put aside and will be used as raffle prizes at the Burger Bar.

We also received a fine selection of baked goods that were beautifully presented, enabling us to get great prices for them!

A HUGE THANKYOU to those who gave up their valuable time to help sell raffle tickets and cakes, many thanks also to Tina McDougall and her fantastic team of craft ladies who provided us with a beautiful quilt to raffle, and to everyone who donated items or baked goods. Our combined efforts have raised \$2,800 for the school. A very big thankyou to Mrs Gillian Kier who organised and co-ordinated the stall & raffle. Thankyou Gillian!!!!!! The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Wednesday, 25 March and the winners published in next week's banter.



Prize Draw

1st Prize: Beautiful quilt hand made by the BSS Craft Group
Winner—Wendy Woods 4/5

2nd Prize: Gourmet hamper packed with goodies
Winner—Estwick Family

3rd Prize: Basket of romantic gourmet treats
Winner—Separovich Family (Eli 1A, Lena 4/5)

4th Prize: Hair Skin Body gift voucher valued at \$85
Winner—Holden Family

5th Prize: Leasingham Limited Release Shiraz 2001
Winner—Separovic Family (Eli 1A, Lena 4/5)

There are a lot of containers and baskets left over from the Election Stall. If you are missing your basket or container from Saturday, please collect it from the school office ASAP.

Young Leaders' Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre

Twelve students with Mr Pritchard attended this extraordinary function. It was a day of reflection and inspiration. The venue was world class and the variation of activities realised a professionalism of preparation and caring.

The speakers were as diverse as they were similar. Their backgrounds may have been different but their message was encapsulated within a similarity of mentorship which provided 4000 students with a view of what might be possible in the world that can lead and give back to a community.

Each of our twelve students was focussed and encouraged to think differently about leadership. Their behaviour was exemplary. They each understood their role of not only representing Brookfield State School, but of their participation in a wider social interaction. They were given trust and they repaid it fully. Not all of them were badge holders, but they demonstrated caring that indicated that they could be. Parents who were involved, thank you for your dedication to your children and your faith that the day would go well.

Leaders:

- *Never give up*
- *Encourage others*
- *Do their best*
- *Have humour*
- *Sometimes don't have to tell what they're doing*
- *Love praise*
- *Give back*
- *Have close friends*
- *Have balance*
- *Know their role*
- *Have and show respect for themselves and others*
- *Are humble*



Ball Games Carnival Postponed

Our annual Ball Games Carnival has been postponed. We had enthusiastically aimed to hold the carnival this term along with the school Cross Country at the beginning of Term 2. In an effort to avoid the ongoing hot and humid weather, and to focus all our training efforts on one event, we have decided to hold the Ball Games Carnival at the end of next term (not the last week when the 6/7 children are away in Canberra).

Please note that Mr Chris Henessey (PE Teacher) will focus on preparing children for our school Cross Country Carnival. All year levels participate in the Cross Country and Chris will walk the children through the various courses (Prep and Year 1 children do a small circuit around our school oval; older children a slightly longer circuit and 6/7 children actually go around the Showgrounds and across the creek on a long circuit).

Our before school Run Club is organised to encourage fitness in all students and provides a wonderful opportunity for children to train for the Cross Country. Additional training should be occur-

ring at home in the lead up to our school and district Cross Country carnivals.

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 22 April (first Wednesday after Easter).

Sports News

Best wishes go to Brianne Shaw who is representing the school at the State Swimming Championships in Cairns this week. We look forward to hearing all about her experience.

Music News

Next Wednesday, April 1, we have 10 of our Year 6 & 7 students auditioning for a place at the Brisbane Central & West District Music Camp. This camp is an opportunity for the best music students across the region to come together over 5 days to extend their skills, challenge their standard and have fun while doing it. Audition times will be notified this week so keep practising. We wish our students the very best as they go along to Graceville State School for these auditions.

Year 4 parents, please keep the money coming in for recorder books. The kids are keen to practise and making great progress.

It is fantastic to see their enthusiasm to check out these books and try their hand at the various songs.

Please note that there will be no Band or Instrument lesson on **Wednesday 1st April**. Thank-you Mr Loughheed

Cadbury Easter Egg Chocolate Drive

Thank you to all the families who have returned their Chocolate Drive money. If you have not already done so, please return all unsold chocolates and all monies for your 1st

box of chocolates to the office. We are unable to accept any chocolates returned from your 1st box after this Friday 27th March.

We still have a few 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.

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is an enjoyable way of raising awareness about the effects of climate change on Earth. During this week's assemblies students of 2/1 are encouraging all Brookfield State School families and friends to support Earth Hour. You can send the message about climate change by turning off your lights for one hour between **8:30pm and 9:30 pm on Saturday 28th March**. At school we will be turning off lights and unnecessary computers during **1st break this Friday**.

Brookfield Extension Program

Some of us **like** reading and wondering,
some **love** sport,
some are **really good** at
maths problem solving.

During Term 1, the teachers at Brookfield State School have been learning about the interests, talents and struggles of each member of their class. They use this knowledge to design a range of learning that will interest and challenge each of their students.

On Tuesdays, Mrs Elizabeth Bullock, the Extension Coordinator, works to support teachers as they develop tasks to challenge advanced learners. During Term 1 she is also working directly with students from Years 4 – 7 who are **advanced learners in Maths problem solving**. The current sessions focus on exploring the power of logical thinking and the benefits of cooperative problem solving. Next Term, she will be working with Prep classes to develop thinking skills through *The Six Thinking Hats*.

Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children Children's Conference

Do You Know A Gifted Child who needs the challenge of fast paced advanced-level workshops?

They are invited to apply for a place* at the QAGTC.

30 June and 1 July 2009

BRISBANE BOY COLLEGE

The 2009 Children's Conference is an exciting two-day program of educational activities designed for students enrolled in Years 1 to 10 seeking extension beyond the regular school curriculum. All workshops offered are fast-paced, rigorous and involve challenging activities pitched at individual abilities rather

than chronological age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to step up to a challenge, to meet other children of like minds and to establish new friendships. The courses are presented by those with a keen interest in gifted education-experts in their field-who have designed programs to stimulate the interests and curiosities of gifted children.

Parents are invited to meet with QAGTC experts at 10:00am each day. This is an opportunity to ask questions and to receive more information on the nature of giftedness and gifted education.

In March 2009 details and registration form will be posted at <http://www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009>.

Enquiries: Convenors (Sandra Lummis and Judith Hewton) email cc@qagtc.org.au.

*NB: Children are required to provide evidence of giftedness with their application.

There will be a table of Parent Support Group Meeting Schedules and Group contact coming home with today's newsletter.

François Gagné 2009

An invitation to attend a public lecture by Professor François Gagné

Where: Lecture Theatre, Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology, Bywong Street, Toowong, Brisbane

When: 7-9pm Monday 6 April 2009

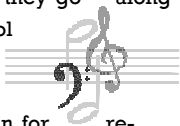
Title: The *pros* and *cons* of Acceleration and Ability Grouping

Professor François Gagné will present his perspectives on the very controversial theme of academic acceleration. In particular he will explore the relationship between his Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent and accelerative enrichment. He will consider when and how accelerative provisions should be implemented and what are the appropriate forms of acceleration. He will challenge his audience with views on when ability grouping becomes an essential component of any good talent development program.

This lecture will be of interest to parents, teachers and all adults concerned about the education of the gifted. This public lecture is open to all participants. You will need to be familiar with the Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent which can be provided by email upon request accompanying your registration.

Register now with payment to secure your place.

Registration \$66 (\$44 for QAGTC financial



members. **One reduced registration fee permitted for each institutional membership.)**

Win 1 Hour Free

Maths Tuition

It's easy. For your chance to win simply complete the Maths Survey coming home with today's newsletter and place your tear off entry in the prize draw box at the office.

Our previous Parent Maths Forum (yes it was a while ago) put forward some valuable ideas and it was decided to extend the survey to all parents. I hope you are able to help us by taking a few minutes to jot down both good and constructive comments.

The School Maths Review Group will use this information, along with teacher and children surveys, to help review the teaching and learning of Maths in our school.

QCAT Open Day

The CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies (QCAT) at Pullenvale is having its open day **this Saturday** March 28. It will be open to the public from 10 am till 3 pm. For a full list of presentations, demonstration and activities, please go to www.cat.csiro/openday.html. It is recommended that flat, closed in shoes be worn.

Free Safety Seminars

Come along to learn basic self defence techniques, increase your confidence, and discuss any safety concerns with internationally renowned and award-winning experts.

Sessions for Pullenvale Ward:

Kenmore Anglican Church Hall, 1036 Moggill Rd, Kenmore

Anglican Church Hall, 3407 Moggill Rd, Moggill

Friday 20 March @ 12:30PM

Tuesday 31 March @ 6PM

Tuesday 24 April @ 6PM

Book your place at:
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/personalsafetyseminars or phone 3403 8888.

The Big Toad Bust

The Cane Toad Bust on Friday night was a big success. The wonderful park ranger told us all about the introduction of cane toads in 1935 to

eat the cane beetles affecting the sugar cane. Only 150 cane toads were brought into Queensland, showing just how successful they have been at adapting to our local conditions. The other facts that were just amazing: a female can lay between 35,000 to 40,000 eggs and these little amphibians are poisonous at every stage of their life cycle. These guys are just awesome!

The good news is that they are very easy to collect and even though Brisbane Forrest Park has not done a Cane Toad collection for three years, there were only about five big toads. The best way to dispose of the toads, first put them in the fridge, so they go to sleep, then in the freezer (for at least 16 hours, so they do not wake up again). After they are dead, they make great garden mulch (although we have dogs and water dragons in our garden, so we put ours into the bin on collection night).

If you are going to grab a torch to collect some toads in your garden, make sure you are wearing your rubber gloves. To avoid the toads producing their poison, (or doing a little tiddle down your leg), be gentle with them. Even though we don't want them in our beautiful Queensland, we don't want to hurt them either. For more information, or to be put on the e-mail list for the next big cane toad bust and other great BFP activities, phone 3512 2300.

LOST

Happy Birthday!

Marcus Ray

Tomas Ray

Millie Baker

Hannah Casey

Rory McFadden

Lachlan Toft

Ben Ferro



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SCHOOL CLEANER - Part-Time

A position is available for a school cleaner to work 20.75 hours per week. An immediate start is desirable. The successful applicant must be able to obtain a Blue Card.

For enquiries, please contact our office on 3374 7333.

Please address your application, marked "Private and Confidential", to:

**The School Business Manager
Brookfield State School, Boscombe Road,**

ley in 3A has lost a soccer ball—Size 4 Nike silver with black & yellow stripes.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS



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We are trying to get the Friday Craft Group up and running again, and we need YOU! You are invited to a coffee/chat this Friday morning at 10.00am at Tina's. Any one who is interested in joining Friday Craft Group is most welcome. The FCG is funded by the Fundraising committee so there are no outlays. All you will be asked to give is your time, imagination, creativity, and humour. So come and enjoy a cuppa while we jot down some ideas for the year. The Group is held weekly and each week is hosted by a member – you are not obligated to attend every week. Please phone and let me know if you can come because if there is no interest, there will be no craft morning this Friday. Tina – 3374 0598 or email by Thursday 8.00pm tkmcd@optusnet.com.au

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

Need help with homework?

An experienced qualified teacher will come to you.



Sheree McLeod 0413 613 600

Bachelor of Science
Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education
Full-time teaching Experience (State & Private) 1998-present
Specialising in Mathematics and Science

Last seen being used on the oval by some big boys. Please return to 3A classroom or leave at the school office for Riley.

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 30/3 Joanna Yesberg, Mike Lefcourt, Jill Simes, Deborah Wallace, Liz Maxwell, Jenni Bennett
Wednesday 1/4 Sumna Dedes, Jay Weyer, Helen Orr, Anne Armstrong, Nicola Thomas
Thursday 2/4 Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Devina Maher, Linda Gill, Rick Maher

Home Baking Roster

Monday 30/3 Ruth Mathewson, Laurie Lefcourt, Liz Maxwell
Wednesday 1/4 Anne Armstrong, Jay Weyer
Thursday 2/4 Laura Dodd, Renae Ferri

Donation Roster

Monday 30/3 Zee Upton, Jodie Drew
Wednesday 1/4 Sarah Brownhall
Thursday 2/4 Shelley McGregor, Tania Bonner, Laura Dodd

