

## Student Progress Reports

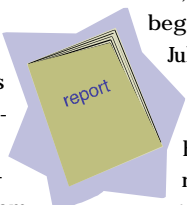
Currently all our teaching staff are working on end of semester Student Progress Reports. A twice yearly progress report is issued for each child at the end of Semester 1 and 2 (June and December). Along with individual written reports, parents and caregivers are offered the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to view samples of work and discuss in detail your child's progress. Many class teachers have already begun these parent/teacher interviews, if you have not yet booked a time please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to book a mutually convenient time.

Brookfield State School Student Progress Reports will be posted to your home on Thursday 26 June. (If you have changed address since last year please check with our office that we have your current address). The reports provide information about your child's progress in each of the eight Key Learning Areas (KLA) - English, mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE), Health and Physical Education, Languages Other Than English, The Arts and Information Communication Technologies (ICTs). The progress reports also provide information about your child's Behaviour. All reports rate your child on a five point scale - Years 1-3 = Very High - Support Required and Years 4-7 A - E.

Due to requirements with the Year Two Diagnostic Net, Year 2 teachers will be involved in a moderation process on the 26 June. Moderation involves our teachers in meeting with staff from schools across Brisbane to compare their judgements and marking of each child's work. Once the moderation process is over, individual student progress reports can be finalised. As a result, Year 2 written reports will NOT

be posted at the same time as other year levels, they will be posted home at the beginning of next term, Monday 21 July.

Thank you to all our staff who are currently spending many hours at home, on weekends and in the evenings, collating data and writing student reports.



## Inter-School Sport

This Friday will be the last day of inter-school sport for our teams competing in AFL, Tennis, Soccer, Netball & Touch Football at school sports activities. All the children who have participated have trained hard and played hard. Our teams have not been regular winners or finished as overall champions, but the development of each child in the particular sport has been very significant. Congratulations to all our Year 5 - 7 students for their commitment, determination and positive sportsmanship.

A very big thankyou to all the parents who have helped with coaching, transport, cheering and getting the children to school in time for training sessions. Also a very big thankyou to our teachers of Years 4 - 7 and Mrs Biffin (DP) for taking on teams and encouraging the students.

Next term we look forward to our Recreation and Leisure Program which offers a range of activities for the students in Years 4-7 (including golf, mountain bike riding, etc.)

## Sports Uniforms

Please note school sports uniforms (open weave shorts and yellow sports shirts) are only to be worn to school on interschool sports days and for the day of a school carnival (Cross country, athletics, etc.). On the other days of the week students are required to wear either polo shirts or checked shirts with cu-

lottes/skorts or grey shorts (boys). Checked dresses are also an option for girls. For health and modesty reasons we do not allow bike pants to be worn as the bottom half of a school uniform or under culottes. A number of students have taken to wearing ¾ length bike pants under their culottes and we are seeking parent support to stop this practice.

There are many options available at our school Uniform Shop so it is unnecessary and unacceptable for students to wear non-school uniform. Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning if you need to top up your child's range.

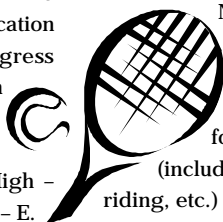
Thank you for supporting this policy at our school and helping to ensure that our students look smart and can play in practical, sun-safe uniforms.

## Carpark Safety

You will all be aware of the fantastic improvement to the school dirt carpark. The upgrade of the carpark surface has been marvellous and enables easier movement of vehicles through this area. The smoother surface does not mean drive faster. This week school staff have witnessed vehicles racing into the carpark to deliver children before the bell rings. We would rather your child arrived late than have you risk the lives of others by driving quickly. SLOW DOWN. Watch for other people's children not just your own.

Some calls have been made to the school office about people driving vehicles in the carpark while talking on a mobile phone. This is not only against the law but an extremely dangerous thing to do around young children.

Please drive slowly and give your full attention to all the vehicles and children in the area.



We have also received calls about people parking in the STOP KISS GO zone, some mums standing chatting while cars queue down the street. Please do not park in this area or hold up the flow of vehicles by talking to a friend. If you move your car through the zone quickly the flow of traffic up the street is steady and keeps moving.

So many parents do the right thing around the school it is always frustrating to have to write in such a negative tone. The solution is simple, follow the rules and take care of all the children at our school when driving in and around the area. Thankyou.

## Winter Uniforms

The first day of winter falls on Sunday with the start of June. The winter months mean warm jumpers for the start of the day as children rug up for the cooler temperatures at Brookfield in the mornings. As the day warms up the children remove their jumpers and many of them end up in our Lost Property baskets along the verandah of the library. As you launder your child's school uniforms this weekend can you please check that your child's name is clearly written on their jumpers, hats and track pants? Write the name clearly please. Putting *JB* on a tag does not help us identify the owner when we sort through the items to return them. We don't need you to include the child's class (classes change each year and your child may wear the jumper for more than one year). We use class lists to locate your child. Some families have second hand jumpers so it is difficult to locate the owner if the name on the jumper is of a child who has left our school.

Please clearly mark *Tom K* or *John Smith* on the label or write in large black letters inside the clothing. We will sort Lost Property on a regular basis and return named items to their owners.

## Craft Group

Many of you will have heard about our school Craft Group but not have attended one of their mornings. Hopefully you will all have heard about the craft group from your children after the Mothers' Day Stall a few weeks ago. I know in my home I was told that the craft items were "much nicer



than the other items on sale this year" and I received three lovely homemade gifts on Mothers' Day.

If you are new to our school and would like to meet some other parents, the craft group is a really nice way to enjoy morning-tea and chat. Give Tina a call on 3374 0598.

## Tuckshop Menu

We hope you have all received our new Tuckshop Menu. The new menu has some delicious items your kids will love. Your kids should try:

- Greek Yoghurt*
- Wild Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt*
- Dinosaur Meal*
- Teriyaki Chicken wrap*
- Gingerbread Men*
- Pizza Scroll*
- Punch*

There are so many delicious options at really good prices you could avoid having to make the lunches three days a week! Wouldn't that be nice!!!!

Tuckshop is open each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you didn't receive a new menu check our school website or pick up another one at the office.

If you can help at Tuckshop in any way please call Kim Bishop 3202 9969. Thanks for a great new menu Kim!



## Sports Day Tuckshop

The Sports Day BBQ will return this year. Mark Wednesday 16 July in your diary. Many hands make light work, don't forget to volunteer. Order/volunteer

forms will be sent home next week with the Banter.

## Sports Day Date Change

Due to Year 4 Camp and Interschool sport finishing we have changed our Athletics Carnival dates from June 17 & 18 to **Tuesday July 15 & Wednesday July 16** (first week back Term 3). With this change students will now have 4 weeks at the end of this term to practice their long jump and high jump on a Friday afternoon.

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## Extension Student Programs

**Maths Challenge** - Many of our talented, creative, cooperative maths students from years 3 - 7 are meeting for a weekly half hour **Maths Problem Solving Challenge**. This is an acceleration of their classroom maths pro-

gram. In teams, they read the maths challenge outline, discuss their interpretation of the problem and select appropriate maths problem solving strategies to assist them. Each challenge is designed to be tackled at several levels, so this initial clarification time is critical to creating successful solutions. Next is the fun part - working out creative solutions, checking them and reworking if necessary. Throughout the process, the team clearly records their thinking pathways. Communication of each maths idea is central to the challenge. Persistence and designing creative maths pathways are the learning qualities being encouraged, as the teams struggle to solve each problem.

**Holiday Workshops** - The University of NSW is offering a 2 day Gifted Student Program for Years 4 - 7 students in Sydney during the second week of the QLD holidays, July 7 & 8. If your family is interested in the details of the many workshops available, please ask for details at the office.

## Chess Tournament Results

Four Grade 4 students represented Brookfield State School at the Somerville House Primary Schools Invitational chess tournament on the weekend.

The Brookfield team, made up of Reuben Dutton, Hugo Kienzle, Georgia Corke and Aiyana Erbeking, played hard and placed 35th overall.

This is a great result considering there were 74 teams in the competition, from schools all over Brisbane, and with students in up to Grade 7 among them.

Many thanks to coach and organiser Patrick Byrom for his consistent support and encouragement of our up-and-coming junior chess players.

## Year One Brookfield Show Stories

"I want to go on Saturday for a merry go ride. It will be fun. It is fun on the crocodile ride." By Bonnie

"We saw horses. They had people on them. There were different colours." By Tom

"The Brookfield Show had Fairy Floss. It is very yummy. I love Fairy Floss." By Oliver



"I went to the Brookfield Show and we went to see some horses. We looked at the camels." By Emerson

"We went to the Brookfield Show. It was fun. I saw my Grandma's painting." By Jack

"I am going to the Brookfield Show. The show has lots of rides. Every Brookfield Show has a big slide. Some rides looked scary. I saw paintings. The paintings looked good. 1A saw some fake animals." By Ori

"I went to the Brookfield Show with my friends and with my teacher as well. I love the Brookfield Show. I saw the horses." By Felix

I went to the Brookfield Show and we looked at the Tea Cups. The man gave us a pencil. By Georgia

### **Scholastic Book Club**

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

### **Junior Choir**

Don't forget Junior Choir rehearsals have commenced. All Junior Choir members are reminded that rehearsals are on every Friday at 8.15 am in the hall.



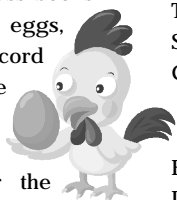
### **Musso's of the Month**

- Sam Field - Alto Sax
- Amy Mitchell - Alto Sax
- Leon Doret - Alto Sax
- Miranda Lefcourt - Clarinet

Congratulations to these 4 students for being the first beginners to reach page 27 in their tutor book. Well done. Mr D Loughheed.

### **Egg Incubation & Hatching in Prep**

The Prep children have been very excited this week to watch chickens hatching from the incubated eggs in their classrooms. They have been learning about lifecycles, painting roosters, making class-books about other animals that lay eggs, making "Chick" books to record the hatching and growth of the chickens and even debating the BIG question - "Which came first, the chicken or the



egg?"

Prep C have also been asking some big questions... Although their q's were directed to Year 4/5C about African animals. Mr Dillon's class were impressed with the presentation and knowledge of Prep/1C. Do you know how long a giraffe's tongue is? Or why Zebra's have stripes? How about which animal is taller - an ostrich or a female elephant? The Prep children are responding to their play and investigation-based learning programs with enthusiasm, commitment and real ownership of their learning. They are making great academic and social progress, as well as truly developing the attributes of lifelong learners. Please see phot in today's Banter.

### **Interschool Sport**

#### **AFL**

Junior Team Result: Lost to Jamboree Heights State School 30-33

Coaches Comment: Fantastic teamwork! Great marks and passes

Senior Team Result: Bye

#### **Soccer**

Junior Team Result: Lost to Pullenvale 4-1

Senior Team Result: Lost to Pullenvale 12-0

Coaches Comment: Fantastic first half with teamwork and skill. All players showed great determination, courage and fortitude.

#### **Netball**

Junior Team Result: Lost to OLR 3-10

Senior Team Result: Lost to Middle Park 3-30

#### **Touch**

Junior Team Result: Defeated Pullenvale 2-1

Junior Team Coaches Comment: We have continued on our winning way! The Junior team is in the play-off for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> this week - Good Luck

Senior Team Result: Defeated Chapel Hill 3-1

Senior Team Coaches Comment: A much improved second half! The senior team is in the play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this week - Good Luck

#### **Tennis**

Junior Boys A Result: Won 19 - 14 against Fig Tree Pocket.

Junior Boys B Result: Lost 24 - 3 Fig Tree Pocket B.

Junior Girls Result: Won 14 - 7 against Fig Tree Pocket.

Senior Boys: Lost 24 - 3 to OLR.

Coaches Comment: One week to go and all teams are still enthusiastic. This last match will be the deciding match for our Junior Boys A team as they are undefeated. Good Luck to all our teams.

### **Arts Council**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, The Queensland Arts Council wonderful show, 'CHECK OUT' by the Polyglot Puppet Theatre, will be performing at our school. Please ensure you have paid your \$6:50.

**About the artists:** Polyglot Puppet Theatre is the major children's theatre company in Victoria and one of the major puppetry companies in Australia. They recently won the Drama Victoria Award for Best Performance by a Theatre Company.

### **Student Banking**

Any interested students wishing to open a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank, please call in to the office to collect a starter pack.

Banking day is every Thursday at Brookfield State School.

### **German Immersion Program**

The response for the German Immersion Program for 2009 has been strong. There are however a number of places still available for interested students commencing Year 8 next year. Application forms and further information are available from Kenmore State High School. Interested families can contact Kenmore High's Admin Officer on 3327 1538.

### **Opti-Minds News**

I apologise for having misled you in previous weeks by calling the Brookfield Challenge, OptiMinds. Our teams work at school level is based on the OPTi-Minds concept and is actually called THE BROOKFIELD CHALLENGE.

Next term we are encouraging our Brookfield Challenge teams to take the next step and enter the Opti-minds Interschool Competition.

This week our talented team members have been working creatively and cooperatively to produce their own scripts and planning and applying time management strategies. Judging by the enthusiasm and fabulous ideas from our students, their solutions will be most interesting and entertaining. Be sure to keep Wednesday night the 25<sup>th</sup> June free for the Brookfield Challenge- Parents and Friends Performance.

