

Infant School's 100th Summer Fair

Garden Suburb Infant School celebrated 100 years on the Suburb with their Centenary Summer Fair on Saturday 13 July. The sun shone down all day as the children and their families enjoyed the many activities and entertainments that had been laid on by the school's Parent Teacher Association. The fair had something for everyone, including donkey rides, bouncy castles, go-karts, a coconut shy and beat-the-goalie, to name but a few!

The crowds were entertained by live music, acrobats and performances of dancing and singing by the children. A special

guest appearance by Olympic Gold Medal winning heavy weight boxer Anthony Joshua was a real treat. Parents and children were challenged to see how many punches they could throw against him, with prizes given to the winners in different age categories.

This term, children and staff at the school have been working with artist Maureen McKane on a mosaic to commemorate the school's centenary, and this was unveiled at the fair. This beautiful piece of artwork depicts a map of the school in the Suburb. Every child in the school has had a piece of their artwork

incorporated into the border and the children have illustrated the map with pictures of things that they see on their way to school. The mosaic is now on display in the school lobby.

A huge amount of hard work went into organising the fair and the funds raised will go towards improvements to the school playground over the summer.

SARAH SANDS (HEADTEACHER)



Brookland street party

On 5 May Brookland Rise residents Brian Ingram, Donna McGuinness and Samantha Lindup organised a delightful street party for the residents. Neighbours from Brookland Rise and surrounding streets came along to enjoy the sunshine, food and company. It was wonderful.

The weather was sunny and warm and the day was filled with live music, a performance by two young residents Michael and Daniel Kohn, a safe kids

play area for football, egg and spoon races and cycling, BBQ, teas, and a bring-your-own-to-share buffet. Stacey Marchant, a resident on Brookland Rise, baked a cake for the occasion, (many other residents helped to set up, manage the stalls and clear up), and David Klein, also a Brookland Rise resident and professional photographer, took some photos to commemorate the occasion, see below.

SAMANTHA LINDUP



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A wildlife haven

You may never have noticed the small, enclosed garden opposite the Suburb Junior School between Childs Way and Willifield Green, but tucked away behind a gate and padlock is a small garden with a pond which in the last year has undergone a complete transformation.

Every other Friday 12 children meet members of the Horticultural Society to take part in keeping the garden tidy and planting relevant woodland species. They have achieved a great deal in the last year and their hard work was rewarded by the generous comments of those who were visiting on Open Gardens Sunday – most familiar

with the Suburb but unaware that the Junior School does in fact have a garden.

The children love the pond and this was no different on Sunday, when newts were fished out and shown to eager onlookers.

Many commented on how beautiful the foxgloves were looking. The children had a chance to make a pastel impressionist drawing of the garden.

Quieter moments allowed me to watch a beautiful blackbird grubbing around in the undergrowth. Eyeing me with curiosity and suspicion, it made me realise that such a quiet and secluded space is really a haven for wildlife.



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