

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

Wednesday, 14 May 2014
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

A wonderful two weeks of celebrations!

Congratulations to Mr O'Callaghan and our Concert Band students who recently competed in the Queensland Youth Music Awards. The students played to a very high standard impressing the adjudicator who praised them highly. The children were named the winners of the Ross Baker Trophy for Primary School Bands and Orchestras. Well done; a wonderful achievement after a great deal of work!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

On Thursday May 15 at 1:45pm we are hosting an afternoon tea for all our volunteers. This is an opportunity for us to stop and say thank you to all the people who give to our school. We are so fortunate to have so many people who give so much free time to help our students. Thank you for the difference you make to the lives of our students. I very much appreciate our army of volunteers coordinated so well by Mrs Sharon Whittaker.

RESOURCE KITS

Every classroom has interactive smartboards to allow our teachers to maintain the high quality educational outcomes for which Banksia Beach State School is renowned. Thank you to those parents who have purchased our Resource Kits. As previously explained this covers all of the electronic resources children use on a daily basis. This includes Maths on Line, Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Reading Eggs Express, Study Ladder, Sunshine on Line and Bug Club. The student grey & maroon folders only form part of this resource and are usually given in the first year of the student commencing at our school. These folders are used to store the outcomes from the online resources.

Resource kit charges are applied every year to offset student curriculum costs.

In order for us to continue to offer this huge array of electronic resources it is important that we receive payment for this resource. We do not ask students to purchase many text books as we purchase these online resources on behalf of your students.

NAPLAN

Thank you to parents for ensuring students were well prepared and ready for NAPLAN. I was very proud of all students who were all engaged in their classrooms and gave their very best. Results will be available later in the year.

LAPATHON

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lapathon and who secured sponsors. It is always one of our biggest fundraisers. All funds must be returned by this Friday. I am looking forward to celebrating our final figure.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all Years 3–7 students who competed in the School's Cross Country. Our team for the District Cross Country is looking strong. Special congratulations to Vanessa Fairey and Corey Lowrie who have won the Cross Country every year since Year 3 and finished with a final win in Year 7.

FREE DRESS DAY

Congratulations to Alex Day & Corey Lowrie who have both made Regional Teams and are competing in Cairns. Our school always likes to help students financially to make these teams which are an extremely expensive exercise if travelling long distances. Consequently we are holding a free dress day for Years 4 – 7 on May 16 to support these young athletes. Gold coin donation.

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King

Principal

READY READER TUTOR TRAINING

Banksia Beach State School is conducting a Ready Reader training course.

The Ready Reader program provides assistance to students who need extra help with their reading. The program offers students regular one-on-one reading with a trained tutor, aiming to help children gain confidence with their reading and become independent readers.

Upon completion of the course we ask that you consider volunteering a minimum of one hour a week to help implement this program at our school. Ready Reader training is also useful for parents and anyone wishing to learn strategies to help their children at home.

The course is run over 1 day and is open to all parents and members of the community.

Date: Tuesday 27th May
Time: 9.00am – 2.45pm

To register for the course register at the office or see Sharon in A Block.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 16th May we will celebrate National Walk Safely to School Day for 2014. As we did last year, we will have teachers leading 'walking buses' of children and parents from three locations that have easy and ample parking.

The purpose is to highlight parking and walking as a great option to parking in the front carpark. Miss Hunt & Mrs Hope-Smith will 'drive' the walking bus from Cosmos Park in Sunderland Drive, Mr Neisler, Mrs Barron & Mrs Armstrong will 'drive' the walking bus from Anchor Court off Avon Avenue and Mr Mayes will lead the walking bus from Eagles Landing. Maps showing routes have been included with this newsletter. **All walking buses will leave at 8.10am.**

If the children or parents would like to track your kilometres travelled, time and average speed walking to and from school, you can download the WSTSD Take the Challenge App as it is designed to do exactly that.

Anyone who walks independently or uses the walking buses will be treated to a vegemite scroll or a homemade muffin and a popper when they arrive at school.

Make a great Travel Choice, support this initiative and enjoy a walk in this beautiful autumn weather.

Peter Hartshorn for the Travel Choice Committee.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please ensure that you collect any pre-ordered uniform items, such as House Polos, Senior Shirts or Winter Jackets. Any items not collected after one term will be returned to stock.

Grey tights are now in stock in 3 different sizes - \$10.

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

Left at the uniform shop in week 3: 1 red 'Sports Gallery' water bottle – please come and collect if it's yours!!

Mandy Allen, Shop Convenor

CHILD READING GLASSES

We have several pairs of reading glasses in an array of colours and styles which have been handed in at the office.

If your child has lost or missing their glasses, please call into the office and hopefully we can reunite the glasses with their owners.

Date Claimers

May

- 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

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.

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.qldschoollphotography.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

Queensland School Photography – PO Box 3169, Loganholme Q. 4129 Telephone 07 3807 9601

Photo Timetable

Thursday, 22 May

7C, 7A, 7B, 6/7D, 5A, 5B, 2/3H, 5D, 5E, 5/6F, 6A, 6B, 6C, all Captains ie., School, Sports, Band, Choir, etc

Friday, 23 May

PA, PC, PD, 1A, 1C, 1E, 2A, 3F, 2C, 5C, 3A, 3C, 4A, 4C, 4E, 2E

PB, P/1G, PE, 1B, 1D, 1F, 2B, 3G, 2D, 3E, 3B, 3D, 4B, 4D, 3/4I, 2F

**The school is not collecting any photo money – please follow the photo company's instruction as above.
Money cannot be transferred into the school account.**