



### Upcoming Events

#### March

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March  
CIS PRELIMINARY VISIT

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

U11 Boys & Girls Hockey v Cavina (home)

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Round Square Assembly – Period 1

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

ISL Semi Finals

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Tea Time Concert @ 1.30pm

Year 9 History Trip to Ologasailie

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Illustrated Creative Writing Presentation

Year 8 History Trip to Kariandusi

ISL Finals @ Rosslyn

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

U13 Boys Kenton 6-aside Hockey Tournament

Music "Battle of the Bands" Concert

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

U13 Boys Nairobi v Up-Country Hockey

### Term Calendars

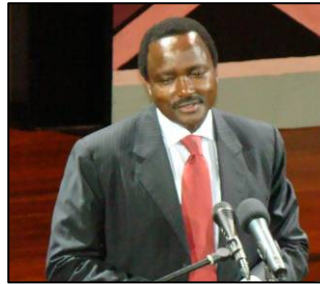
Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance.

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

### From The Director...

#### NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- Last week the school hosted the annual **Australian Universities Fair**, with 500 students from several Nairobi schools visiting the two day event. Both the current Vice President, H E Hon Kolonzo Musyoka, and the former Vice President, H E Hon Moody Awori, were on hand to open the fair on Thursday morning and to welcome delegates from 20 different Australian institutions to Kenya. My thanks to the Careers Team of staff, ably led by Mr Milafu and Mrs Ayodo, for providing such a worthwhile opportunity for our students.



- The annual **Braeburn Choir Festival** took place on Wednesday, with our Year 4 students representing the school with great skill. Also this past week the Music department hosted ABRSM examinations.
- Sport is certainly expanding at Brookhouse, especially with some excellent events at the Prep level. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March Brookhouse hosted its first **IAPS inter-schools swimming gala**, with excellent performances from all of the participating schools. My thanks to Mr Lowe, Mr Ekumbo and all the PE staff involved in making this such a success. The swimming pool area, with its recent 'facelift', provided a great backdrop for some lively and exciting races.
- The past week has also seen the school busy with **Book Week**, and my thanks goes to Ms Muturi and the libraries' staff for an impressive array of activities and books for sale.
- The **CIS Visit** takes place this week on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, with the CIS Workshop for staff on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- The two rounds of the Inter-House **Debating** competition took place last week and to say the standard of debate was high is an understatement. My congratulations to all the students who gave excellent debate speeches, and I look forward to the finals in a couple of weeks time.
- 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.
- **Year 8 Mock examinations** conclude this week, and will be followed by the usual target-setting meetings of staff to decide how best to assist individual pupils as they prepare for their main examinations next term.
- My thanks to Mr Raj and the Maths Department for organising our involvement in the International **Maths Challenge**, and congratulations to the students who performed so well.
- In the coming week we have two important **music events**: the termly tea-time concert in the Prep on Thursday afternoon, and the Music Evening on Friday at 6.00pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend both.
- **Term Two concludes** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 with parent consultation sessions on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> (pm) and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> (am) March.
- The **term dates** for the next academic year, September 2010 – August 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.

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- Whilst cell networks may not always be a reliable means of communication in Nairobi, rumours can always be relied upon to spread like wildfire. Many have circulated regarding the school being sold by the Mehta family to outside interests. I can confirm that whilst the family has considered their ownership options in relation to their greater involvement in charity work connected to their spiritual commitments, the outcome of discussions is that the ownership of the school shall remain as before. The Mehta family will continue to remain sole owners as the Board of Directors at Brookhouse.

With kind regards,

**Mr John O'Connor**  
Director

### IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

Please note the following dates:

- Term 3 classes commence on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Boarders return Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00 – 5.30 pm.
- Half term takes place over a long weekend next term: we close at 3.30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and reopen at 8.00 am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, making the half-term long weekend Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June (Madaraka Day) inclusive.
- Study Leave for candidate classes (Year 11, 12 and 13) begins at 3.30 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Speech Day will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- Graduation for the Year 13 and IFY Class of 2010 will be on Friday evening, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- The Prom for the seniors is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- Year 12 return to normal classes after their examinations on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- Year 12 have their annual retreat Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Details to follow.
- Term 3 concludes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 1.00 pm.

### PARENTS CONSULTATION THIS TERM

Parents' consultation this term will be held for students in Reception to IFY over two days. On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010** the session will be between **2.00pm and 4.00pm** in the Preparatory and Secondary Schools respectively.

Consultations will also be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** from **11.00am to 1.00pm**, following the end of term school assembly. Parents are again extremely welcome to attend the assembly before seeing their children's teachers. This is where children receive awards, certificates and trophies for the various inter-house events which have occurred throughout the term. Assembly commences promptly at 9.00am.

Buses will be leaving school after lunch at 1.00pm on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and following assembly on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. However if you are attending the consultations and would like to take your child home, please let their form tutor know that they will not be using the school bus.

**Mr Andrew Kimwele**  
Director of Studies

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

### OPEN MORNING

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will once again be hosting an open morning between **8.45am and 12.00pm**. This is where parents are invited to visit and experience first hand what Brookhouse is all about.

The programme for the day is as follows:

8.45am - Refreshments in the music center canopy.

9.00am - Tour of the school with staff and students.

If you would like to attend or you would like more information please contact the school or email [info@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:info@brookhouse.ac.ke) to confirm your attendance.

**Mr Andrew Kimwele**  
Director of Studies

**TELEPHONE LINES**

We are currently experiencing difficulties with our landlines. Please use the following numbers to contact us.

**Wireless lines**

020 2430260  
020 2430261-3  
020 6751153  
020 6751167

**Mobile lines**

0722204413  
0733602797

Our sincere apologies for any inconveniences caused.

**Ms C 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](http://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](mailto:online@brookhouse.ac.ke)

**ICT Department**

**TERM DATES: 2010 – 2011****TERM 1**

Staff INSET week begins	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2010	
School Term begins	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2010	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	3.30 pm

**HALF TERM (1 week)** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

School re-opens	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	1.00 pm

**TERM 2**

School Term begins	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2011	3.30 pm

**HALF TERM (5 days)** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

School re-opens	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	1.00 pm

**TERM 3**

Easter Long Weekend	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
School Term begins	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2011	3.30 pm

**HALF TERM (5 days)** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

School re-opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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.*

**YEAR 11 PROGRESSION TO YEAR 12**

It is important at this time of year that we remind the Year 11 pupils of the school policy regarding entry requirements for Year 12. The standard A-level entry requirement remains the same as always – a minimum of 5 grade C passes at IGCSE, with a preference for B grades in the subjects pupils wish to take through to A-level. Included in the 5 C grade passes is the need for a minimum grade C pass in English and Mathematics at IGCSE in order to fulfil university application requirements for numeracy and literacy. For pupils who attain less than 5 grade C passes at IGCSE, our experience indicates they are typically not ready to proceed to A-level studies. Instead, Brookhouse would expect them to consolidate on their academic learning by undertaking a full repeat of Year 11 studies and to retake their IGCSE examinations the following June. If parents or students have any further questions regarding these entry requirements they are welcome to contact me.

**Ms Michelle Forsyth**  
**Headteacher – Senior School**

## Boarding News

### YEAR 13 OVERNIGHT TRIP

*Last weekend the Year 13 and IFY students travelled to Lake Baringo Country Club for an overnight trip which was fully catered for by the school.*

*Excitement about the trip had built up over the last few days and we all had a perfect picture of a weekend filled with fun and relaxing moments. We were anticipating a welcome break from the usual routine of books and more books and the just concluded examinations.*

*The weather was awesome and the journey was quite long. We enjoyed the view of different scenery and the adventure of having the bus getting stuck in the sand at one time. After a long journey we finally arrived to a great relaxing hotel and the hosts were very friendly as well. We arrived in time for a delicious hot lunch .*

*The afternoon was spent with some of us having a refreshing swim while others choose to relax at the beautiful lake shore watching humungous crocodiles and hippos.*

*After dinner we played table tennis and pool and even had a talent show. Unfortunately our fun filled night had to end when the hippos started coming closer to our residence.*

*The rooms were warm and well lit. In the morning we watched the sun rise at sea level and it was an amazing sight to behold.*

*The trip was very adventurous although it was very short. We thank the school management for giving us a chance to have a relaxing trip out of school and to our mentors who accompanied us.*

**Carmen Mukete**  
**Year 13**

### END OF TERM REMINDERS

The school will be closing on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and we request all parents whose children will be flying out to different destinations to kindly send in the travel details to the boarding office immediately. We encourage all parents and guardians to book flights that are in line with our airport drop off timings.

**Mr Graham Omasire**  
**Boarding Manager**

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## News from the Prep

### LAST WEEK AT SCHOOL:

- Our Year Sixes went to Savage Wilderness for their annual overnight trip. By all accounts they had a wonderful yet challenging time doing activities such as white water rafting and hill climbing.
- We were well represented at the Braeburn Choir Festival on Wednesday afternoon. My congratulations to the children of Year Four who sang beautifully and the music department for all their hard work.
- Book Week has also taken place this week. The children have had a fun packed week, enjoying book related activities and listening to a story teller.
- This week we received all the entries for our inter-school creative writing competition. On Friday morning we welcomed our judges who had the difficult task of choosing the winners from some beautifully presented work. I am looking forward to the presentation next Friday afternoon from 1.30pm in the Burudani Auditorium.
- On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March we hosted the IAPS Interschool Swimming Gala for the first time. We welcomed children from Braeburn, Braeburn Mombasa, Greensteds, and Pembroke to this competitive event. My thanks to all the participants and the sports staff for another fantastically organised event. Congratulations to Braeburn Nairobi who were the overall winners.
- Some of our ballet students went to Bomas on Friday to see the Vienna Festival Ballet as part of the Kijani Festival. It was a real treat for the students to see professional ballerinas in action and I hope it has inspired them.
- Our Early Years have had a very special week with the focus on the children's teddy bears. They have had an enjoyable time looking after their bears and learning more about them. It culminated in a teddy bears picnic with all the children and the bears having fun.

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

- On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm we will be hosting our termly tea time concert. Parents are warmly invited to attend and see our musical talent in action.
- On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March our Under 13 boys will be representing Brookhouse hockey at the Kenton Hockey Festival. I wish them all success.
- The Year Two assembly was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March; it will now take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.10am. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.
- My congratulations go to the following students:

**Student of the Week:** Maria Beebe - 3HB

**Class of the Week:** Year 5EN

**Mrs E Lalani**  
Headteacher – Prep

### THE ANNUAL BRAEBURN MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 3rd March, the Junior Choir took to the stage at Braeburn School during their annual Music Festival. The event featured junior choirs from eight different Prep Schools and was an eclectic and enjoyable mix of choral and instrumental music. I would like to thank the parents who came along and supported the musical efforts of our Junior Prep.

**Mr J Watatua**  
Head of Prep Music

### BUGSY

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

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

**Mrs A Scott**  
Head of Senior Prep

## ROAD SAFETY ATTENDANT



The school has introduced a road safety attendant to assist both parents and children to cross the road safely.

Nicholas is stationed next to the zebra crossing at the end of each day.

We would appreciate your support with this new initiative.

**Mrs E Lalani**  
Headteacher - Prep

The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it. ~James Bryce

Anyone who says they have only one life to live must not know how to read a book. ~Author Unknown

## SPORTS NEWS

### HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Brookhouse Hockey Tournament went very well and the results were as follows:

Greensteds boys won in the final 2-1 over Cavina. Brookhouse lost 1-0 in the semi's to the eventual winners Greensteds.

Greensteds girls won in the final after penalties. This was an extremely tense final as it went to the seventh penalty to decide the winners! Braeside who were runners up, beat Brookhouse 1-0 in the semi finals.

Well done to all.

### HOCKEY RESULTS THIS WEEK

Under 9 boys and girls played Hillcrest. The boys lost 3-0 and the girls lost 5-0.

Under 11 boys and girls (Year 5 only as Year 6 were away) played Imani.

Girls won 6-0 and boys drew 1-1.

Well done Year 5's.

**Mr David Lowe**

**Head Prep PE**

### YEAR 6 TRIP TO SAVAGE WILDERNESS

*On our trip to Savage Wilderness my favourite day was Wednesday. On wednesday morning we had to get ready really early as we were going to go rafting. First, we had breakfast and then we launched rockets and we saw them fly. So cool! The other team had theirs stuck up a tree and ours flew higher than theirs, but it fell back down. The instructors had to knock the other one down with a water bottle. It was a tie. Later, we got ready to go rafting. We had helmets, lifejackets and paddles. After being taken through all the safety measures, we were off. We walked forever after leaving the bus. When we finally got there, we entered different rafts; we went through some big rapids. In calm parts of the river the instructors pushed us in the river and we had to get back in by ourselves. Soon after, we had to go back and have lunch. After lunch we began the long journey back home.*

**Jabali Ndungu**  
**6 AWW**