

REMINDERS

- Please return Friday Fun Food order tomorrow.
- Please nominate for Friday Fun Food and Schoolhouse Cleaning on the roster outside the office
- OSHC Meeting tonight 6pm in the school library

DATE CLAIMERS

- Jul 23-24 District Athletics
- Jul 25 P&C Sausage Sizzle / Cake Stall (Brookfield Produce)
- Jul 31 National Tree Day (Catchment Kids Yrs 3-7)
- Aug 04 ICAS English Competition
- Aug 12 Exhibition Holiday
- Aug 13 Student Free Day
- Aug 17 P&C Meeting 3:15pm
- Aug 24 Walbira Murray The Dreaming Project Workshop P-7
- Aug 26-27 PEEC Clay Workshop (Ainsley, Chelsea, Madi)
- Aug 19 Book Safari / ICAS Mathematics Competition
- Sep 08 PEEC Values Workshop (Yrs 3-7)
- Sep 14 P&C Meeting 3:15pm
- Sep 16 PEEC Clay Workshop (Ainsley, Chelsea, Madi)
- Sep 16-18 APPA National Conference (Bruce)
- Sep 19-Oct 04 Spring Vacation
- Oct 07-09 Yrs 3-7 School Camp (The Farm School - Currumbin)
- Oct 19 Student Free Day
- Oct 20 Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (QPAC)
- Oct 21 Catchment Kids Yrs 3-7 performance - City Hall
- Oct 30 School photos



Dear Parents

On Monday afternoon at our P&C meeting, I had the opportunity to share some information about the new national authority responsible for developing the national curriculum: ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority).

ACARA is responsible for developing a national curriculum for Kindergarten to Year 12 in specified learning areas. English, Mathematics, Science and History are the first to be developed and will be implemented in 2011. Languages, Geography and the Arts will be developed in the second phase and HPE, ICT and others will follow.

ACARA will also be responsible for developing the national assessment program aligned to the curriculum that measures students' progress.

At Upper Brookfield SS, we have examined the K-3 (Kindergarten to Year 3) Literacy and Numeracy indicators, provided by ACARA, and checked them

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against Queensland's Essential Learnings, to ensure our students are being taught the relevant material for their year level and beyond.

The Years 4-7 Literacy and Numeracy indicators are due to be released in the near future and will provide insights into what outcomes are expected of students in each year level.

The Dreaming Project

The Dreaming Project, part of the Brisbane Festival and Opera at Brookfield, is a visual art and performance piece that brings together Visual Artist Walbira Murray, dance students from QUT and the Aboriginal Centre for Performance Art, and primary school students from Brookfield and Upper Brookfield. Our students have been invited to work with Walbira Murray to design a personal totem or sacred image inspired by the dreamtime story. These designs will be painted onto a glass jar and form part of a large scale ground art installation. The project will culminate in a 20metre by 30metre ground art installation combining white sand, ochre, emu feathers, ancestor poles and the 'dream jars' in geometric patterns that represent designs from Walbira's country. As part of the performance, the installation becomes alight with hundreds of dream jars created by students illuminated with candles. This installation will then become the centrepiece of a lighting and dance performance as part of the Opera at Brookfield on 27 September for the Brisbane Festival. We anticipate Walbira Murray will work with our students on Monday 24 August. Students are requested to bring in a glass jar in the coming weeks in preparation for the workshop.



District Athletics

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July.



Ainsley, Madi, Hine Tapairu, Ruben and Conor have been selected to represent the City Small Schools Team. They will all compete in the 100m and 200m races. This is a wonderful experience and we wish these students all the best.

Kenmore SHS Road Show

We will be joining Brookfield SS to hear from students from Kenmore SHS to learn more about what they offer and how students find the transition from primary to secondary. There will only be 6 students in Years 5-7 (Chelsea, Ben, Mitchell, Zahra, Kyle and Spencer) this Friday and I am able to transport them to Brookfield and back provided you agree and sign the consent form. The talk begins at 9:15am so we will be back at about 10am. Please return the consent form to school tomorrow.

Outside School Hours Care

A meeting will be held at 6pm this evening in the library to discuss the future of the OSHC service. All interested parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle

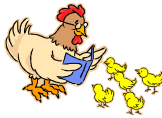
The P&C are holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall at the Brookfield Produce this Saturday. A roster has been placed outside the office for you to indicate whether you are able to help bake cakes or serve sausages on the weekend. Ingredients labels are available from the office.



Book Club

Book Club orders due Wednesday 29 July. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying by credit card please follow instructions for paying online or by phone to Scholastic.

Thanks - Kate C.



Library News - Book Safari

Library lessons commenced this week and will be held fortnightly. Please encourage your children to return their books so they can borrow regularly.

Thanks - Jenny



Let your bright sparks shine

This year is the Year of Creativity in Queensland schools and students are being asked to explore what inspires them to be creative. They are also being asked to share their creative ideas, songs, lyrics, poems, musical moments or inventions through the Bright Sparks program. Make sure your child's creativity shines by encouraging them to participate in the Bright

Sparks at the Library, where they can talk to camera about their passion for creativity. Library tour dates for Bright Sparks are available on the Year of Creativity website.

There is also a school based Bright Sparks competition with plenty of great prizes to be won for the school.

Students can also share their creative ideas by posting them for free on the Launch Your Ideas limited edition postcards.

Postcards are available at the Education on Show Pavilion during school hours at the EKKA, thanks to Australia Post.

For more information on these and other Year of Creativity activities visit the website at:

www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

Play Group - Term Three

Thanks to the mums that attended this week. We had a beautiful day at play group attended by four children and three mothers. All the children had a lovely time playing on the bikes, mowing the lawn and riding the scooter to start the day off. Some children explored the playground while others were exploring around the house and playing with some other machines, cars and trucks. Later in the day the children had a jump on the trampoline before heading home.

The next play group is on the *Thursday, 06 August at about 9.15 ish* (after school drop off). This is going to be at Vicki Pearson's house at *46 Rafting Ground Road, Brookfield*.

Week 6 is still available.

Week 8 will be run by Paula and Elizabeth at a park. We are just confirming which park and which day and I will update you all soon.

Week 10 is still available.

Cheers - Clair

Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run

If anyone is contemplating the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run feel free to be in contact with Liz, Miriam or myself to talk about the local group of parents that have started their training.

Cheers - Clair

Enjoy your week
Bruce

Thought for the Week

Intelligence is knowing what to do



when you don't know what to do.
- Art Costa