

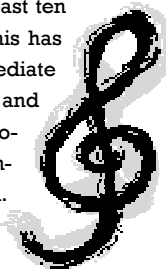
A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday July 30, 2008

Opera at Brookfield

Sunday's Opera at Brookfield was once again a wonderful community event. The weather was perfect, not too hot and no rain. Hundreds of people from Brookfield and across Brisbane came to experience the joys of Viva La Musica, a combined children's choir and the Queensland Chamber Orchestra with various opera performances. As part of the Brisbane Festival, this was one of a number of community events being held across Brisbane during the festival.

Our students formed part of a large combined choir made up of children from Brookfield, Chapel Hill and Pullenvale schools and the Australian Youth Choir. They sang five pieces accompanied by Viva La Musica. It was a wonderful performance. The sound carried across the showgrounds to the pleasure of all who attended. A very special thank you to Mrs Melissa McMillan who has spent the past ten weeks rehearsing the children for the performance. This has meant special rehearsals for our Senior and Intermediate Choirs. Mrs McMillan gave her time for these rehearsals and to attend the performance on Sunday to assist with co-ordination of all the children. Thank you Melissa, a wonderful day and a wonderful opportunity for our children. We appreciate all that you do to bring the joy of music to the children at Brookfield State School.



Wet Weather Routines

'All our students are to be congratulated for their responsible behaviour during last week's wet weather. Wet weather forces us to change the way lunch breaks are conducted. The children are not able to go out into the playground if it is raining or if the ground is too wet. Our 4-7 students were given time in the playground last week even though light rain was falling. It was very pleasing to observe the responsible behaviour of all these children. They appreciated the opportunity to run around and warm up and were cautious about their play to ensure they didn't get wet or hurt on slippery ground.

We have changed the way wet lunches operate. Instead of children returning to their classrooms for "free time" after eating in the covered areas, the children will now choose one of three areas for the duration of the wet lunch period. The areas are: 1. Hall for DVD; 2. Library for reading and board games; 3. Covered area for handball & quiet games. Children will be invited to select one of these areas and move to the area after eating. Teachers who are rostered on duty for dry weather will relocate to one of these areas.

Can you help? We would really appreciate the donation of any G Rated DVDs and old board games. Please have a look through your cupboards for any DVDs and board games that your children have out grown and you don't use anymore. DVDs must be G Rated or they cannot be used at school. If you have any old items to donate, please send in to the office. We very much appreciate your support.

Deadline:

Tuesday 12pm

Tennis Court Hire:

3374 3675

Principal:

Mrs Helen Kenworthy

Deputy Principal:

Ms Karen O'Neill

P & C President:

Ross Jarden

Lost Property

With the ongoing cold weather, our pile of Lost Property has grown into a mountain. Parents and staff volunteer to sort through the lost items and return them to the child if there is a name marked on them. We are still absolutely amazed at how many items end up in lost property with no name on them. Please check that your child's jumper, coat and hat has a name clearly marked on it. If your child's supply of winter warm clothes is missing, please check through the lost property baskets located on the verandah outside our library.

Kenmore High School Visit

Each year the Principal, staff and students from Kenmore State High School visit our school to outline the programs and activities this quality state education facility has to offer all students. Brookfield is fortunate to fall within the catchment area of Kenmore High. Our students in Year 5-7 attend the information session. They view a slide show of activities available at Kenmore High, listen to words from the Principal, Mr Wade Hanes, presentations by students, view two short films made by students in the Kenmore High arts department, and listen to students perform their musical talents. (This year a female student performed a vocal piece accompanied by guitar.)

Kenmore High offers quality programs for all children across a range of areas. Special programs include their German Immersion Program, ICE (Laptop Program) and Music Extension Programs. The Kenmore High Arts Department has a strong reputation in education circles, as do many other aspects of the school.

Our Year 6 - 7 students also traveled to Kenmore High last week to view the high school musical for 2008. The musical "Pipedreams" is written, produced and performed by students at the school. It was a very impressive performance and much enjoyed by all our students. If you would like further information about Kenmore State High School, please contact the school on 3327 1555.

If your child is currently in Year 7 and will be attending Kenmore High next year, please contact the school as soon as possible so that your child's name is in the system when they start their interview process and organise class groupings for 2009.

Donations Requested

If you have any old children's furniture that can be used in the cubby houses at school, please drop it into our office. We appreciate the donations of this equipment over the past few years. You will appreciate that the large number of children at our school means the equipment receives a hard workout and doesn't last very long. We now need some additional pieces for children in Years 2-4 to use during their lunch breaks. Thank you.

Administration Commitments

It will be a busy week in Administration this week with Mrs O'Neil (DP) and Mrs Kenworthy involved in a number of external commitments. Both Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Kenworthy will attend the District Leaders' Day at the Toowong Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology on Thursday. The day is aimed at highlighting and mapping out the path high achieving students can take from primary school through state high schools into the Academy. The Academy offers somewhat exclusive education for high achieving students from years 10-12 in these specialized subject areas. The program at the Toowong Academy is an IB (International Baccalaureate) Program and also involves students working on computer "tablets" in their daily lessons. The Toowong Academy has attracted students from across the State and is proving to be a most top quality education program for high achieving students. We will give you more information about the Academy in next week's newsletter. It may be an education path for your child. Mrs Kenworthy will be out of the school this week to mediate in a grievance between other Education Queensland employees. As a District Mediator for Education Queensland, Mrs Kenworthy is required to perform this role at different times throughout the year. Mrs O'Neil will be in charge during her absence. Mrs Kenworthy will also attend the Kenmore Moggill RSL Luncheon on Wednesday. Each year the Kenmore Moggill RSL hosts a luncheon to thank schools for their support and willingness to work together to promote the work of the RSL. In past years Mrs Sheridan or Ms Noonan have attended the luncheon. At Brookfield SS the Kenmore Moggill RSL has worked with children to create a cairn and memorial garden area around our flag poles and donated a Aleppo Pine

Tree (the seed having been taken from Lone Pine). This tree at Brookfield SS is located in the garden bed to the south of the office car-park. It has grown most rigorously to approximately four metres and is the most successfully established tree of its kind in the local schools. A plaque at the base of the tree identifies its significance.

Musica Viva

Next Monday, August 4, all students will be attending a performance by the Musica Viva group "Collusion".

This takes the place of the Arts Council visit for Term 3 each year. Each class participates in preparation activities in Music lessons during the lead up to the concert. The program is a great way of getting live musicians into the school and the show is not only entertaining, but informative as well.

Limited seating will be available for parents if you would like to join us.

Payment for this event is covered on the Term 3 statement.

Children on Play Equipment Before and After School

Reminder to all parents: play equipment at Brookfield SS is out-of-bounds to all students before and after school. While we can not stop parents choosing to allow their children to play on the equipment, the children know that they have been told they are not to play there. If you allow your children to play on the equipment it is your responsibility to supervise and ensure your child is safe. The difficulty arises when some parents allow their children to play and other children join in without parents there to supervise. We ask all parents to respect our rule and keep consistency across the school for all children. Please DO NOT use our school equipment as an after school playground.

The only children who are able to access the playgrounds are children booked into after school care and they are supervised on the equipment at all times.

Pipedreams

On Thursday 24 July the middle school travelled on a bus to Kenmore SHS to see a stage musical called Pipedreams. The theme of the performance was Australia in the worst drought in history! The drought was caused by lack of rain. Legends told the towns people about a great beast that could save the country from a natural disaster by releasing his sucked up supply of water! The performance was 2 hours long but at the end we left wanting to see more for the school provided a shorter lime limit for it. It was a memorable experience and we all had a magnificent time!

Written by Annie Sims and Hannah Smith-Roberts

We ask for your support in this matter and also ask you to include your toddlers in this rule. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Official Opening of Netball Courts

Next Wednesday 6 August we will hold our senior assembly on the new school netball courts. This assembly will be to officially open the courts and celebrate the contribution of funds by the Community Benefit Gambling Fund. Mrs Paula Sale (past P&C President) and Mr Randolph Wirkus (netball court co-ordinated) will join us to cut the ribbon. Please join us at the courts at 9.10am.

Trivia Night



The annual BSS Trivia Night will be held on Friday 24 October in the school hall.

The theme for this year's event is "Countries of the World".

Tickets will be on sale in late September - details will be available in The Banter advising how to buy your tickets.

Prizes - No Trivia Night is complete without prizes - if you would like to donate a prize or know someone who would, please contact Liz Cuffe our Fundraising Coordinator via email at:

cuffemail@bigpond.com.

Deputy Note

Ms Karen O'Neill appreciates the lovely warm welcome she has received from students, parents and staff. It has certainly made her transition into Brookfield State School a smooth one.

She looks forward to working with all the staff, students and the community to continue the wonderful work that currently exists at Brookfield.



Burger Bar

Don't forget it is our school burger bar this Friday night at the Happy Hour bar at the showgrounds. Throw on some woolly jumpers and come down for a fun filled night. Bar opens at 6pm. See you there.

Music News

A big thank you to all those Senior and Intermediate Choir members who sang

at Sunday's "Opera at Brookfield". They looked fantastic and sounded beautiful. Mrs McMillan still has a couple of jumpers/jackets left behind on the day. If you have lost one, please see her. (She also has one Band/Strings uniform left from Fanfare. Please check to see if you have yours at home.) Our next performance is our Senior Citizens Day on Monday, August 25. A letter requesting volunteers for the morning tea will come home soon. Keep an eye out for it! Also for the Senior Band and Strings, the weekend of October 18 and 19 is the Brisbane Bands Festival. Mark it in your diaries as a date not to be missed.

Chess News

Senior and Junior Chess will be on Friday 15th August as a make-up lesson due to the Show Holiday on Wednesday 13th August. Times and venues will remain the same Junior Chess in the Library from 11am - 12pm Senior Chess in the OHSC Room from 12 - 1.15pm.

OneSchool Release One

In the coming weeks we will be sending information home to parents to raise awareness and explain the new school information management system: **OneSchool**.

In Term 4 we will be implementing OneSchool. OneSchool is the flagship of the Department's Smart Classrooms strategy. The first release, OneSchool Release One, is being implemented in all Queensland state schools in 2008.

You are able to view the OneSchool website to fine out more information about the program at <http://education.qld.gov.au/oneschool/>.

What is OneSchool? OneSchool is a fully integrated, automated, information management system that will be used in all Queensland state schools. It is web-based and can be accessed anywhere, at anytime from any computer with internet capabilities.

Why OneSchool? Schools across the state use a myriad of different technological applications and paper based methods for curricular planning, recording and reporting behaviour and assessment, and student information. There are very few processes or practices being consistently employed in all schools. In a single school information may be stored in several different applications, filing cabinets and personal files. OneSchool will connect state schools across Queensland and establish consistent practices via the one integrated

application. Through OneSchool, a complete student record will be created including current and historical information. The information contained in the record will enable teachers to enhance student learning by developing activities which will benefit and reflect each student's individual needs. The development of a fully integrated application to be used in all Queensland state schools ensures accurate and timely data can be recorded about students. This information can then be used for more detailed and thorough data analysis to ensure school improvement planning is needs based and timely. More importantly, this information can be used by teachers and school administrators to increase their knowledge about the students in their care, improve their relationships with students, parents/guardians, and ultimately enhance student learning. OneSchool will also reduce the need for multiple, repeated data entry into different applications and files by teachers and administrative staff. This will release staff to contribute to activities which benefit student learning. It is important to note the information recorded in OneSchool is the same information currently being collected and recorded in schools. No new information is being recorded.

Happy Birthday!

Hattie Clegg-Robinson
Max Baldwin
Chase Clegg-Robinson
Rhyanna Boyce
William Toft
Chloe Macdonald
Hannah Fraser
Brodie Grocoe
Callum Georghiu
Hamish Keir



Volunteers Needed

Kenmore Meals on Wheels desperately needs volunteers at the moment, for approximately 3 hours twice a month. Our delivery centre is under the Anglican Church Hall in Kenmore.

- We need people to deliver meals to our clients - approximately 10.30-12.30 on weekdays. Petrol allowance is available for driver volunteers.
- We need people for basic office procedures and preparation of eskies at the delivery centre - approximately 9.30-1.00, also on weekdays.

If you could help,
please call Yvonne Baker on 3720 0772

Jokes

What was the bull doing in the pasture with his eyes closed?

Bull-doizin'

What weighs 5,000 kg and wears glass slippers?

Cinderelephant

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.

Thursday 7 August is Open Day at Indooroopilly State High School.

From 2pm to 7pm, prospective parents and students are able to chat with current students and staff, enjoy performances and displays from every field and receive more information into our *forward thinking* International Baccalaureate, Spanish Immersion and Mandarin Acceleration Programs

TOYS WANTED!

Brookfield Playgroup is looking for toy donations. Do you have any pre-school age toys in good condition that your children have outgrown? Our playgroup kids would love to play with them! In high demand are ride on toys, balls and dress ups. Please contact Chris Steel on 3374 4249. Thank you!!!

Tuckshop Roster

- Monday 4/08 -** Michelle Vett, Alison Earle, Ruth Mathewson, Fiona Guthrie, Kim Dorr
- Wednesday 6/08 -** Leanne Cheney, Jodie Brennan, Naomi Johnson, Sue Tracy
- Thursday 7/08 -** Tania Bonner, Carolyn Parsons, Liz Maxwell, Lynne Gout, Amanda Thyer/Jim Dollimore

Home Baking Roster

- Monday 4/08 -** Fiona Guthrie, Kim Dorr, Ruth Mathewson, Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck
- Wednesday 6/08 -** Rosie Turnbull, Andrea Stuart, Lisa Frazer
- Thursday 7/08 -** Robyn Alesi, Julie Baglot, Liz Maxwell

Donation Roster

- Monday 4/08 -** Rachel Crema, Zee Upton, Linda Watson, Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck
- Wednesday 6/08 -** Jodie Drew, Andrea Stuart, Sue Tracy
- Thursday 7/08 -** Robyn Alesi, Julie Baglot

