Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2.

Thank you sincerely to the more than 700 students who marched for our school. Thank you parents for ensuring your child was on time and turned out beautifully in formal uniform. The RSL members were so impressed that so many students marched for them.

Congratulations to our four trumpet players - Callum Heard, Sophie Hyland, Alfie Dodsworth and Charles Warrington—Young for a superb performance of “The Last Post” and “Reveille” at our school service, the Dawn Service and the Bribie Island main service. It is an extremely difficult piece of music and the students performed exceptionally well.

Thank you to our Marching Band! A fabulous addition to our program. All students who were part of the Marching Band attended rehearsals twice a week during their lunchtimes and before school. As I said on assembly on Tuesday the preparation for being part of the Marching Band is not exciting. It’s actually quite boring to march round and round on the oval, however the reward for doing a job so very well and the pleasure and the memories the students achieve in doing so well will last a life time. As I always say, you get nothing just for turning up. Hard work, combined with talent and dedication is what enables results.

The organisation involved to present students to this standard was enormous and I thank sincerely Mrs Rolfe for her coordination. Thank you to our staff that turned out in force to supervise and march so proudly with our school.

Finally a very special thank you to our Director of Instrumental Music, Mr O’Callaghan - how very fortunate we are to have him as a member of Banksia Beach State School. Now what to add for next time?

**Signing in at the Office**

Please remember if you are coming into the school other than pick up and drop off times it is essential you sign in at the office. We have to know at all times who we have on site.

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

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**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy will take place on May 13, 14 and 15 for children in Years 3, 5 and 7. The children have been well prepared and supported to do their very best. Please ensure your child is well rested and enjoys a nutritious breakfast.

**Competitions Commence**

This week sees the first of our Competitions commence.

On Wednesday our Concert Band competes at the Queensland Youth Music Awards in Brisbane. Unfortunately we had to cut down to less than 50 to comply with this section. They are very well prepared by Mr O’Callaghan and I look forward to accompanying them.

**Dance Troupe**

Another wonderful opportunity offered this year by Miss Mastrogiannis, Mrs Mastrogiannis, Miss Hunt and Miss Jamison is our Dance Troupe. These children have worked two lunch times each week to ensure they are able to give a fabulous performance at the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod on Friday night. Once again I look forward to accompanying our students and staff.

Thank you to all who have contributed to many lasting memories for our students.

Let’s Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

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**Canteen**

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the canteen will not be open on Friday 2nd May. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Normal service will resume week beginning Monday, 5th May.

Anne Colston, P&C Association

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**Uniform Shop**

The following pre-ordered uniform items are available for collection: House Polos, Senior Shirts, Winter Jackets.

We also now have grey tights in stock in 3 different sizes.

If you missed the first round of orders for the Senior Shirt or Winter Jacket and are still interested in purchasing one, please lodge an ‘Expression of Interest’ at the Uniform Shop.

We still welcome donations of uniforms. Money raised from the sale of these goes directly back to the students and the school.

Money raised last term from the sale of swim caps and Little Stars DVDs at the shop, has been donated directly to the SEU.

Mandy Allen, Shop Convenor

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**Date Claimers**

**May**

- Friday, 2 Lapathon
- Friday, 2 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod Dance Troupe
- Monday, 5 Choir Performance for Garden Club
- Tues 6 - Wed 7 Mother’s Day Stall
- Friday, 9 School Cross Country
- Tues 13-Fri 16 NAPLAN Testing – Year 3/5/7
- Friday, 16 Walk Safely to School Day
- 19-23 May Under 8s & Education Week
- Thurs 22-Fri 23 School Photos
- Thursday, 29 Year 4 St Helena’s Island excursion
- Friday 30 Brisbane Eisteddfod – Dance Troupe

**June**

- Monday,
- Tuesday, 24 Senior Sports Day
- Wednesday, 25 Junior Sports Day
- Friday, 27 End of Term 2

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**National Volunteer Week 12-18 May 2014**

National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers in Australia and this year the theme is, ‘Celebrate the power of volunteering.’ It gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for the valuable work that you do throughout the year. We would like to invite all volunteers to an afternoon tea to celebrate the significant contribution you make supporting the staff and students at our school.

When: Thursday 15th May at 1.45pm.
Where: Resource Centre

If you would like to attend, please give your name to Amanda in the canteen.
COMMUNITY LINK CANBERRA TRIP

Last week, to coincide with ANZAC Day, 16 students from Years 6 and 7 travelled with students from Bribie Island State School and Bribie Island High School, on an educational tour of the national capital, Canberra. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs that focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

They visited Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint and the National Zoo and Aquarium.

At Parliament House the students were given a guided tour of the Senate and the House of Representatives. They also participated in a role play activity where they were able to make decisions as members of the Government and Opposition. Afterwards at Old Parliament House which holds the Museum of Australian Democracy, the students explored our history through interactive sights and sat in the original House of Representatives.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support in contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards the travel expenses incurred.

While in Canberra, as members of Bribie Island Community Link, the students were able to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service and found it to be a memorable and moving experience, despite the 3.30am start and cold temperatures. Later that morning in front of the War Memorial, they proudly marched in their blue Community Link jackets past the Royal couple, members of the Government and leaders of our armed forces. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bribie Island RSL Sub branch and their fundraising team, for assisting the students to make this wonderful trip. All Banksia students had a wonderful educational experience and behaved impeccably throughout.

Mrs Sue Mackay- Coordinator Community Link Bribie Island

PHOTO DAY & FAMILY PHOTOS

Dear Parents,

Queensland School Photography will be taking our school photographs on the following dates:

Thursday, 22 May and Friday, 23 May 2014

Students must be wearing full school uniform including grey socks and fully black shoes.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are prepaid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelopes to THE PHOTOGRAPHERS on the date mentioned above – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Follow these steps to order:

1. Complete student details on the order envelope – one envelope for each student.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, credit card or online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
3. Online orders – visit www.qldschoolphotography.com.au to order. Reference number must be recorded on envelope and handed to photographers.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given).
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.
8. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together, please collect a Sibling Envelope from the school administration and bring the completed envelope along with your children to the school hall from 8.00am to 8.50am on Thursday, 22 & Friday, 23 May.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child, Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order, please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 07 3807 9601.

Kind regards
Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd
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