

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

Thursday, 20 March 2014  
Volume 04

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Another busy fortnight with so many students achieving their term 1 goals and setting new goals. We love to celebrate the achievement of these goals with your child as I am sure you do when they come home excited by their learning.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE**

The 2014 National Day of action against bullying and violence is on Friday 21 March. Thank you to Junior School Captain Victoria Spriggs who has led our registration process.

The annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying No Way and to strengthen our existing every day messages that bullying and violence are not okay at school at any time.

This week we are reinforcing that bullying is not okay and at Banksia Beach we won't let anything go by. All allegations are investigated and, if found to be correct, we ensure consequences are given.

If your child comes home and reports something that occurred that made them feel upset or unsafe your first question is: did you tell a teacher? If your child's response is no, please reinforce that Mrs King always says to report everything and then let us know the next day so it can be investigated.

At Banksia we strongly believe the standard we walk past is the standard we set. Our standards are incredibly high and I want all students to feel safe and supported while learning.

## NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

This week we participated in National Ride 2 School Day. Wednesday March 19 marks the eighth National Ride 2 School Day; where over 250 000 students ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. At Banksia Beach State School over 600 students chose this option.

National Ride 2 School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven't started to give it a go.

At Banksia Beach State School students were rewarded with a raffle ticket which entitled them to breakfast, tickets in a random draw raffle and a great fun lunchtime participating in obstacle courses and a slow bike race.

Thanks to Mr Hartshorn for his organisation and to all the staff who volunteered before school and at lunchtime to ensure all students had a great day.

## GOLD ASSEMBLIES

In the next two weeks we will again be holding our Gold Assemblies. This is where we celebrate excellent behaviour. As part of our School wide Positive Behaviour Program it is essential that we reward in a positive manner all students who each and every day come to school and follow our school rules and uphold our school values. I look forward to celebrating these occasions with your child.

Let's Have a Great Week.

Regards  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal

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## P&C SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be held next Thursday, 27 March at 5.00pm to adopt the 2014 P&C Model Constitution. The meeting will be held in the SEU building (D Block).

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## 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.

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## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Orders for Winter Jackets are now being taken. To ensure delivery early in Term 2 orders and payment must be received by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – please use the yellow order forms sent home with youngest siblings. An example of the jacket is on display at the Uniform Shop.

Ordering for Senior Shirts has now closed. However, if there is sufficient interest later in the year, we will be able to arrange a second delivery.

Ordering for House Polos has also closed. A small amount of stock will be available at the Uniform Shop before the end of term.

We have a few 'Little Stars' shirts left from last year's musical, now selling for \$8 – please check at the shop for sizes and colours. We also have DVDs of the performance available for \$3.

Being swim season we are selling swim caps in most of the House colours for \$2 – be ready for your swim carnival and show which house you belong to!!

Please consider donating any out-grown school uniform – all money goes towards the P&C fundraising efforts. We currently have a dress, a formal shirt, skorts, maroon polos and a few house polos.

Mandy Allen, Uniform Shop Convenor

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## TERM 1 GOLD AWARD CEREMONIES

Mon 31 March	10.30am Prep ABC 12.45pm Prep DEG
Tues 1 April	10.30am Year 1 ABC 12.45pm Year 1 DEFG
Wed 2 April	10.15am Year 3 12.45am Year 2
Thurs 3 April	10.30am Year 5 12.00pm Behaviour BBQ for any student who hasn't received a yellow or red slip during Term 1. 12.45pm Year 4
Fri 4 April	10.30am Year 6 12.45pm Year 7

*Dates correct at the time of printing*

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Every day counts at Banksia Beach. We want our students to be at school every day possible and monitor closely patterns of absences.

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new [Every Day Counts videos](#) live on DETE TV. <http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>

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## PARKING INFORMATION

### No Parking Zones on Sunderland Drive

A reminder to all parents driving their children to school, the front of the school on Sunderland Drive is designated a **Loading Zone – Passengers 2 mins max. (7.00-9.00am & 2.00-4.00pm)**. Under this ruling you are permitted to stop, drop off or pick up within the 2 minute timeframe of the car stopping (ie., drop and go).



Parking on the School Grounds: Parents and caregivers are prohibited from parking on the school grounds. Only parents with **school issued parking permits** have permission to use the turn-circle adjacent to the admin/SEU blocks. This turn-circle area is a "drop and go" area only and is not to be used for parking.

By following these basic rules, you are making a safer area for your child and the other students of our school.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT POLICE PATROL ALL OF THESE AREAS AND OFFENDING VEHICLES/DRIVERS WILL BE BOOKED.**

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## SCHOOL DISCO



Term 1 disco will be held Thursday, 3 April in the hall.

Cost- \$3.00 per student

Glow-in-the-Dark items \$2.50+ each

**Junior Disco - 5.00-6.30pm:** Parents must accompany students. Please note that students from upper grades are not to attend the junior disco (student councillor helpers excepted).

**Senior Disco – 6.30-8.00pm:** Parents must drop off and pick up students from the door. **Students will not be allowed to proceed to front entrance/carpark alone.**

**Our disco is open to Banksia Beach State School students only.**

## 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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**"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 & Joys

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## Date Claimers

### March

- Mon 24-Wed 26 Year 6 Camp
- 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
- Tues 13 - Fri 16 NAPLAN Testing - Year 3/5/7
- Thur 22 - Fri 23 School Photos

### 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.