

Thursday, 14 November 2013

Volume 17

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Another busy and successful period to report to our community!

We again have experienced much success in a range of fields and I sincerely thank our dedicated staff for all of the time outside of school they give to ensure your children are able to excel in their chosen field. Thank you also parents who are able to drop everything at often short notice to have your child meet all the commitments we have asked of them this term!

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SUCCESS

Our school entered nine teams from our Program of Excellence in Science into the National Australian Teachers Awards Young Scientist of the Year Awards. I am very pleased to announce that one of our teams consisting of three Year Six students E'Landre, Dylan and Darcy were named as Australian Finalists. This was a great achievement as thousands of students from across Australia entered this competition. The children's entry was titled Water Filtration – comparing the effectiveness of a pre-designed filtration kit to a home-made filtration kit.

Congratulations to all teams and their teacher Ms Morrison who takes the Academically Able classes.

CHOIR SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mr White and our Senior Choir who combined with twenty little voices from Prep and Year One to enter the Morayfield Shopping Centre Choir Competition. The students competed against twelve other state and private schools to win this competition. A lovely trophy and \$1 000! The children will return on Thursday to sing and welcome Santa Claus to the store at 4:30pm.

QUEENSLAND TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Mr MacArthur, Mr Blackmore and Miss MacArthur for coaching our boys' and girls' teams to the finals of the All Schools Queensland Schools' Touch Football Championships. The girls finished in the top 16 in the state. A fantastic result and a great deal of work by our talented coaches.

CLASSES FOR 2014

We will again prepare classes for the end of this year; however they will not be released until Pupil Free Day as historically we know we have many changes over the holidays. We always give parents the opportunity to provide us with information that may be vital for your child's placement. This is not an opportunity to request a specific teacher rather a time to tell us information that is vital for your child's education. Please complete the form provided in this newsletter and return it to the office if you wish to take up this opportunity. It is very difficult to make changes once classes are published.

I look forward to celebrating the last busy four weeks with your child.

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

Thank you to all people who have supported our Leadership Projects. The aim of these projects is for students to demonstrate their ability to organise and lead a project.

All funds raised are then donated to the charity of the students' choice. The McGrath Foundation, Bribie Island Wildlife, Salvation Army and Red Cross are some of the many charities who have benefitted from your generosity.



Left: Jacob, student leader nominee, holding his Pre-Prep Rosy Tea & Cupcake Party.



Right: Nominee William with some of the 1037 cans he has collected for the Salvation Army.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Queensland Government through Queensland Transport administer an assistance program for children using public transport to get to and from school. The children must live 3.2 kilometres or more from our school and other criteria apply. If you would like more information on this program, please contact the office.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for you to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

A flyer was sent home on 17 June with the newsletter outlining social media use (see link below).

<http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/behaviour/qsaa/docs/social-media-and-community-online.pdf>

Reputations of teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged – and in some cases, serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour are dealt with by police and the court system.

Our school is on Twitter @banksiabeachss – please follow us for all up to date happenings within our school community.

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We invite all volunteers to an Aussie Christmas Barbeque to thank you for your efforts and the contribution you have made to our school throughout the year.



Where: The Hall
When: Tuesday 26th November
Time: 12.00pm

Please fill out an RSVP form and return it to the canteen as soon as possible. RSVP forms are available from the office, A Block, the canteen and from classroom teachers.

Hope to see you all there.

Date Claimers

November

- Monday, 25 St Columban's Year 8 Orientation
- Tuesday, 26 Volunteer Luncheon

December

- Monday, 2 Wet n Wild Instrumental Music Reward Program
- Wednesday, 4 P-3 Awards
- Thursday, 6 Year 4-6 Awards
- Friday, 6 Year 7 Awards Ceremony
- Monday, 9 Behaviour BBQ
- Monday, 9 Cherubs Concert
- Tuesday, 10 Year 7 Dreamworld
- Wednesday, 11 Year 7 Graduation
- Thursday, 12 Class Break up Parties/Day
- Friday, 13 Last day of term/school year

GOLD AWARDS (correct at time of printing)

Wednesday, 4 December

9.00am PrepDEF
10.30am PrepABC
12.30pm Year 1DEFH

Thursday, 5 December

10.30am Year 1ABC
12.30pm Year 2

Friday, 6 December

12.30pm Year 3

Monday, 9 December

10.30am Year 4
12.15pm Year 5

Wednesday, 11 December

10.30am Year 6
12.30pm Year 7

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO BANKSIA BEACH STATE SCHOOL IN 2014

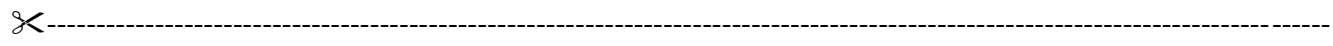
To help with staffing and class allocations for 2014, if you know that your child/ren will **not** be returning to Banksia Beach State School for the 2014 school year, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible.

Year 7 Parents: For school record and transition/statistical purposes, if your child is **NOT** attending **Bribie Island State High School** please indicate which high school they will be attending. If this form is not returned it will be assumed that your child will be attending Bribie Island State High School and this will be recorded in your child's records and our school records.

Students _____ **Class** _____

Transferring to: _____ School

Parent signature _____ *Date* _____ **Please return to the school office**



2014 CLASS PLACEMENTS - Please return to the school office

Child's Name: _____

Present Class: _____

2013 Year Level: _____

Please be aware that you should provide information you believe is educationally significant. We consider Education Queensland class size limits, and attempt to balance gender, ability, and behavioural factors across classes. Parents also are able to provide information that may be important in making these decisions. Comments should be constructive and informative. Reasons need to focus on education rather than personal grievances. **Please do not make requests for specific teachers.**

Forms are to be returned no later than 3.00pm, Friday, 6 December 2013.

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