

Wednesday, 10 July 2013  
Volume 10

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting new Term 3.

This term we welcome four new staff members. Mrs Sandra Hawkins who will be teaching 4B, Ms Amanda Buckley who will be teaching 5B and Ms Louise Cass who will be taking on the role of Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy. We are also very pleased to meet this week our new instrumental music teacher Mr Martin O'Callaghan. Mr O'Callaghan officially starts in Week 3. All students who are studying an instrument will have received a separate letter this week outlining our new program. I am sure we will make these new members of our Banksia Beach family feel welcome.

### **REPORT CARDS**

As previously outlined Report Cards and invitations to attend parent interviews are issued this week. This enables the reports to be as accurate as possible. Take time to discuss with your child their highlights from Semester 1 and areas for improvement for Semester 2. We encourage all parents to take the time to come and speak to your classroom teacher to ensure you have a full understanding of your child's progress. As stated in the letter if you are unable to make the offered times, please arrange a different time directly with your teacher.

### PREP OPEN DAY

Tuesday July 16 we are holding our open day for Prep 2014. This is an opportunity to come to our school and hear about how our school operates Prep and to have any questions answered. The School Captains also take prospective parents on a tour of our school. The open day commences at 9:30 in our hall. If you know of anyone who is thinking of sending their child to our school next year, please advise them of our open day.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Thank you to Mr MacArthur and all staff for two fantastic carnivals last term. It was wonderful to see such great sportsmanship by the students and wonderful support from our parents. Thank you also to our P&C for organising a scrumptious canteen on the oval. It was also delightful to have the Bribie Island Lions Club donating their time to produce a great BBQ. Our team to compete at the District Championships are now in full training.

### LAPATHON FUNDS

I am pleased to announce that the basketball courts have been resurfaced. Thank you to all who helped raise funds through our Lapathon over the last two years. The funds that were not used for the resurfacing of our courts will now be used to ensure all students who represent our school have new sports uniforms. We will look great.

I look forward to a wonderful term highlighted by every day fabulous achievements, our full school musical and inter school sport to name just a few activities.

Let's have a great Week!  
Regards  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal

### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

"Let's Bridge the Gap" with Fred Reid will be visiting our school on Thursday, 25 July.

Suitable for Prep to Year 7.

Cost per student: \$4.00



A presentation of Aboriginal culture that covers music and musical instruments, stories of the dreamtime, painting and body art. Fred talks about clans, sacred rituals and traditional laws. His mission is to bring about a better understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture. His presentations are delivered in a fun, positive way.

Payment can be made via

the cash payment window Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 9.15am or via direct debit/EFT to Banksia Beach SS Acc BSB 064-448 Account 10009354 stating invoice no. and student surname. An invoice will be sent home with each child - please ask your child for their copy.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON.....

Notes home to parents often get left behind at school by students. If you can't get the information you're after from the school website or newsletter, please follow us on Twitter. The school does not have a Facebook page but information is posted frequently, on a daily basis, on Twitter. Please follow us @BanksiaBeachSS

### REMINDER CURRICULUM RESOURCE KITS 2013

Thank you to all those parents who have now paid for their child's Resource Kit.

There has been some confusion that if a child has the school folders from last year parents do not need to pay a fee for this year. Payment for these kits is required on a **yearly** basis as it includes the online interactive licences required for the variety of curriculum areas which is used in lieu of some textbooks – it's not about the folders.

Costs are as follows:-

Prep – Year 5	\$40
Year 6	\$45
Year 7	\$60

### SUPPORT OUR INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the **NEiTA 2013 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards**. This is an opportunity for our school to publicly recognise and encourage our great teachers, and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. NEiTA is the only independent national awards program where individual parents/grandparents, parent associations, and community organisations can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence.



Nominations close on 31 July 2013.

Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory *NEiTA Certificate of Nomination* and become eligible for NEiTA State and National Awards. It's easy to nominate.

Forms can be downloaded or completed online at [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au) or requested from the NEITA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

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### FREE ROBOTICS FUN DAY

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is hosting a free afternoon of robotics fun and learning for parents and students. This will be held at the Caboolture Campus on Saturday 20 July, from 12 noon - 3pm. For further information or to RSVP please contact Brad Wightman on 5316 7580 or email: [b.wightman@qut.edu.au](mailto:b.wightman@qut.edu.au).

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### TRAVEL CHOICE CALENDAR ART COMPETITION

Closes this Friday, 12 July. Entries will go to MBRC for judging and the winners will be announced by August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Peter Hartshorn for the Travel Choice Committee

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Catholic Parents:** Parents who have children who have been baptised and wish them to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** are invited to attend one of the following Parent Information Sessions to be held at the Church of the Little Flower, First Avenue, Bongaree on Tuesday, 23 July at 7.00pm or Thursday 25 July at 4.00pm. For further enquiries please telephone Sharron Macrae, Sacramental Coordinator) on 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.

**Let's Talk Parenting:** Parenting course starting 30 July 2013.

- Interested in learning more about yourself and how you parent? Would you like to discuss and share ideas on why we parent like we do?
- Would you like to learn how to change the ways you deal with problems?
- Would you like to have more fun with your children?

Our professionally facilitated Parenting Course is designed to help you find answers to suit your family.

Where: Bribie Neighbourhood Centre, 9 Verdoni Street, Bellara

When: 9.15am-11.45am commencing Tuesday, 30 July for 4 weeks

Cost: Gold coin donation to cover morning tea

Please book by phoning the Neighbourhood Centre on 3408 8440 between 9.00am and 3.00pm weekdays.

Unfortunately no childcare is available for this course.

### Bring Cultural Exchange into Your Home

STS Student Exchange are seeking Australian families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome as STS exchange student into their family. Australian families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Contact us today to start your adventure in student exchange. 1800 263 964 (charge free) or 0401 741 754.

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## Date Claimers

### July

- Monday, 8 School resumes - all students return
- Tuesday, 16 Prep Open Day
- Thursday, 25 "Let's Bridge The Gap" performance
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### August

- Wednesday, 7 Year 6 Parliament House excursion
  - Monday, 12 Public Holiday - Regional Show holiday
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## Year 8 Enrolment Process

### Forms to be completed:

- Application for Enrolment Form
- Enrolment Agreement
- Student Resource Scheme Participation Form
- Academy Application Form

Enrolment Packs are available from the school office or website: [www.bribislahs.eq.edu.au/WP/?page\\_id=13](http://www.bribislahs.eq.edu.au/WP/?page_id=13) or under OUR SCHOOL/ENROLMENTS

### Enrolment Interview Dates:

- Thursday 18th July at Bribie Island SHS at 3.30pm
- Thursday 25th July at Bribie Island SHS at 3.30pm

Please phone 3400 2444 to book

