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Volume 12

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

Another very busy fortnight at Banksia Beach!

### **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Thank you to all parents, students and Staff who participated in our National Literacy and Numeracy activities. It was wonderful to see so many students sharing their favourite story books and the children also had the opportunity to share their favourite maths activities with the admin team.

### **National Excellence in Teaching Awards**

Thank you to the parents who made time to thank a special teacher by nominating him/her for a National Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mrs Lisa Ruberry, Miss Lisa Conroy, Miss Tarni Hunt, Mr David Mayes and Mrs Kerran Nicholson were nominated for this award for their outstanding dedication to achieving improved outcomes for all students.

### **District Athletics**

Congratulations to our team of athletes who participated so strongly over the two days of the District Championship. We compete against the "A" Schools division and were runners up this year. A great effort. Congratulations also to the following students who have made the District Team: Vanessa, Lelearna, Corey, Erik, Jye and Indy.

### **New Team Uniforms**

This year we have invested a large amount of money in new team uniforms to ensure our teams represent our Independent Public School values of respect, unity, pride and excellence. The Rugby League uniforms have arrived and the boys looked fantastic last week when they defeated St Peters in both divisions. Teams will receive a note about socks and shorts if they are in one of our newly outfitted teams. As uniforms arrive we will be distributing these. I look forward to supporting our teams on Friday when they play St Eugene's at home.

### Instrumental Music Program

As previously mentioned we are very pleased to welcome Mr O'Callaghan to our school. Mr O'Callaghan is beginning to recruit new Year 2 and 3 students. If you have previously submitted an expression of interest we will be looking at these in the next two weeks. It is merit selection and there will be a waiting list for school instruments. If you are able to purchase or hire your own instrument please advise us of this on the form we will provide for you.

Thank you to the many parents who support our school so positively. We are fortunate to have a wonderful school and I do appreciate all the parents who cherish our special place!

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King

Principal

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### PARENT SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY FORMS

Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling in Queensland. These surveys have been distributed to a random sample of parents of students in our school. This sampling is decided by Department of Education and Training. Information from this survey will help us to identify areas to address for future development and school improvement. It is vital for the statistical analysis that we have maximum response rates for these surveys. You can choose to do it online or complete the paper copy. If you still have the paper copy, please return to school by Tuesday, 13 August latest.

Thank you to those parents who have returned their surveys.

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### SUPPORT-A-TALKER TUTOR TRAINING

Banksia Beach State School is running a Support-A-Talker course on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Support-A-Talker is an early intervention program designed to support language delayed students in the lower school. Students have the opportunity to interact regularly with a trained tutor who uses activities and games to encourage their confidence and development in speech and language.

Upon completion of the 2 day course we ask that you consider volunteering a minimum of one hour a week to help implement this program at our school. Support-A-Talker training is also useful for anyone wishing to learn strategies to help their children at home.

The course runs for 2 sessions over two days and it 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 for Support-A-Talker:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Times:** 9.00-11.00am

(A light lunch will be provided on day two at the end of the session.)

**Please phone 3408 5333 or 0467 729 151 to book your place on the course or put your name down at the office.**

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### MESSAGES TO STUDENTS IN THE AFTERNOONS

Parents are requested to finalise pickup details with their children before school. It is appreciated that emergency situations do arise but it is difficult to relay messages late in the day when the class may be out of their room at a specialist lessons, doing a class activity that is outside the classroom or attending their year level assembly.

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### WHOOPIING COUGH

We would like to draw our school community's attention to the time of year when Whooping Cough appears. Whooping cough is a highly infectious illness that is spread by coughing and sneezing. The illness is troublesome and distressing at any age but can be very serious in young infants.

Vaccination gives good protection to young children, but unfortunately this protection does wane with time. Whooping cough may still occur in older children and adults who were fully immunised in early childhood.

The following precautions are recommended to prevent spread of whooping cough in your school:

- We recommend that anyone with a **persistent cough** should see their local doctor immediately. Students with symptoms **should not attend classes** until they have been advised they are able to by their Doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment of this illness is important to limit the spread of whooping cough in the School and the community. **If whooping cough is detected early in its course, treatment will reduce the time it is infectious to other people.**
- Basic things to remember is wash your hands, cover your mouth when coughing, do not cough around pregnant women and do not cough over babies. This will help tremendously with the spread of this disease.

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### P&C NEWS

**Father's Day Stall 27- 29 August 2013**

- Gifts from \$1.00 up to \$10.00
- Father's Day Raffle - Wheelbarrow full of goodies tickets \$2.00 each

- \$3.00 Lucky dip
- Please check with your child's teacher for class allocated day & time

**Year 7 Graduation Bears** - order form coming to your yr 7 class soon (Bear on display in Uniform Shop)

**POSITION VACANT – UNIFORM CONVENOR**  
minimum 15 hours per week

All applicants must apply in writing and address the relevant selection criteria as listed in the application package, which is available from the school office.

Applications should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential  
P&C Secretary  
Banksia Beach State School  
PO BOX 243  
BRIBIE ISLAND Q 4507

Applications close on Monday, 26 August 2013 at 3.00pm and remain current for 12 months.

The successful applicant will require a Working with Children's Suitability Card or be required to apply for one. Banksia Beach State School P&C Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Caboolture Little Athletics Sign On Days**

Saturday, 17 and Sunday, 25 August  
10.00am-2.00pm

Caboolture Sports Complex Athletics Oval  
Centenary Lakes (off Morayfield Rd)  
Ages 4-17 years by 1<sup>st</sup> October

Contact Ray 0427 637 929 or Darrin 0413 274077 or visit [www.caboolturelittlearthletics.info](http://www.caboolturelittlearthletics.info)

**Australian Red Cross Blood Service**

Bribie Island cnr First Avenue & Welsby Parade  
Monday, 12 August 8.30am–2.30pm

Tuesday, 13 August 8.30am-2.30pm

**Bellara** Bribie Island Shopping Centre, Goodwin Drive  
Thursday, 15 August 8.30am-2.30pm  
Friday, 16 August 8.30am-2.30pm

**Bribie Island Swimming Club Sign on dates:**

- Monday 2 September: 4-6pm at Bribie Island Aquatic Centre
- Wednesday 4 September: 4-6pm Bribie Island Aquatic Centre
- Saturday 7 September: - 10am-2pm Bribie Island Aquatic Centre and Bribie Island Shopping Centre
- Monday 9 September: 4-6pm at Bribie Island Aquatic Centre
- Wednesday 11 September: 4-6pm Bribie Island Aquatic Centre
- Saturday 14 September: 10am-2pm Bribie Island Aquatic Centre and Bribie Island Shopping Centre

For further information contact Jason Brown on 0400 119 989

**Date Claimers**

**August**

- Monday, 12 Public Holiday - Regional Show holiday
- Sunday, 18 Vietnam Vets Day

**September**

- Monday, 2 ChoralFest, Kurwongbah SS
- Saturday, 7 St Columban's Band Competition
- Wednesday, 11 School Musical
- Thursday, 12 School Musical

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE - 3408 5366**



*Teachers nominated for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards from left: Mr David Mayes, Miss Tarni Hunt, Mrs Lisa Ruberry, Miss Lisa Conroy & Mrs Kerran Nicholson*