

Banksia Beach State School P&C Association meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Staffroom at 6pm. All welcome.

# BANKSIA BEACH STATE SCHOOL

*"Try Hard, Aim High"*

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Date Claimers*

#### **JULY**

- Monday 13 - Student Free Day
- Tuesday, 14 - Schools resumes
- Wednesday, 29 - Fete Meeting

#### **AUGUST**

- Tuesday, 4 - ICAS English Competition
- Wednesday, 5 - Proposed Teachers Industrial Action
- Monday 10 - Exhibition Day (Shire holiday)
- Wednesday, 12 - Student Free Day
- Thursday, 13 - 8 Hour Famine
- Saturday, 15 August - Family Portraits
- Monday/Tuesday, 17-18 - District Sports
- Wednesday 19 - ICAS Maths Competition
- Monday, 31 - Father's Day Stall commences

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Friday 18 - Last day of term

#### **OCTOBER**

- Monday 5 - School resumes
- Monday 19 - Student Free Day

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3!

What an exciting start we had with our two special sport's days. Thank you to our grounds staff for preparing the oval, our teaching and non teaching staff for supervising all areas, our canteen volunteers for our special lunches, our parents for joining in and supporting all students and of course our wonderful Mr MacArthur for organising everything so beautifully.

These days are a great celebration for our community. It is always exciting to celebrate with our winning champions (see results later in this newsletter) however I enjoy seeing the sheer joy children receive for doing their best and receiving a ribbon.

### **Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim**

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible

education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim. If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to [www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office.

### **Human Swine Influenza**

Please continue to keep your child at home if they are sick - particularly with flu-like symptoms. We are sending children home who are sent to the office with flu-like symptoms. Queensland Health will no longer undertake large scale closures of schools where cases of swine flu are identified; nor is it now a reportable disease.

While restrictions are being eased, it is important to stay vigilant, practise good hygiene and seek medical advice if children are showing the symptoms of Human Swine Influenza. The symptoms of Human Swine Influenza are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including fever, cough, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

### **Whooping Cough**

We have a reported case of Whooping Cough in the school. Whooping Cough (sometimes called pertussis) is a highly contagious respiratory infection. It can be a very serious illness in un-immunised infants and young children, but even in older children and adults. Parents of un-immunised students are advised to seek advice from their medical practitioners.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards were distributed at the end of last semester. Parent/Teacher interview slips were also issued earlier this week. I encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss his/her progress in more detail.

I look forward to celebrating the many exciting opportunities with you this term.

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards  
Jacqui King  
Principal

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### **BIKE HELMETS**

Students are reminded that they needed to be wearing bike helmets to and from school each day. We have noticed some students who are not following this rule and ask that parents/students be vigilant in the wearing of helmets.

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### **DISTRICT SPORTS DAYS**

District Sports Days have been postponed due to the proposed teacher industrial action. The new dates are 17 & 18 August - these dates have been confirmed and will go ahead even if the strike is cancelled. For more information about these sports days please go the website <http://www.cabdistrictsport.eq.edu.au>

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### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Sausage Sizzle on the last day of Term 2.

We were able to raise \$450 which will be used towards Mr Neisler Alternate Education Program.

This term our main focus will be the World Vision 8 Hour Famine which will be happening in Week 5 – Thursday, 13 August.

Julie Kaeser, Co-ordinator

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### **P&C NEWS**

Subway Lunch: Once again thank you to all who supported our Subway Lunch Fundraiser for Term 2 – a very successful fundraiser. We will be holding another Subway Lunch during this term and will keep you posted on the date.

PixiFoto Family Portrait Fundraiser: We are very excited about our upcoming PixiFoto Fundraiser. This will be held on Saturday, 15 August. The cost is \$20 for the sitting fee and with this you will receive a FREE 13" x 10" colour or black and white framed family portrait (limit 1 per family).

Booking for this are to be made at the Canteen and the \$20 sitting fee must be paid at the time of booking. Bookings must be made by Friday, 7 August 2009. Everyone loves family portraits and these would also make a great Christmas gift for your loved ones.

Father's Day Stall: We will be holding our annual Father's Day stall during the week beginning 31 August. All children will have the opportunity during that week to attend the stall and purchase something for their Dad. We have a great selection of gifts available in groups of \$3, \$5 and \$10.

2010 Fete Pre Planning Meeting: We will be holding a meeting to gather ideas for our 2010 Fete. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 July at 5.00pm in the school staffroom. We encourage everyone to attend to help us get some great ideas for a successful Fete in 2010.

P&C Meetings: During the winter months we have decided to hold our meetings at 5.00pm. All parents are invited to attend our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 August at 5.00pm in the staffroom.

### **Uniform Shop News**

Sale: Girls pleated grey skirts are now reduced to \$18.00. All sizes are available. These skirts are now a discontinued lined but will remain a school uniform item.

Sport House Polo Shirts: We have adult sizes available in our house polo shirts for anyone interested – all colours available.

House shirts are worn for sports day, swimming carnival, etc.

The Uniform Store is open Wednesday mornings from 8.30-10.30am and Friday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm.

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### **POSITION VACANT**

#### **Uniform Shop Convenor**

The Banksia Beach State School Parents & Citizens Association is currently seeking a Uniform Shop Convenor.

This position is a casual position and is for six (6) hours per week. Application forms and selection criteria are available from the school office.

Applications close Monday, 3 August 2009.

# Sports Day Results

Congratulations to Koopa on winning our recent Athletics Sports Days. Koopa have been our winners for the past two years. An outstanding effort by all students who competed on the days - not everyone can be a winner but it was great to see everyone trying their best. Thank you must go a number of people:-

- Mr Hambly, Mr Bunn & Mr Tanner for their work in the lead up and on the days by having our ovals in top shape.
- Mrs Bradford & Mrs Whittaker who worked tirelessly collating all data and number crunching.
- Mrs Cowan and all of her canteen helpers who fed the crowds for two days.



Final scores on the day were:

Koopa	3340
Amity	2817
Mirimar	2805
Doomba	2637

Carryn Sullivan, MLA, has again kindly donated the medals this year for the Age Champions and Runners-up.

Age	Age Champion Boys	Runner up Boys	Age Champion Girl	Runner up Girls
7 year	Brock Long	Logan Keirnan	Vanessa Fairey	Josie Barritt
8 year	Brett Graham	Todd Donnelly	Haylee Bell/Alex Inggs (tie)	Summar Allen
9 year	Jiah Bridge	Jacob Winzar	Charlotte Lowrie	Ella Parker
10 year	Zach Lewis	Jaiden Girgenti	Helen Wilson	Robyn Johnstone
11 year	Kurt Farren-Price	Hunter Burton	Brittany Howe	Meghan Graham
12 year	Shayd Parata	Daniel Inggs	Tamantha Lowrie	Sarah Neville
13 year	Dylan Howe	Nicholas Collins	Tahylor Gee	Ebony Hibbs