

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

Thursday, 14 March 2013  
Volume 03

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

Another fantastic week at Banksia Beach State School with again so much to celebrate.

#### **FAREWELL TO OUR AMAZING MR GARY HOOPER.**

I have known since last year that our amazing Mr Gary Hooper was retiring at the end of Term 1. Gary has been with us for six years and has built our music program into a fantastic program. Gary started with 12 students; he has now 152, a Concert Band and a Big Band. Last year was an incredibly successful year for Gary winning so many accolades. Mr Hooper has had a very successful career over 35 years in both music and instrumental music. He has worked in both the state and private education systems. He has trained choirs which have repeatedly won Toowoomba Senior Eisteddfod competitions and has been one of the most successful conductors in Queensland. He is the only conductor in Queensland to have had a primary school ensemble make the Fanfare State Grand final and the only conductor to have had two different primary school bands make the Fanfare State Final. His previous marching band was named the World Champions in the World Championships held in Sydney. Bands Gary has conducted have opened Parliament House in Canberra and have achieved enormous success in all competitions at all levels.

On a personal note I have known Gary and worked with Gary on and off for more than 20 years. He will leave a large hole in our school, however being an Independent Public School we are able to advertise this position and have done so recently. Gary and I are currently interviewing and we have attracted quality applicants from Thailand, Victoria, New Zealand and Private schools in Queensland. I am confident in finding a high quality replacement. On behalf of all of Banksia Beach can I thank Gary for the enormous amount he has added to our school? Gary will be sadly missed and always remembered for making a huge difference to the lives and learnings' of our students. Final water show down next Wednesday rehearsal!

#### **TRIATHLON**

Congratulations to the many students, staff and parents who have been a special part of our Banksia Beach Team. We again finished with an amazing series result. We won first, second and third in each race ultimately giving us first, second and third in the series. This is a fabulous effort, but more importantly it is a great message to all students about the importance of exercise and staying healthy! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fabulous result. Next series begins in October.

## COORDINATOR OF MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

We are wishing to recruit a person who can fulfil the role of coordinator of Marketing and Sponsorship. This person's main role will be to:

- Deliver an increased capability to raise money for distribution to the School and in-kind support for the School's purposes.
- Develop business opportunities and sponsorship for the school.

A full role description is available online on our website or from the ladies in the front office. Applications close on Thursday, March 28.

## UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents who have ensured students are in full formal uniform on their formal days. Please ensure as winter approaches that you have the appropriate winter uniform ready. Grey tights for girls, grey or maroon jumpers. The school jacket is also available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

## GOLD ASSEMBLIES

You will receive a special invitation to attend your special Gold Assembly next week. These are a wonderful celebration of our students' behaviour. I look forward to celebrating this occasion with you. Prep's your very first!

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal

## STAFF CARPARK

Only staff and parents with school issued parking permits are permitted to park on the school grounds - this applies mornings and afternoons. Parents are asked to refrain from entering the school grounds to do drop off and pickup. Police have been patrolling this area and will continue to do random patrols. Please adhere to these rules as our students are put at risk by the number of people illegally driving and parking on the school grounds.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

## EXPLORAMA 2013

Explorama is an enrichment program run by Kids College Queensland designed to meet the needs of academically able children and those children with strong learning abilities and special interests. The first course is being held on Saturday, 20 April at the University of the

Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. For course information, registration and payment go to [www.kidscollegeqld.com.au](http://www.kidscollegeqld.com.au)

## RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Our school is celebrating National Ride2School day on Wednesday, 20 March. 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.

Students participating in the Ride will receive a free breakfast at school as well as participating in an obstacle course on the oval.

## FREE BIKE ENGRAVING

Bicycles represent a significant investment to many families. Unfortunately, bicycle theft on Brisbane Island has increased in recent months. To combat this problem, the Queensland Police Service is offering free bike engraving. Once engraved, the identification number will be entered into QPS database which will then allow for quick retrieval. To participate in this program, please collect a form from the school office and return by the last day of term (Thursday, 28 March). The engraving will take place in Week 1 or 2 of Term 2 on a day to be advised.

## SCHOOL DISCO

Term 1 disco will be held Wednesday, 27 March in the hall.

Cost- \$3.00 per student  
Glow-in-the-Dark items \$2.50 each  
**Theme: Fluoro**



**Junior Disco - 5.00-6.30pm:** Parents must accompany students. Please note that students from upper grades are not to attend the junior disco (student councillor helpers excepted).

**Senior Disco – 6.30-8.00pm:** Parents must drop off and pick up students from the door. **Students will not be allowed to proceed to front entrance/carpark alone.**

**Our disco is open to  
Banksia Beach State School students only.**

## CANTEEN NEWS

Next week will be the last week of Canteen for Term 1. The Canteen **WILL NOT BE OPEN DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.**

### Last Week of Term Special

Hot Dog with Sauce \$3.50  
Hot Dog with Cheese And Sauce \$4.00

## P&C NEWS

- Subway Fundraising Lunch planned for Monday 25th March - look for order forms
- Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale (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
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> March make sure to tell the ladies at the canteen which class you're in.

have a team for you if you're turning 10 or 11 with some netball experience preferred. All enquiries to Heather on 0411 712 949.

## Date Claimers

### March

- Friday 15 to Thursday 21 - Book Fair
- 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

**Student Absence Line 3408 5366**

### COMMUNITY NEWS



**Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper?** Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, *Zoo Keeper For a Day!*

If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call **07 5436 2025** to make a reserve your spot.

**Ages:** 7 - 12 years **Price:** \$85 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals **Duration:** 5 hours **Location:** Australia Zoo **Dates:** 29 March to 14 April 2013  
Further details are available at [www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day](http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day)

**Bribie Island Netball Club** is still seeking players for Club Netball. Weekly training on the island and play Saturday at Caboolture. We

2F has been learning about poetry this term. We have written a Haiku poem about our school. The special features of Haiku poems are that they only have three lines, the first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables and the last line has five syllables.

Our School  
*Banksia Beach School*  
*Try hard, aim high every day*  
*Learn how to write well.*

Written by 2F



### UPATED STUDENT DETAILS

We are presently updating our Parent Contact information including email addresses on our school's database. Please complete the Student Family Details section below and return to the school office.

Student Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT FAMILY DETAILS	PARENT/CARER 1	PARENT/CARER 2
Parent Name		
1 <sup>st</sup> contact number	Work/home/mobile	Work/home/mobile
2 <sup>nd</sup> contact number	Work/home/mobile	Work/home/mobile
3 <sup>rd</sup> contact number	Work/home/mobile	Work/home/mobile
Email		
Employer Name		
Occupation		

**Please complete and return to the school office by Thursday, 28 March 2013**