

Wednesday, 4 December 2013  
Volume 18

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

2013 has been another very successful year for the school with the following list of achievements.

- Brisbane Band Festival Gold winners with both Concert Band and Big Band.
- St Columban's College School Concert Band Spectacular – Primary Winner.
- Competition Choir winner of Morayfield Shopping Centre Christmas Choir Competition.
- Choir finalists in QYMA and North Coast Regional ChoralFest.
- Over 700 students marched in the Bribie Island ANZAC Day March.
- 98 % of students received Gold Certificates each term.
- Concert Band, Choir and Buglers supported the Bribie Island Sub Branch RSL in their Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day Services.
- Triathlon Team won the 2012 – 2013 Open Team Series. Teams came 1 – 5 places in first Triathlon of 2013 – 2014 in Open Mixed Events and 1 – 3 places in Open Female Event.
- Sporting Teams won seven team sport premierships, the Cross Country Team won the District "A" Schools competition.
- Senior Rugby League Team won the Matt Gillett Cup.
- Girls Netball and Touch Football Teams made the State Finals.
- Year 6 students won the University of Newcastle Science and Technology Challenge.
- Year 6 team was named as Australian Finalists in the NATA Young Scientists of the Year.
- Speech Choir and Big Band featured on 612 ABC Brisbane Radio.
- Dance Troupe established.

Congratulations to all staff and students for an amazing list of achievements.

### **Matt Gillett Cup**

Congratulations to our Senior Rugby League boys, Mr Blackmore and parent coach Mr Ware on defending our Matt Gillett trophy for the second year in the recent Warrigals Gala Day. All students who attended the Gala Day should be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour.

### **Triathlon**

Congratulations to all 26 teams who competed in Race 2 of the Bribie Triathlon Series. We again came 1-8 amongst all teams and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Women's. Another great celebration of our school community.

### **Facebook**

Thank you to the parents who photographed the screen from a Facebook site and emailed it to me. Unfortunately we have had some defamatory remarks about staff posted on Facebook. As previously advised in Volume 6 (1 May), Volume 9 (13 June) which included a handout from the Department of Education and Training and Volume 17 14 November, 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.

There is very strong legislation which protects all people against Cyber Bullying and defamation. This screen shot has accordingly been sent for possible action under this legislation.

As advised for the last 7 years since I have been here, my door is always open for parents. If you have a concern please contact the school office to make an appointment with myself or one of the deputies. Our school **does not** have a Facebook page. We are on Twitter at @Banksiabeachss and this site is personally managed by me to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at our school or to keep you up to date with what is occurring on a daily basis.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to our amazing P&C led by Julie Stanfield, Monique Spriggs, Julie Hedge, Nicole Boserio and Allen Andersen. We very much appreciate all your work that is performed on behalf of all students to enhance our learning environment.

Thank you also to my wonderful admin team who work incredibly long hours alongside me to ensure our school is as good as it can be. Thank you also to all staff who are so positive about our school and do everything possible to ensure all students can achieve the highest possible outcomes. Thank you to grounds and cleaning staff led by Mrs Jennifer Rolfe who provide a beautiful environment for all students.

Thank you to all parents who have positively supported our students and staff throughout the year. We have a beautiful school and I am so very proud and fortunate to be the Principal! I am so lucky to work in an environment that I love to pieces!

Thank you and I can't wait to start it all again in 2014. Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.

Best wishes  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal.

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### **Last Day for School Payments**

Last day for processing student payments is Friday, 6 December – there will be no processing in the last week of term – the payment window will be closed.

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### **Chaplaincy Update**

We have had a very busy year at Banksia Beach State School. Throughout the year, many students have spoken to me about a range of issues they are dealing with. Our 'Chappy Room' is open before school and at lunchtimes on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Each term it takes on a new theme and the children engage in a range of activities from colouring in to games and craft.

2013 saw the commencement of our "*Uniquely Me*" Girls Program in which 26 girls from Years 4 -7 participated in. This is an evidence based program for girls to increase confidence, decision-making, friendships and group work skills through small group discussions and fun and games.

Our boys also enjoyed a great program called "Rock and Water". This program teaches the boys to use their power in a more effective way and shows them how to deal with different kinds of conflict, to identify their limitations and possibilities, learn to communicate more effectively and respect boundaries. These programs are run in conjunction with our Acting School Guidance Officer, Mrs Michelle Hogan

A challenging but rewarding year! Thank you for your support for our Chappies in schools!

Mrs Ann-Maree Marsh, School Chaplain

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### **Canteen News**

The school canteen will close for the year on Friday, 6 December.

**No Canteen for the last week of term.**



Please make alternative arrangements for your child's lunch for the last week of school.

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### **Year 7 Formal Uniforms**

We constantly lend out our formal shirts and dresses and unfortunately they are not always returned. If your Year 7 child is leaving and you would like to help our uniform pool, we would be very appreciative. Donations can be left at the school office.

## Community News

**Mallet Sports for Family Fun – Bribe Island Croquet Club**, Cosmos Park, Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach. Holiday enjoyment for the whole family. Week commencing 13 January 2014. Cost \$10 per family per session. \$5 for individuals. Time: 8.30-10.30am or 3-5pm. Bring your own hat, sunscreen, sandals and water. For further information or to register please email [bribeislandcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:bribeislandcroquet@gmail.com) or telephone 3408 6767.

**Making Healthy Lunches Easier:** Feeling overwhelmed by making school lunches every day. If you struggle to find the time, inspiration and can't keep up with what makes a "healthy lunch" then this session will help you discover lunch ideas that all busy parents and their will love. Join Home Economist Louise D'Allura from Meal Planning your Way & Gluten Free Food Blogger Jess Zutt from Cooking 4 K to share their tips tricks and recipe ideas to keep kids healthy.

Thursday, 16 January 2104 10.00am-12.00pm  
\$27.50 per person

RSVP Friday 10 January.

Bookings [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/caboolture-hub](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/caboolture-hub)

Venue: Level 1 Caboolture Hub, Hasking Street, Caboolture

School Holiday Junior

Golf Clinic

Conducted by Nick Symonds AA PGA Golf Professional



**PACIFIC HARBOUR**

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

3:30pm-5:00pm

All aspects of the golf game covered including long game, chipping and putting.

**Games and prizes to be won!**

**\$15 per child**

All children aged between 6-16 welcome

All children must wear a collared shirt, hat and enclosed shoes.

**Booking essential Phone 3410 4011**

## Date Claimers

### December

- Wednesday, 4 P-3 Awards
- Thursday, 6 Year 4-6 Awards
- Friday, 6 Year 7 Awards Ceremony from 9am
- Monday, 9 Behaviour BBQ
- Monday, 9 Cherubs Concert 1-3pm
- Tuesday, 10 Year 7 Dreamworld
- Wednesday, 11 Year 7 Graduation 5.30pm sharp
- 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	PrepABC
10.30am	PrepDEF
12.30pm	Year 1DEFH

Thursday, 5 December

10.30am	Year 1ABC
12.30pm	Year 2

Friday, 6 December

12.30pm	Year 3
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Monday, 9 December

10.30am	Year 4
12.15pm	Year 5

Wednesday, 11 December

10.30am	Year 6
12.30pm	Year 7

We would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas Please have a safe and happy holiday.



Our school office will reopen on Monday, 20 January.

Class lists will be on display from Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Uniform Shop will be open from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January through to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9am to 2pm, everyday.

School resumes on Tuesday, 28 January 2014.