

A Sound Mind In A Sound Body

Wednesday September 3, 2008

Deadline:
Tuesday 12pm
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Celebrating Success

This week's newsletter is full of success stories. It's so delightful to be a part of this wonderful school and enjoy the excitement and pleasure of children, staff and parents when they achieve something they are proud of. An example of a great achievement has been shared with you in previous newsletters but is so good we share it here again today.

Harry Such (7A) is such a good tennis player he has been selected as a member of the State Tennis Team. Representing Queensland is a huge achievement. Harry goes to Newcastle in a few weeks as part of this team. He is a great athlete and representative for Brookfield State School. Go Harry!

Weekend Opti-Minds Challenge

Last Saturday, 30 August, 4 teams from Brookfield State School participated at the Opti-Minds Challenge at Indooroopilly State High School.

The Opti-Minds Challenge is a problem solving program for teams of student from both primary and secondary schools. Teams are required to solve demanding, open minded challenges from one of the following disciplines:

- Language Literature
- Science Engineering
- Social Sciences

The teams, Jarlet, Cowgirls, The Unknown Strangers and The Possums opted for the Language Literature category. Teams were required to work together on a Long Term Challenge without assistance from anyone outside the team. Participants were encouraged to explore possibilities & experiment with ideas as they endeavoured to produce their best possible solution. They developed creative and original ways to communicate this solution, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex Challenge criteria & the deadlines of The Challenge Day.

Students presented the product of their ideas - their Challenge solution - to a panel of judges & an audience on Challenge Day. They had 10 minutes in which to present and must do so in a 3 x 3 metre (Approx.) performance area.

The teams also participated in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Opti-Minds Day. This Challenge required rapid interchange of ideas, the ability to think effectively, creatively, & well-developed group cooperation skills.

The long term challenge was entitled POP GOES THE F.E.A.S.A.L. (F.E.A.S.A.L. stands for Federal Environmental and Sustainability Action Lobby.) The teams' long term challenge was to create an advertising campaign using Nursery Rhymes

to show a sustainable solution for the future.

The teams must incorporate:

- One nursery rhyme written by the team members; and
- Two existing traditional Nursery Rhymes of the teams' choice.
- The messages from each of these Nursery Rhymes must clearly be linked with practical ways of ensuring sustainable solutions for the future.

Opti-Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Opti-Minds aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Most children who participated had taken part in our Brookfield challenge last term. Congratulations to all our Opti-Minds performers and to our staff member who coached the children, Shirley McNeil, for her energy and commitment to the Opti-Minds challenge, coming in on her rostered days off and giving up many of her break times to support the children. Thanks also to Karen O'Neill (Dep Principal) who assisted Mrs Mc Neil. One of the most rewarding aspect was the number of children involved and their ability to solve the problems for themselves. Well done to everyone concerned (including our supportive parent brigade who supported the teams throughout the challenge).
An Optimal effort Brookfield!!!

Yippee for Brookfield Opti-Mind Teams!!
We're having a great time!



Year 3 Quilt Awards

Last month in the Banter you would have seen photos of the beautiful quilts made by our Year 3 classes. These quilts were entered into an exhibition on Fire Safety run by the Schoolhouse Quilters and the Brookfield Rural Fire Brigade. This exhibition was held at the Brookfield hall last weekend. We are delighted to announce that all three classes were awarded with highly commended for their efforts. The chief of the Brookfield Rural Fire Brigade judged the competition. He said it was very hard to make a decision because they were all so good! Congratulations 3A, 3B and 3C. Each class received a book for the school library. Well Done!

Garden Works

We have all been enjoying the artistic seating constructed by Zane Separovich (Lena 4A and Eli PA). Zane will soon be installing some extra seating in the area at Stop Kiss Go for children to sit on while waiting to be picked up. But we also want to thank Kim Bishop (Georgia 1A) for her generosity in donating the plants to put in the gardens around the seating area near our tuck-shop. Thanks Kim!!



Cleaner's Efforts

It's a pleasure to be in the covered areas at the moment. The concrete surfaces have been cleaned recently and it makes a big difference to the space. One of our cleaners, John Solomons, spends a great deal of time on the process of cleaning the concrete with a gurney. It is time consuming and takes John away from his other cleaning tasks but it is very much appreciated. Thanks John!

Prep Enrolments 2009

We have had a large number of families from outside our school already enrol for Prep 2009. This is due to the outstanding reputation our Prep program has in the wider community. Parents coming to our school comment on having "heard" about the very good Brookfield Prep program. Thankyou to all those families who speak highly about our school. The reputation of our Prep is a result of the

enormous hard work and quality of teaching by our Prep teachers, Debbie Maclean, Tracey Spies, Nikki Spanner and teacher aides, Janette Triggell, Michele Mc.Lary and Sonya Blight.

If you have children who will be enrolling in the Brookfield Prep program for 2009 please complete the slip included in today's newsletter and return it to our office this week. Our Prep 2009 Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 7 October. There will be two sessions: One at 9.15am - 10.30am in our school hall. The session will be repeated in the evening for parents who are unable to attend the morning session. Following the Orientation Day, Prep 2009 children will be invited to attend an interview with our Deputy Principal Mrs Karen O'Neil. Appointments can be made at or after our Orientation Session. Note: Proof of Age will be required at the interview. (Birth Certificate or Passport showing date of birth is acceptable.)

Brookfield Ball Games Carnival

Another exciting event on the school calendar is our annual Ball Games Carnival. This carnival was introduced a few years ago to provide an opportunity for children to develop another skill set in regards to ball handling and participation as a member of a team. The Ball Games Carnival will be held on **Tuesday 16 September** from 9.15am to 11.00 am-ish. The carnival involves all children coming to school in their House Shirts and competing in team ball game events against other House Teams. The children go to class first to have the attendance roll marked and then walk to the oval with their class teacher. House Groups sit on the hill beside the oval and watch teams as they compete. Ball games included in the event are: Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball, Captain Ball etc. Parents, grandparents, friends are most welcome to come along and watch. Cheering loudly is also encouraged. The winning House will be named on a shield which is hung in our school hall. This is a wonderful carnival, full of excitement and happy competitive spirit. It is a great opportunity for those not so fast runners to actually win a ribbon by participating in a team sport. Thanks Mr Skehan and Mrs Scott for organising this carnival!

Netball Court Re-Vegetation Plans

With the completion of our wonderful new netball courts, we are now involved in planning for the replanting of this area to create a child-friendly, bush environment. This week Mrs Kenworthy and representatives from our P&C Assoc Michelle Wirkus (Treasurer) and Shona Fisher (Asst Treasurer) met with representatives from Education Queensland and Moggill Creek Catchment Group. Education Queensland recognises the significant amount of funding our school has put into developing this wonderful resource at our school. Education Queensland also acknowledges the value of providing such high quality facilities for our children to develop skills and participate in healthy, active learning programs. As a result Education Queensland will contribute \$20,000 towards this project and the money will be used to assist with landscaping and revegetating the area. Thank you Ed Qld!

Working with Moggill Creek Catchment Group, students, parents and staff will begin by replanting the bank with local area species of plants, replanting the cut on the high side of the courts and creating a shaded seating area beside the courts. This work will begin next term.

Tennis Court Use

Please note that another wonderful facility is available for use at Brookfield SS. The two tennis courts located behind our hall are available for use by parent groups on weekends and during the school day. If you are a group of parents who would like to organise a weekly tennis meeting on our courts, please contact our office. We are more than happy for this great facility to be used by parents. The only hiccup will occur when school classes want to use the courts for lessons. When this occurs the courts would not be available, however there are many hours each week when the courts are free so you are welcome to organise a fitness group, social group or kids program. This is another great facility provided by our P&C Assoc. Thanks Brookfield P&C!

Prep 2009 Enrolments

I/We wish to enrol our child in Prep at Brookfield SS for 2009.

Child's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's name: _____ Phone contact: _____

Happy Birthday!

James Miller	Ethan Tracy
Will Eberhardt	Sally Nicklin
Mitch Toft	Liam Sale
Tom Morrison	Jess Beatty



Each year Brookfield State School hosts a Life Education program for each class aiming to empower young people with the knowledge, confidence and skills to make safe choices for a healthy future. Different topics, suitable for that age group are covered by each year level in their hour long visit. Children will be provided with follow-up activity books. A highly-trained Life Education teacher in a specially fitted "caravan" will be on site from 11—19 September.

The cost is \$7.50 per child. Please send payment to the "All Returns Box" in the office foyer if you have not paid.

Indooroopilly Shopping Vouchers

Brookfield State School is currently leading all schools in the Indooroopilly Shopping Centre voucher challenge.

Our parents have redeemed more shopping dockets than any other school to date. We are well on our way to earning \$2000 for our P & C Association. Well done parents!

Music News

Notes have gone home to the Intermediate and Junior Choirs regarding the Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets on Saturday, September 13.

We are singing at 9 am and should be done by about 9.30 am. The singers are very excited about this performance and we look forward to seeing you all there.

The Brisbane Bands Festival is our major competition of the year for our Senior Strings and Senior Bands.

Please mark these dates in your diaries.

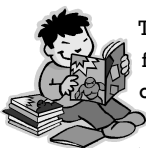
Senior Strings - Saturday October 18, playing approx. 10 am.

Senior Band - Sunday October 19, playing approx 2.20 pm.

These playing times are approximate only and children will need to arrive about 1 hour ahead of this time.

Keep an eye out for notes coming home about this event.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes THIS Friday. Reminder to children that your reading records need to be handed back to your teacher.

Absent Students

A reminder to all parents that our school has an Absent Student phone line. The number is 3374 7360. For your convenience, the line is set up as a message bank for you to phone in the morning (usually by 9 am) and leave a message if your child will be absent from school. Please leave your child's name, class, reason and length of absence.

Sport News

Met West Athletics Report

Eight competitors from Brookfield State School competed last Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 August at the Met West Athletics Carnival. They were Charlotte Kennedy 10Yrs High Jump, Mac Jarden 10Yrs 100m Sprint, Sarah Maxwell 10 Yrs 100m Sprint, Jessie Claire-Smith 10 Yrs 800m, Discus and Multi Event, Joe Duckworth 11Yrs Shot Put, Beccy Gardener 11Yrs 800m All competitors tried their hardest, many achieved PB's and all noticed a significant jump in the standard of competition. A further congratulations goes to Jessie Claire Smith who came 3rd in the 10 Yrs 800m and will now compete at the State Titles. Go Jessie Claire!

Disco for Prep and Year 1



As mentioned in last weeks Banter, Prep and Year 1 students will be having their disco Thursday afternoon (2 - 3pm). They are in for a fantastic afternoon thanks to the efforts of our Year 6 and 7 Leadership Groups. The Arts, Under Eights and Events Leadership groups (under the guidance of Miss Ashton, Mrs Kienzle and Miss Armstrong) will be providing a range of activities for the students. They can dance away the afternoon or choose to participate in activities like face painting, playdough, puppet making, dress-ups, drama and many more. All students will also receive an iceblock. Don't forget it is a free dress day (bright, colourful theme) with a \$2.00 entry fee.

Great Behaviour

On playground duty last week the children's behaviour was excellent. Quietly sitting, polite manners, picking up litter. It's a pleasure to interact with these delightful children. Well done Brookfield Kids!

Year 2 Boys Program

This Friday morning our Year 2 boys will participate in the first of a series of activities based on the "Rocks and Water Program" a physical activities program for boys. Two of our teachers, Mr Kieron Skehan (6A) and Mr Tony Pritchard (5B) trained in the program last term. Mr Skehan will spend an hour with each of two groups of year 2 boys as we begin the implementation of the program. During this time our year 2 girls will work with their class teachers on computer skills. The "Rocks and Water" activities for year 2 have been generously sponsored by a donation from one of our year 2 parents. Further programs in this area in other year levels are being planned. Thanks Mr Skehan and Mr Pritchard!

Congratulations

Sophie Apps won the Junior Championship Aggregate and was one of the runners up of the highest number of wins at the Brisbane Eisteddfod last weekend, playing violin.

School Photos

A reminder to all students and parents that our school photos will be taken on Wednesday 10 September (**next Wednesday**). All envelopes with payments must be returned by next Monday 8 September.

Senior Band/Strings and Senior Choir groups please remember to bring your uniform for your group photo.

Fathers' Day Stall



Avoid the hustle and bustle of the shops and get your Fathers' Day gifts from the school stall! The

P&C will be holding its annual Fathers' Day Stall on Thursday, the 4th of September. It will be packed with a great range of hand-made and commercially produced items ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$10.00. All children will come to the stall with their class during class time on Thursday. If we have any stock left over the stall will also be open before school on Friday.

Tuckshop Roster

- Monday 8/09-** Michelle Vett, Alison Earle, Ruth Matheson, Fiona Guthrie
- Wednesday 10/09-** Francia Delcid-Miller, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger, Lisa Harragon, Janet Dalton
- Thursday 11/09-** Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Nicki Thorne, Sarah Stefanaras, Debra Woltman

Home Baking Roster

- Monday 8/09-** Fiona Guthrie, Ruth Matheson, Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck
- Wednesday 10/09-** Francia Delcid-Miller, Janet Sale, Deborah Wallace, Ann Junger
- Thursday 11/09-** Helen Westenberg, Mel McArdle, Sonya Gartner

Donation Roster

- Monday 8/09-** Rachel Crema, Zee Upton, Linda Watson, Snjezana Ostrugac-Bruck
- Wednesday 10/09-** Ann Junger, Stephanie Squire, Phillipa Devlin, Lisa Harragon
- Thursday 11/09-** Kay Philipson, Sonya Gartner, Sarah Brownhall

