



Upcoming Events

March

1st – 5th March
BOOK WEEK

Year 8 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 2nd

Year Assemblies – Period 1

Inter-house Preliminary
Debate No. 1 – lunch time

Wednesday 3rd

Braeburn Music Festival

Inter-house Preliminary
Debate No. 2 – lunch time

RS Curriculum meeting

4th – 5th March

Australian Universities Fair @
Brookhouse

Thursday 4th

Year 7 History Trip to the
Museum

Friday 5th

Illustrated Creative Writing
Judging

EXEAT Weekend starts 3.30pm

Saturday 6th

IAPS Swimming Gala @
Brookhouse

Sunday 7th

IAPS Squash v Braeburn (home)

EXEAT Weekend ends 5.30pm

Term Calendars

Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance.

If you prefer longer-term planning, please use your calendars.

From The Director...

NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- Last Tuesday our music students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a 'strings workshop' with one of the leading groups in the world, the **Guildhall Strings Ensemble**. My thanks to Mr Watatua for organising this kind of exposure for our young musicians.



- The Figo Foundation Concert on Saturday 27th February showcased several talented young musicians, and raised a significant sum for a very **noble cause**. My congratulations to Jason Sibi-Okumu and his family on such a worthwhile event, and well done to those students from Brookhouse who took part.
- On Saturday 27th February Brookhouse hosted its first **Prep inter-schools hockey tournament**, with excellent performances from all the participating schools. My thanks to Mr Lowe and all the PE staff involved in making this such a success, marking what I hope will be the first of many such tournaments hosted at Brookhouse.
- Well done also to those students who battled it out in the Inter-House **Chess Competition** this past week. Parents who visit the Boarding House will notice the new 'life-size' chess board in the boarding quad, so I am hoping our keen chess players will only continue to improve their game.
- Welcome back to the students and staff who attended the **Service Summit in Lusaka**. I look forward to hearing their report on the trip to Zambia.
- Our **senior soccer boys** returned from their 'World Cup' matches at Rainbow School in Kampala on Sunday 28th February, and Mr Ashtiba reports that the Brookhouse team not only played with spirit, but were excellent ambassadors for the sport, their school and their country. My thanks to Mr Ashtiba and Mr Ogadhoh for taking the team, and to Rainbow School for hosting the event.
- The annual **Braeburn Science Fair** took place last week, and Mrs Sehmi noted excellent participation from Brookhouse students, with one group providing an outstanding presentation on the 'comparative nutritional value of various breakfast cereals'. Weetabix, it seems, is the breakfast cereal of choice for the discerning healthy eater! Well done to all the pupils involved and my thanks to Mrs Sehmi and the Science Faculty staff for their work towards this event.
- Further to the 'target setting' analysis meetings with staff, Mrs Ayodo and Mr Milafu have brought several seniors to see me over the last week to plot a sensible way forward after **AS/A2 Mock examinations**. Of course, there is no magic formulae for success in the final papers in May/June, only one tried and tested way to succeed: hard work. I trust the promises made by several seniors will translate into just that – a lot of hard work, day in and day out, for the next two or three months.
- The **CIS Visit** takes place on Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th March, with the CIS Workshop on Saturday 13th March.
- The two rounds of the Inter-House **Debating** competition take place this week at lunchtimes; high standards of debating from all four teams should make for a very exciting competition.
- In the Prep School rehearsals for the Senior Prep production of **Bugsy** continue, and I look forward to a quality performance later in the term. Also, the Braeburn Choir Festival takes place this week, providing another excellent opportunity for music-making for our Prep School students.

FROM THE DIRECTOR..... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Brookhouse hosts its first **IAPS Swimming Gala** on Saturday 6th March, and I hope many parents can join us for this event. The pool area has had a considerable 'face lift' in recent weeks, and looks very smart now. Good luck to the Brookhouse swimmers!
- **Year 8 Mock examinations** commence on Monday 1st March, and I trust the students have revised thoroughly for these important papers.
- This week we hold the annual celebration of reading through '**Book Week**'. My thanks to the library staff, both Prep and Secondary, for organising the events for the week.
- **Term Two concludes** on Friday 26th March 2010 with parent consultation sessions on Thursday 25th (pm) and Friday 26th (am) March.
- The **term dates** for the next academic year, Sept 2010 – Aug 2011, are included in this bulletin to assist parents with their forward planning. Please ensure travel plans allow students to be in school for the full term from the first day to the last.

With kind regards,

Mr John O'Connor
Director

ROUND SQUARE

The annual **Round Square Africa Regional Conference**, the main gathering of Round Square schools in Africa for the year, will be hosted by St. George's Grammar School in Cape Town, South Africa from 24th – 28th April 2010. Year 11, 12 and 13 students are eligible to attend, however places are limited as the delegation size is eight (8) students. Please contact me at the Round Square office for information letters and details.

Mr Willie Ng'ang'a
Round Square Representative

ROUND SQUARE JUNIOR CONFERENCE 2010

'Some people come into our lives and leave footprints in our hearts and we are never ever the same.' Flavia Weedn

This year's Junior Round Square Conference was held from 17th – 21st February 2010 at Penryn College in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. The conference theme was 'Footprints'. Debates, reflections, conservation activities, silent moments, dancing, drum making and drumming, painting, puppet making, service projects, meetings and forming lasting friendships - these were all the activities the student delegates were involved in as part of their commitment to the Round Square IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service).

The student delegates from Brookhouse were Simon Kandie, Raissa Mata, Josiah Bakayaita, Ruth Gaie, Alex Galimberti, Joy Otundo, Tevin Yerri and Njoki Muchiri. They were indeed excellent ambassadors for Brookhouse School and made the three accompanying teachers, Mrs Lalani, Mr Mwangi and Ms Wambugu very proud.

The Africa region junior conference this year left unforgettable footprints in the hearts of all who participated. The onus is on our delegates to leave footprints by being the best they could ever be, that is, themselves.

Ms M Wambugu
Round Square Representative

FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Parents are reminded that when sending money to the school account please indicate the child's name or registration number so that the accounts department knows which student's account to credit.

If payment is for fees as well as other items such as music and trips, please send an e-mail itemising the payments to accounts@brookhouse.ac.ke. This will allow us to provide a more efficient service to our parents.

Ms Clara Mwangi
Administrative Manager

REPORTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

In order to facilitate further communication with our parents, Brookhouse has established an online portal on our school website (www.brookhouse.ac.ke).

This gives parents an opportunity to access their child's records, including current academic reports and transcripts, securely over the internet.

To ensure full privacy and confidentiality of records, access is password protected and parents can only view the records of their own child/children. In order to access this facility, please register by sending your name, child/children names and class to online@brookhouse.ac.ke.

ICT Department

VISIT TO THE GERMAN EMBASSY

On Thursday, 18th February, the German students had an opportunity to visit the German Embassy which is situated in the lush suburbs of Riverside Drive.

We had a chance of asking as many questions about Germany as we could, to which, our hosts, Herr Holger Krämer and Miss Carol gladly responded. We also discussed the career opportunities that German as a language provides. Some of the key fields mentioned included Engineering, Media, and the Hospitality Industry. However, one emphasis that Herr Holger made, and which most of us found interesting, was that a foreign language will always set us apart when it comes to competition. He said that were it not for the Russian that he learnt, he would not be a diplomat.

After the Embassy visit came the best part of the day, our lunch at the 'German Point' in Village Market. Here we all had a chance of trying out the different German cuisines including German sausages.

Sharon Kidaha
Year 12

TERM DATES: 2010 – 2011

TERM 1

Staff INSET week begins	Monday 23 rd August 2010	
School Term begins	Tuesday 31 st August 2010	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Friday 15 th October 2010	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (1 week)</u>	<u>Saturday 16th – Monday 25th October</u>	
School re-opens	Tuesday 26 th October 2010	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 9 th December 2010	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 10 th December 2010	1.00 pm

TERM 2

School Term begins	Monday 10 th January 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 22 nd February 2011	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (5 days)</u>	<u>Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th February</u>	
School re-opens	Monday 28 th February 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 th April 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 th April 2011	1.00 pm

TERM 3

Easter Long Weekend	Friday 22 nd – Monday 25 th April	
School Term begins	Tuesday 3 rd May 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 31 st May 2011	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (5 days)</u>	<u>Wednesday 1st – Sunday 5th June</u>	
School re-opens	Monday 6 th June 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 th July 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 th July 2011	1.00 pm

All boarding students are required to arrive on campus the day before school is due to start between 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

READING CORNER

BOOK WEEK 2010

The Annual Book Week is a celebration of the written word. The Book Week introduces young people to new authors and ideas and encourages them to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience, through books.

This year's event takes place this week in both the Secondary and Prep Schools. The theme is ***Doorways to Success***.

In the Secondary School we will be looking at how reading contributes to and impacts on students' success. On display we have books on how to get into successful careers, biographies of successful people and books written by successful authors.

Several leading bookshops will display and sell books throughout the week. Please send your children with some money to buy books.

Ms Faith Muturi
Secondary Librarian

Boarding News

EXEAT WEEKEND

Exeat weekend starts from Friday 5th March to Sunday 7th March. All boarding parents who may wish to collect their children for the exeat weekend could do so on Friday starting 3.30pm. We remind all parents that students can only be signed out by authorized persons recorded on the contact list.

Parents who might be sending drivers or persons not on the contact list are kindly requested to email the boarding office by Friday 12:00noon.

Kindly note that all pick ups should be before 6.00pm and students should be back to school on Sunday before 5.30pm.

YEAR 13 OVERNIGHT TRIP

This coming weekend the Year 13 and IFY boarding students will be traveling to Lake Baringo Country Club for an overnight trip which is fully financed by the school. The aim of this trip is to provide an opportunity for students to spend a weekend with their peers in a more relaxed environment, which provides an opportunity for team building activities and discussion groups on matters pertaining to the preparation for their forthcoming final examination.

The students will be accompanied by their boarding mentors.

BOARDING ACTIVITIES

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 26th March held an exciting evening for all the boarding students. Students were grouped in teams of eight which were well distributed across all the year groups to answer general knowledge questions ranging from subjects like Maths, Science, Current affairs, Movies and Personalities.

After fiery rounds of questions, Year 12 students emerged the winners with Samuel Kilimo in Year 11 being declared the outstanding student due to his speed in answering questions and demonstration of a wide knowledge of current affairs.

Deep Nagda and Dharmesh Patel
Year 13



YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The Brookhouse boarding in collaboration with the Nairobi Pentecostal Church's youth mentorship group is running a weekly mentorship programme on Sundays for the boarding students. The mentorship group comprises of members of the church who are trained to guide the youth towards achieving personal growth. This includes behaviour, careers, studies, relationships and other issues that may be experienced by teenagers. This programme has an interactive approach where the students get a chance to participate and help conduct the mentorship programme along with the NPC youth mentors.

ACROBATS CLUB

The boarding team has introduced an Acrobatics activity every Monday and Wednesday after school. Acrobatics is most often associated with activities that make extensive use of gymnastic elements such as Acro Dance, Circus and Gymnastics.

This is a fee paying club and the charges are Khs250 per session. For the remaining part of the term this will cost Khs2500. If you would like your child to enrol, kindly inform the boarding office.

Mr Graham Omasire
Boarding Manager

News from the Prep

LAST WEEK AT SCHOOL:

- On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February the Year Two students went to Kazuri Beads in Karen to find out how the beads are made and the different things that we can make out of them. They really enjoyed themselves and my thanks to Mrs Nicol and Ms Hadwell for this trip.
- On Thursday 25th February twelve Year Seven students participated in the Braeburn Science Fair. They demonstrated experiments that they had designed themselves to much acclaim and excitement.
- On Saturday 28th February Brookhouse Prep School hosted its inaugural Hockey Tournament for Under 13 boys and girls. Six schools in all participated and showed high levels of both talent and sportsmanship. Our congratulations go to Greensteds for winning both the boys and girls sections and I look forward to seeing them all next year.

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

- On Monday 1st March the Year Six children were off to Savage Wilderness for their annual overnight trip. I wish them fun and adventure and look forward to their return.
- On Wednesday 3rd March I am looking forward to seeing the Junior Choir perform at Braeburn Choir Festival. Brookhouse always performs well at these occasions, and I would encourage any parent to come along to support us and enjoy the festival, as it is one of the highlights of the music calendar.
- On Friday 5th March, a group of our ballet students will be attending a special performance of the Kijani Music Festival involving the Vienna Festival Ballet. The girls are very much looking forward to this special treat.
- On Saturday 6th March we are hosting our first IAPs Swimming Gala which involves six schools. Please come and join us for this exciting event.
- This week the Year Eights will be sitting their internal mock examinations. I wish them all the best of luck.
- My congratulations go to the following students:

Student of the Week: Miracle Denga - Year 3TO

Boarder of the Week: Alexa Ojijo - Year 5SW

Class of the Week: Year 3TO

Mrs E Lalani

Headteacher – Prep

THE ANNUAL BRAEBURN MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 3rd March, the Junior Choir will take to the stage at Braeburn School during their annual Music Festival. The event will feature junior choirs from eight different Prep Schools and promises an eclectic and enjoyable mix of choral and instrumental music. Please come along and support the musical efforts of our Junior Prep. The event will start at 1:30pm and end at 3:30pm.

Mr J Watatua
Head of Prep Music

YEAR 8 MOCK EXAMS

The Year 8 students will be sitting their Mock examinations on Monday 1st March. Every child was given an examination timetable to help them plan and revise their work. If parents would like a copy please ask your child to collect one from Mrs Scott. We wish everyone the best of luck and advise early nights and quiet study time!

Mrs A Scott
Head of Senior Prep

BUGSY MALONE

Rehearsals for our Senior Prep production of Buggy Malone are continuing in full swing with a full dress rehearsal on Sunday 7th March to which all members of the cast are expected to attend.

Please make a date in your diary to join us on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March at 6.30pm in the Burandani Theatre to watch this fabulous musical.

Mrs A Scott
Head of Senior Prep

PREP BOOK WEEK 2010

The Annual Book Week is one very exciting event for us in the Prep School. The event takes place the whole of this week from 1st -5th March 2010. This year the students will participate in numerous pleasurable and satisfying experiences that reading offers. In line with the theme for this year's event, ***Doorways to Success!***

Several leading bookshops will display and sell books throughout the week. Please send your children with money clearly labelled in an envelope if you would like them to purchase a book.

Ms Joyce Gacheru
Prep Librarian

BRAEBURN SCIENCE FAIR 2010

On 25th of February 2010, some of our Year 7 students participated in the Science Fair which is held annually at Braeburn School. This year, eight other schools took part and I am pleased to report that out of thirty other projects on display, our students' work was highly commended and attracted the most attention.

By the middle of January, preparations for the big event had already begun. Preliminary selections were carried out by half term and four projects, which were going to be presented at the Fair, were chosen.

- Kunaal Shah, Dexter Madigan and Immanuel Solis carried out an amazing investigation to find out which cereal has the correct amount of iron. They used a powerful magnet to pull out the iron present in the various cereals and concluded that Weetabix has the most. This was highly commended and considered to be one of the best.
- Sarah Kimaro, Chiedza Chibada and Robert-Johnson investigated whether colour preference affects motor activity.
- Joy Muya, Amy Onyonyi and Charlene Binen carried out an investigation to determine the best disinfectant and concluded it is ethanol.
- Delphine, Ashley Otieno and Dora Jean tried to find a correlation between the number of papillae on the tongue and taste. Super tasters have more taste buds on their tongues in comparison to non-tasters.

Well done to everybody who was involved and a big thank you to all the staff that made the activity a big success. We are already looking forward to next year's Science Fair.

Mrs T Sehmi
Science Co-ordinator

TRIPS

At Brookhouse, the children are given the opportunity to enhance their learning by going on organised and educational trips. Some of these involve payment. Could we kindly request that if parents are sending in cash or cheques for any reason, that it be in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope and addressed to the class teacher with the name of the student and the reason for the payment.

Ms C Gammon
Deputy Head - Pastoral

SPORTS REPORT

This has been a very busy week for matches as the hockey term draws to a close.

The Under 9 boys and girls played Banda B teams. The boys lost 2-1 in a close game. Girls sadly lost 2-0 after a hard fought game.

Under 11 boys and girls played Nairobi Academy. The boys drew 0-0 and girls lost 2-1.

Under 13 boys and girls played Cavina. The boys continue their unbeaten season with a 2-0 win. The girls drew 0-0 but played very well.

BROOKHOUSE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This was our first time to host a Prep School tournament. It was well attended with six schools competing in both boys and girls tournaments Under 13 years of age. In all this meant that 132 children were competing. The schools attending were Cavina, Nairobi Academy, Braeside, Braeburn, Greensteds and the hosts Brookhouse.

Thank you to Innscore Kids Club who sponsored the event. It was lots of fun and some thrilling hockey was played, which shows the high standard of the game in Kenya.

Results are to follow on Monday.

Mr D Lowe
Head of Prep Sport

SWIMMING

Swimming activities come to a climax on Saturday 6th March 2010 when Brookhouse Preparatory School hosts for the first time the IAPS Plate Gala. This event involves five teams namely: Greensteds, Braeburn, Pembroke House, and Braeburn - Mombasa.

A total of about 200 swimmers will compete at Brookhouse for the prestigious IAPS trophy. Parents and friends of Brookhouse are welcome to support the swimmers. The gala starts at 10:00 a.m. A big thank you to Innscore for sponsoring the Brookhouse Prep School team.

Meanwhile our swimmers have continued to perform very well at the NASA, ISL League and KSF Competitions.

The Inter-House swimming competitions are also around the corner, with the Prep School's event scheduled to take place on Monday 22nd March 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Once again parents are very welcome to support their children and their houses.

Mr Zeff Ekumbo
Swimming Coach

My trip to Kazuri Beads

On Wednesday 24th

February I went to Kazuri

Beads in Karen. Kazuri

Beads makes jewellery by

putting clay in different tanks.

They squeeze the clay in a

machine. They roll the clay

into different shapes using

their hands, then they put the

clay made into jewellery of

different shapes and sizes

into a kiln.

After some time they

removed the hardened clay

and painted it. They return

the painted clay back into the

kiln.

After some time they remove

them, they are now beautiful

necklaces and bracelets.

Raychael Nafula

Year 2SH

Year 2 trip to Kazuri Beads

We went to Kazuri Beads.

The man put clay from the

ground into the machine and

mixed it with water. The clay

got very soft like liquid. The

used the clay to make

different things and shapes.

We went upstairs to where a

man was making a box to

store beads.

In another room there was a

bucket full of paint where

they dipped the beads. The

beads got coloured when

they came out. They were

put on a metal stick and put

in the oven.

We also saw a man painting

a clay giraffe and a clay cup.

The clay cup was painted

with a guinea fowl picture.

Ashley Mlambo

Year 2PN