

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This week at Banksia Beach State School our Administration team has welcomed so many students into our offices who have achieved their goals for the term. At Banksia we love celebrating achievements and seeing all students striving to achieve their numeracy and literacy goals is certainly a wonderful way to spend my morning. Take the time to speak to your child about his/her goals and how they are progressing towards achieving all their goals.

### **TRIATHLON**

Congratulations to all students, parents and staff who competed for us in Round 4 of the Bribie Island Triathlon Series last Sunday. Thank you also to our many supporters who lined the streets cheering for Banksia as we rode past. Once again we had a very successful round. Our results included:

Open Women's winner, Open Men's first and second, Open mixed first, Clubs first - eighth.

This was also the final in this series. Once again a very successful series for us. We achieved first, second and third in the Open Women's Series and first, second and third in the Club's Series. Unfortunately we didn't enter the first Open Men's race so we were ineligible to achieve a Series result. The next Triathlon Series commences in October; make it your goal to be involved. Start your training this weekend.

## FACEBOOK

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.

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. Currently there is one online post which is being investigated for further action under cyber bullying legislation - **Defamation Act 2005 (Qld)** and using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence (**Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) s.474.17**)

## ANZAC DAY

This year our school will again be very well represented on ANZAC Day. Mr O'Callaghan has prepared four trumpeters - Sophie Hyland, Callum Heard, Charles Warrington-Young and Alfie Dodsworth - who will play "The Last Post" and "Reveille". This is an incredibly difficult accomplishment and I congratulate the students on behalf of our school community. This year we will also feature our Marching Band for the first time. They will proudly lead the March. Once again I encourage all students to march for our school on April 25. To ensure we are better prepared this year I would ask that you complete the intention to march form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the office. This will enable us to know which children receive 10 points towards their citizenship badge and also to have several rehearsals prior to the day ensuring all students know where to line up and who to report to on the day. New families to our school are advised that each year a child marches in the ANZAC Day march for our school they receive 10 points towards their citizenship badge. To receive a Citizenship badge you require 20 points. All children who marched for us for the first time last year and who march again this year will receive their badge on the assembly after ANZAC Day. Last year we had over 700 students marching for us. I look forward to breaking this record number as a way of showing respect to our Returned Services Men and Women.

Let's Have a Great Week.

Regards  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal

## EXTERNAL TESTING – ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE

Each year twenty students from Years 4-7 are nominated by teachers to participate in the University of NSW academic testing program in Science (7<sup>th</sup> May), English (1<sup>st</sup> July) and Maths (15<sup>th</sup> July). This allows some of our more academically-minded children to be acknowledged and for the school to see how our results compared to same age students from all over Australia. Cost for each test is \$7.00 which is funded by the school.

Twenty Year 7 students are also offered the opportunity to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition (7<sup>th</sup> August) at a cost of \$6.00 per student.

If you wish your child to be included automatically, you may nominate them and make payment by 30 April for each test you wish your child to take. Payment can be made via the payment window between 8.30-9.30am.

## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Banksia Beach School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Wednesday 19 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage our 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 wheel to school.

Children who ride, skate or scooter to school on this day will get a sticker and a bacon and egg wrap as well as a drink when they arrive. I will set up a bicycle obstacle course at first break for children who ride their bikes so that they can demonstrate their riding skills. This will be suitable for children of all ages.

Parents who are interested in helping out on the day can contact me. I look forward to your ongoing support for our Travel Choice initiatives.

Peter Hartshorn, Deputy Principal

## OUR FIRST BOOK FAIR ARRIVES

### VERY SOON

The first 2014 Banksia Beach Book Fair arrives in our library on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This fair's theme is:



Our school community traditionally supports our Book Fairs brilliantly. This is your chance to buy some fantastic, affordable books selected from more than 60 publishers worldwide. At the same time, you will help our school to buy more books for our shelves and your children.

Dates : Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.  
Times : 8.30am – 3.30pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Eagles Basketball Club** Winter Season Sign on Friday, 4 April 5.30-7.00pm at Morayfield Park Leisure Centre (behind Bunnings and Community Centre) Further details contact Tyler Simmons 0423 198 751 or Linda Lehtonen 0404 069 773 or email [eaglesbasketballcaboolture@gmail.com](mailto:eaglesbasketballcaboolture@gmail.com) or [www.eaglesbasketballcaboolture.com.au](http://www.eaglesbasketballcaboolture.com.au)

**"Kick-a-Can" Drive – Bribie Island Joey Scouts** are holding a Can Drive to help them learn more about the environment and the recycling process. This drive also goes towards their environment badge. Donations of cans can be placed in the can bin located at the Scout Den, Webster Street, Bongaree or given to a Bribie Joey Scout. The drive will run from 5 March to 13 June 2014.

Many thanks Jacana, Emu & Joeyes

## Date Claimers

### March

- Thursday, 6 Final payment for swimming
- Wednesday, 12 Year 6 Student Leader Ceremony
- Friday, 14 Year 7 Student Leader Ceremony
- Wednesday, 19 National Ride to School Day
- Thursday, 27 Year 4/5 Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 28 Year 6/7 Swimming Carnival

### April

- Tuesday, 1 Subway Lunch
- Thursday, 3 School Disco
- Friday, 4 Free Dress Day - Gold coin donation

- Friday, 4 Last Day of Term 1
  - Tuesday, 22 Term 2 commences
- May**
- Friday, 2 Lapathon
  - Friday, 9 School Cross Country
- June**
- Friday, 27 End of Term 2



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

## SOCIAL MEDIA and the school community

for a full copy of the Department of Education, Training and Employment publication see

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsav/docs/social-media-and-community-online.pdf>

# General tips

### Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really need to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- Remember that what you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you based on what you post online.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to relax and think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.

- Be mindful when commenting, try to keep general and avoid posting anything that could identify individuals.
- A few years ago parents may have discussed concerns or issues with their friends at the school gate. Today with the use of social media, online discussions between you and your close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience, potentially far larger than intended.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child's online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others. Parents are their child's first teachers — so they will learn online behaviours from you.

## Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?

- Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.
- While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.
- If you have raised an issue with a school or know that another person has, consider refraining from discussing those details on social media, particularly the names of anyone involved.
- Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email.
- If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child's learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.