

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

Thursday, 26 June 2014
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I am not sure where this term has gone, but it certainly went by in a whirlwind! Thank you to everyone who has made a positive contribution to our school.

Disco

Our weather has turned cold and we are hoping to avoid students and staff coming down with colds during the holidays! We have changed our Disco times to ensure we are all home in our snugly homes a little earlier. Junior Disco commences at 4:30pm and concludes at 6:00pm. Senior Disco commences at 6:00pm and concludes at 7:30pm. All Junior students must be accompanied by a parent and all senior students are not able to attend the junior disco unless they are designated School Councillors. More information in this newsletter.

REPORT CARDS

As previously advised our report cards will be sent out in week one next term with interviews in week two. This allows us to teach for the maximum amount of time each semester and for the report to be current when you have your parent/teacher interview. Please take this opportunity to talk in depth with your child's teacher about your child's achievements and goals for Semester 2.

FANFARE

Fanfare is a biannual competition for Instrumental Music Ensembles across Queensland. More than 680 ensembles from 400 schools across Queensland nominated to participate in Fanfare 2014. More than 23,700 instrumental music students performed in the Fanfare 2014 regional festivals.

In North Coast Region 224 Ensembles containing more than 8,500 students competed in various heats from Maryborough down to North lakes for an opportunity to compete in the finals and ultimately represent the North Coast Region in the State Final.

Banksia Beach State School's two ensembles **Fanfare Band** and **Big Band** were two of six North Coast Regional Ensembles to make the Regional Primary Final.

Banksia Beach State School was named the winner of the Regional Final and then was named one of two of the North Coast Region's State Finalists.

In the history of Fanfare, a competition which began in 1985, there have been only six primary schools to make the final.

Banksia Beach State School is the only Primary School to make the final twice. This year once again they are the only primary school competing against the ten secondary schools.

The adjudicator said "This is the best Primary School Ensemble I have seen in Australia in my 30 Years of adjudicating."

Mike Tyler (Principal Education Officer for the Arts and Federal Chair for the AMEB) "I have never in my life and believe I will never again see a primary school perform at this standard."

The State Final is on August 6 -8 in Brisbane.

All of Banksia wish this very talented group of students and their amazing director Mr Martin O'Callaghan all they very best against the ten secondary schools!

NEITA

Congratulations to Mr Joel Crew who has been nominated for a National Excellence in Teaching Award. The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards started in 1994. The awards provide communities with an opportunity to encourage, recognise, reward and honour their dedicated, talented, innovative and inspiring teachers whose efforts often go unrecognised. If there is a teacher who has made a difference to the life of your child who you would like to reward and recognise go to WWW.ASG.com.au to nominate them online.

ATHLETICS' CARNIVALS

Thank you to our fabulous PE Teacher Mr MacArthur for his huge organisation of our athletics' carnivals. I am very much looking forward to spending both days with all students. I love to see the sheer joy each student

derives from doing their very best and I also enjoy congratulating all students. Thank you to our P&C for organising the canteen.

May I wish all of our families a wonderful holiday and I look forward to another amazing term with your children?

Let's Have a Great Week

Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS RESULTS

After a huge 2 days of sporting achievements, the final results for our Athletics Carnivals are as follows:

Koopa 3856
Doomba 3737
Amity 3532
Mirimar 2922

Congratulations to Koopa house. All age champions will be published in our next newsletter.

PARKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be advised that parking on the school grounds is only available to staff and parents who have a school issued permit. Volunteers are requested to park in the school car park at the front of the school or adjacent streets.

We have had several incidents recently where parents are entering the school grounds and speeding within the carpark. Parents who continue to use the school grounds for dropping off and picking up will have their details forwarded to the police. The safety of our staff and students is paramount. Police patrol this area and will issue an infringement notice to anyone without authority to be on the school grounds.

SCHOOL DISCO

Term 2 disco will be held on Thursday, 26 June (**tonight**) in the hall.



Cost- \$3.00 per student
Glow-in-the-Dark items \$2.50+ each
Theme: Movie characters

Junior Disco – 4.30-6.00pm: Parents must accompany students. Please note that students from upper grades are not to attend the junior disco (student councillor helpers excepted).

Senior Disco – 6.00-7.30pm: 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos have arrived and will be distributed to classes over Thursday and Friday.

Family group photos and coffee mugs are available for collection from the school office.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE JULY 24

Cost \$4 per student – an invoice will be sent home the first week of Term 3

The Beatty Clan Crew is coming to Banksia Beach. The presentation will include elements from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures - songs and dances focusing on Australia's unique native animals and also Torres Strait play dances.

Taryn Beatty has previously performed with the celebrated Bangarra Dance Company and her daughters are members of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's choir. The family started their own dance company InDidjDance and have even performed at the UN in New York.

SUPPORT-A-TALKER COURSE

- SAT supports language delayed students.
- SAT provides language experiences through small group interactions.
- SAT teaches parents useful strategies to help their own children.
- SAT is a rewarding volunteer program at our school.

Support-A-Talker training is available right here at the school. The course is open to parents and members of

the community. Participants will receive a Certificate upon successful completion of the course.

After training you may wish to volunteer for an hour or more a week to support our students.

The Support-A-Talker training session will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 23rd July 2014
Start time: 8.45am for a 9.00am start
Finish time: 1.00pm

A light lunch will be provided.

To register please see Mrs Sharon Whittaker in A Block or put your name down at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Parents who wish their children to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** are invited to attend one of the following Parent Information Sessions to be held at the Little Flower Catholic Church, First Avenue, Bongaree on **Tuesday 22nd July at 7.00pm** or **Thursday 24th July at 4.00pm**. Further enquiries Sharron Macrae, Sacramental Coordinator on 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.

Date Claimers

July

- Monday, 14 School resumes

August

- Wednesday, 6 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod - Choirs
- Monday, 11 Regional Ekka Public Holiday
- Thursday, 14 Yr 2 excursion to Seaside Museum
- Monday, 18 Vietnam Vets Ceremony
- Thursday, 21 Yr 2 excursion to Seaside Museum
- Mon 25-Wed 27 Year 5 Camp Mt Tambourine

RED TAPE REDUCTION IN SCHOOLS

As part of the department's effort to reduce red tape and the retaining of paperwork, our school now offers parents the option to receive their invoices, statements etc via email. This will reduce the amount of paper used by the school and also the amount of time spent by staff producing the invoice and distribution to students. Electronic invoices will also cut down on the time between the raising of the invoice and when the invoice gets home and, in some cases, lost in transit. Please complete the form below with your email address. By completing this form, you confirm that you prefer to receive this information by email.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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_____ Class: _____

Email address: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____