

REMINDERS

- Please return Friday Fun Food order tomorrow
- Please return School Opinion Survey by Friday
- Years 3-7 please return camp permission to the office by Friday

DATE CLAIMERS

- Aug 24** Walbira Murray: The Dreaming Project Workshop P-7
- Sep 03** Mathematics Tournament (Fig Tree Pocket SS)
- 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 09** Ramble n Play (Prep workshop) Pullenvale PEEC
- Oct 19** Student Free Day
- Oct 20** Years 3-7 Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (QPAC)
- Oct 21** Catchment Kids Yrs 3-7 performance - City Hall
- Oct 30** School photos

Dear Upper Brookfield School Community

Thank you so much for all your love, support and thoughts over the last two weeks. We feel very cared for.

Paul always felt a special connection with this community and I'm so glad he was able to be involved over the last four years.

I'm sure the road ahead will have its bumps. Stick with us; we are going to need hugs and laughs. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives.

- Meredith, Spencer and Parker

Once there was a boy,
Who had a life of constant joy,
Until one day,
His father passed away,
And all of his friends,
Thought of the boy with split ends,
So they each wrote him a letter,
To make him feel better,
The boy read each letter,
And they made his face wetter,
And he would like to say,
With their support,
He'll get through this,
Day by day.

- by Spencer

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It's great to have Spencer, Meredith and Parker back with us. I think Spencer's poem sums things up pretty well. Spencer presented this poem on his first day back at school and gave permission for it to be published in the newsletter.

School Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education and Training (DET) undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. You are invited to participate in this survey, and I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the enclosed questionnaire.

Later in the year our school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child/ren.

Your response is completely confidential. The confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school's data forwarded to the central office of DET for analysis. The information you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

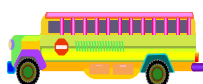
Please seal your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and return it to the office by Friday 21 August.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.



Years 3-7 Camp

A note regarding the Years 3-7 camp is attached. There is the possibility of a free bus being provided by the Inala PCYC. Please return the reply slip to the office by Friday to indicate your child's interest in attending. Parents wishing to attend should also register their interest on the reply slip.



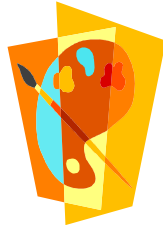
Maths Tournament

Five students from the upper class will participate in a maths tournament against other schools in our district. Mrs Kenning will escort the students to Fig Tree Pocket on Thursday 03 September. The team will be selected by Friday and will require private transport to attend.

The Dreaming Project

Students are requested to bring a paint shirt on Monday, if they don't already have one at school, so they can join with indigenous artist, Walbira Murray, in decorating their jar as part of 'The Dreaming' project.

Years 3-7 will participate in the workshop from 9:30-11am and Prep - Year 2 will participate in the workshop from 11:45am-1:15pm.

**Library News - Book Safari**

The CBCA Queensland branch has organized a Reading Safari at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens on Sunday 23 August.

**Book Club**

Orders are due by Thursday 27 August. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Thanks - Kate.

Indooroopilly Shopping Centre Classroom Cash 2009

Make a purchase at any Indooroopilly Shopping Town Store between 17 August and 13 September in excess or equal to \$50 and points will be credited towards a cash donation to Upper Brookfield State School. A maximum of three receipts can make up the \$50. Take your receipts to the Information Desk where \$1 will be credited towards Upper Brookfield School for each \$10 spent. Please pass the information on to friends and relatives.

Piano Lessons

Tom Herbert (Ethan's older brother) is offering value-for-money piano lessons for all those interested. He will be taking bookings for beginners, \$10 per 20 minutes, \$15 per half hour lesson. He will be conducting the lessons in the library at UBSS. At this stage it looks like Wednesday afternoons is the most likely time, from 3.30pm onwards. Beginner piano music books would be a further cost (approx \$15 each). For a limited time, Tom is offering a block of 4 lessons for the price of 3 as an introductory offer!!

Katie has agreed to bring children to their individual lessons if they are booked into OSHC, please make sure you communicate with Katie what time slot your child has been allocated. However, if they are not booked into OSHC a parent will need to accompany them to their lesson in the library.

For further information or to book a time, please call Tom on 3374 4841.

Play Group - Term Three

The next playgroup is this Thursday, 20 August 2009, being held by Karen and Theo (Alex's Mum) at Rafting Ground Reserve, Moggill Road, (opposite Pullenvale Road) at approx 9.30am. BUBBLES can be the theme or activity. If you have bubbles please do bring them to share with the children and babies at the beautiful park. FYI this park does have public toilets. Please bring your own food for yourself, your children and babies.



Please pass this onto anyone else in the community that may be interested in socialising in this playgroup. Thanks - Clair and Adam

Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) will give financial assistance to up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. The schemes help disadvantaged children of the veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applications open on Tuesday 18 August.

To apply students must be:

- Within the means test. That is, eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic years in length and at undergraduate level.
- The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not, has three or more year's continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless there are exceptional circumstances related to the veteran's service.

Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

To receive an application form or to find out about eligibility, phone 1800 620 361.

Applications close on 31 October.

For more information email vvt@accsoft.com.au or visit www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt/

Warm regards
Bruce

Thought for the Week

*Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.*

- Dalai Lama