

P&C Meetings are held in the staffroom the third Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm.

Wednesday, 27 February 2013
Volume 02

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience during this very wet period of time. I am so pleased with the behaviour of our children even though it has been so wet with such little outside time available.

TRIATHLON

This Sunday sees the final event in the current Triathlon Series. We have the largest number of teams entered in our history of triathlons. Twenty – one teams of combined parents, students and community members will represent our school on Sunday morning. Please feel free to come down to Sylvan Beach and celebrate with our teams. We are hoping for a series win after taking out both events of the series so far. It is so exciting to see so many students taking on a healthy life choice through competing in the triathlon.

CONGRATULATIONS MR GARY HOOPER

On Thursday night Mr Gary Hooper will be presented with a Pride of Workmanship Award at the Annual Rotary Club of Bribie Island Dinner. Mr Hooper's citation in part reads:

"Banksia Beach State School's values are Respect, Excellence, Pride and Unity. Mr Gary Hooper's development of our music program has also led to the development of these values. In every interaction Gary epitomises these values and provides life changing opportunities for students. It is with much pleasure and pride our school community nominates Mr Gary Hooper for this award. "

Congratulations Mr Hooper and thank you for all you have given our school.

RESOURCE KITS

Last year we commenced our resource kits. As previously explained many of our resources are electronic. We annually subscribe to Reading Eggs, Maths on Line, Sunshine on Line, Bug Club, Lexile Readers, Study Ladder and Reading Express to name just a few. These resources are used by students and the results are then placed in their folders. We are again wishing to utilise our resource folders. All teachers have found these programs greatly enhance learning and outcomes for students. They also take the place of text books in most year levels. We have deliberately not sent out the cost at the start of the year as we know this is an expensive time for you. We will send out invoices in Week 6 and would appreciate payment by the end of this term.

JUST A REMINDER OUR SCHOOL IS ON TWITTER @BanksiaBeachSS. We utilise this social media to alert you to upcoming events and as another form of celebration! Join us!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Mrs Nattalie De Rossi, Mr Mike Nielsen and Mr Andrew Schloss for nominating as parent representatives and to be part of our inaugural School Council as an IPS. We are currently holding elections for staff representatives and will hold our first meeting in Week 6.

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE.

All Principals in Queensland are required to attend the Principal's Conference in Brisbane this Thursday and Friday. We also have an IPS meeting on Wednesday. The Deputy Principals –Mr Hartshorn, Mrs Hooper & Mrs Weaver will be leading the school in my absence.

Looking forward to again celebrating all that happens at our beautiful school.

Let's Have a Great Week!
Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal.

READY READER TUTOR TRAINING

Banksia Beach State School is conducting a Ready Reader training course.

The Ready Reader program provides assistance to students who need extra help with their reading. The program offers students regular one-on-one reading with a trained tutor, aiming to help children gain confidence with their reading and become independent readers.

Upon completion of the course we ask that you consider volunteering a minimum of one hour a week to help implement this program at our school. Ready Reader training is also useful for parents and anyone wishing to learn strategies to help their children at home.

The course runs for 2 sessions over two days and is open to all parents and members of the community.

You must be able to attend both days of the course to receive your certificate.

DATES: Tuesday 26th March
Wednesday 27th March

TIME: 9.00am – 12.30pm (both days)

To register for the course please put your name down at the office or see Sharon Whittaker in A Block

TRAVELSMART EXPO

All parents, guardians and friends of the school are invited to our TravelSmart Expo to be held on Thursday 28 March from 2:30 - 3:15pm. At the TravelSmart Expo you can:

- visit the Bribie Island Coaches information stand
- plan your sustainable journey with help from TravelSmart officers
- express your interest carpooling and be in the running for prizes
- pick up a local travel map
- find out what we're doing to reduce traffic congestion at our gates

We look forward to seeing as many parents and caregivers as possible to explore their TravelSmart options.

Peter Hartshorn for the TravelSmart Committee

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Last year, our school participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. You collected stickers on sheets and gave them to us. We counted them and sent them to Woolworths. We then ordered educational resources that we specifically needed to the value of our points. I am delighted to say that, thanks to your wonderful support in collecting those stickers, we have distributed over \$18 000 worth of Maths, English, Science and Art resources across the entire school.

Thank you to our school community and all of the friends and neighbours who sent in stickers. Your support has added hundreds of new resources to our school.

Peter Hartshorn. Acting Deputy Principal

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Our school is celebrating National Ride2School day on Wednesday, 20 March, along with thousands of others schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day

and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases 'drop off congestion'.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are currently working on a new Canteen Menu which we will commence the first week of Term 2. We are also looking at trialling a new Online Ordering System in Term 2. We are currently using last year's menu which is available on the school website.

The Canteen will be running blackboard specials for the rest of the term so please check the Canteen blackboard for these.

Amanda Waters, Canteen Convenor

P&C NEWS

- Subway Fundraising Lunch planned for Monday 25th March - look for order forms next week
- Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale from next week (outside canteen area) \$2.00 per ticket (2 major draws - Prep-Year 3 & Year 4 -7) Heaps of prizes.
- Disco - Wednesday 27th March. We are seeking volunteers for Hall Canteen If you can

help out for half an hour, it would be much appreciated. We need volunteers for both discos - **5.00-6.30pm** Prep –Year 3 & **6.30-8.00pm** Year 4 – 7. Please contact Jayne Wales 0411 277 935 if you can help out.

- P&C AGM approaching next month. If you would like to be more involved with your school please come along and join us. P&C meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm in the Admin Block. Meetings usually go for about 1 hour

Date Claimers

March

- 11-13 Year 6 & Year 7 camps
- Wednesday, 20 National Ride2School Day
- Thursday, 21 Years 4-5 Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 22 Years 6-7 Swimming Carnival
- Monday, 25 Subway Lunch
- Tues 26 - Wed27 Ready Reader Training
- Wednesday, 27 School Disco
- Thursday, 28 TravelSmart Expo
- Thursday, 28 Last day of Term 1

April

- Monday, 15 First day of Term 2

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm

School office telephone 3408 5333

Student Absence Line 3408 5336

Banksia Beach State School Parents & Citizens Association

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA RAFFLE



It's on again - the P&C's Annual Easter Eggstravaganza!! We need your help to make this year's prizes bigger & better! We are asking each family to donate 1 Easter Egg per family. The class with the most donated eggs will win a prize! Yippee!!

Donations can be handed in at the canteen from Monday 4th March make sure to tell the ladies at the canteen which class you're in.

GOOD LUCK!!