

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

*Banksia Beach State School provides a high quality education enabling every student to achieve personal excellence.*

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Volume 1

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for a wonderful 2015. Can I take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families into our Banksia family - I wish you every success.

It is delightful walking around our school to see such a high level of engagement in every room.

Thank you to our grounds staff, cleaners and admin staff for having our school so attractive and ready for 2015. Thank you also to our teaching staff for presenting such engaging rooms.

### **Parent Teacher Nights**

Next week we are holding our Parent Information Evenings. These are not individual meetings, but a short meeting to let you know what the year has in store for your child. They all commence in the hall.

- February 10, 4:30pm Prep, 5:00pm Year 1, 5:30pm Year 2, 6:00pm Year 3
- February 11, 4:30pm Year 4, 5:00pm Year 5, 5:30pm Year 6

## Contacts

Once again Mrs Heidi Weaver is the Deputy Principal looking after Prep and Yr 1, Mrs Marcia Hooper is currently on leave and Mrs Kerran Nicholson is the Deputy Principal looking after Yr 2 and 3. Mr Peter Hartshorn is again looking after Yr 4 and 5. I continue to look after Yr 6. Please remember we are here to help and wish to resolve any concerns you have.

Banksia Beach has an official Twitter account @Banksiabeachss, just go to our website to follow. This account is managed by me and all posts are made by me. I post information about daily life at Banksia and also important information on daily operational matters. It is also where I post information on late buses or urgent information. We do not have a Facebook page and any page said to be representing Banksia is not official, is not managed nor monitored by any of my staff and you can not be assured of the accuracy of the information.

This year I have in my welcoming letter to all staff asked them to make several things a priority. I want to concentrate my first newsletter to you on one of those themes- Our Motto – *“Achieving Personal Excellence.”*

The way I describe excellence is that it is not just for the elite it is something very personal. In fact, if you are doing your personal best then that is excellence for you. Hence our motto *“Achieving Personal Excellence.”* Putting in your very best effort, achieving your highest, and then seeking to do that little bit better, rung creeping to something higher, striving harder, looking for better ways to achieve, rejoicing in your achievements, looking for answers to old hurdles ...to me this defines excellence. It is putting yourself in a place where no one could say you didn't try your best. It is what I ask of myself and my staff for every student. It is also true that excellence means being the best. There are many examples from last year where Banksia was judged to be the best in many arenas including music, sport and academia. How do we continue this? We each strive for our personal best in all areas.

Developing and Nurturing the Banksia Spirit. Mr Brennan, Assistant Director General for State Schooling, attended our Spirit of Banksia last year and wrote to me afterward, in his letter he said;

*“I believe that you can feel the ‘spirit of Banksia’ as soon as you enter the school. I have been twice to the school and I have experienced it both times.”*

So what is Banksia's spirit? What does it look like if you have it? What makes us special? Most importantly how can we continue it this year?

First we need to understand spirit. Spirit is definitely something that is individual. It is, according to the dictionary, “an attitude or principle that inspires, animates or pervades thought, feeling or action”. So it is something that makes you think differently, feel differently and act differently. The spirit of Banksia cannot, however, be just individual; it has to be about something that we share, something that we do

collectively, something that binds us together. So while, it is about how we think, feel and act as individuals Banksia spirit is about how we think, feel and act because we are here. It is much more than than supporting at a sporting event. It is much more than standing in the Convention Centre watching our little students playing for the most prestigious audience with the most outstanding ensembles from secondary schools. It is deeper and more important than that.

It is about what we choose to do as individuals because we subscribe to a set of values Pride, Unity, Respect, Excellence, and what we do for and with each other. It is the pride we show that we are part of something special. It is the difference we make and the determination we show. We need to be the best we can be and be proud of that. Then we truly demonstrate Banksia spirit.

This year already demonstrates the Banksia Spirit. After one week I am able to already talk about our great success in the outside sporting arena. Last weekend we had 21 teams compete in the Bribie Island Team Triathlon. For many of our students it was their first time competing and everyone achieved personal excellence and demonstrated the Banksia Spirit! We again came first and second in the Open Female, first and second in the Open Male, first in the Open Mixed, first and third in the Open Clubs. We also were placed first to third when compared to all Open Clubs. A fabulous effort! I look forward to the final in this series on March 8. We have the potential to take out several places in the overall series. See Mr Hartshorn if you are interested in competing. We always finish with a BBQ brunch afterwards. It is a wonderful community celebration of our Banksia community.

Regards  
Mrs Jacqui King  
Principal

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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 turnaround adjacent to the admin/SEU block. This turn circle area is “drop and go” area only and is not to be used for parking.

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



### Travel Choice

Banksia Beach State School gets active with travel!

This year our school is taking part in Moreton Bay Regional Council's Travel Choice Schools Program. The program is all about helping students, parents and staff walk, cycle, carpool and use public transport to get to and from school.

We are aiming to have 10% decrease in car use over the year. This is your opportunity to get fit and healthy, save money and reduce traffic congestion at our school.

There will be a number of fun activities throughout the year that everyone can get involved in, so get ready to have some fun, be healthy and active. You can access our travel and maps information on our website under 'Our School' section for information on active travel options everyone can use to get to and from school, including a downloadable Active and Safe Mapping Booklet which as a helpful map with different suggested parking and walking/wheeling routes to the school.

Travel Choice Events days for the year are below, don't forget to add these to your calendar and help us reach our target of 10% in car use.

- ❖ Term 1 Friday, 13 March – Ride2School Day
- ❖ Term 2 Friday, 22 May – National Walk Safely to School
- ❖ Term 3 Wednesday, 16 September – Car Free Day
- ❖ Term 4 Friday, 23 October – International Walk to School Month

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**CATHOLIC PARENTS** with children who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist are invited to attend one of the following Information sessions to be held at the Little Flower Catholic Church, First Ave, Bongaree Tuesday 10 February at 7.00pm or Thursday 12 Feb at 4.00pm. For further information phone Sharron Macrae 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.

### CABOOLTURE CC T20 BLAST

When: 8-10am Saturday 7 February (Program runs for 8 weeks)  
What: First day is FREE 'Come and Try' session  
Where: 28-44 Grant Road Morayfield 4506  
Contact: Steve Adams [sngp@bigpond.com](mailto:sngp@bigpond.com) 0419 773 402  
Register by heading to [www.T2OBLAST.com.au](http://www.T2OBLAST.com.au). Enter 4506 into the 'Register Now' postcode section and the Caboolture program will be first on the list. Then click register here.



### BRIBIE ISLAND AFL CLUB SIGN ON DAY

Saturday, 7 February 10am - 3pm.  
First Avenue, Bongaree  
Juniors from U6's to U17's welcome



### BRIBIE ISLAND NETBALL CLUB 2015 SIGN ON

**Final Sign On** for Juniors Thursday 5 February at 4:00pm and Saturday, 7 February at 8:15am (from the age of 6 in 2015 – born in 2009). Saturday, 7 February at 8:30am is grading so player to be present dressed in training gear, with water bottle and sunscreen ready to have a small game or to have a fun introduction to netball  
Weekly training at Bribie courts, First Avenue  
Further enquiries to Kyllie Kerr (0409 566 005)

### CABOOLTURE TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Season 1 2015 Junior sign on  
Dates: 31 January, 1, 7 & 8 February 2015  
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Venue: Caboolture Touch Fields, Peterson  
Road Morayfield 4506  
Enquires: Ph 5498 6122 or Email [cabtouch@aanet.com.au](mailto:cabtouch@aanet.com.au)



### LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Is running an After School Program for children of school age, every Tuesday afternoon between 3-4pm First Avenue Bongaree. Afternoon tea and materials are provided and the program is FREE! For further information please contact Carmel on 5497 6686 or Eileen on 3408 3601.

**LA DI COLOURSTRINGS MUSIC KINDERGARTEN** classes are for children from 6 months of age to 5 years. Information can be found at [www.ladidahmusic.com.au](http://www.ladidahmusic.com.au), on the La di dah Colourstrings Music Kindergarten Facebook page or contact [sally@ladidahmusic.com.au](mailto:sally@ladidahmusic.com.au) or Ph 3285 1628 to book a FREE TRIAL CLASS.



**STEP UP DANCE STUDIO**  
211 FIRST AVENUE, BONGAREE  
ENROL NOW FOR 2015  
PHONE 3410 1470

**DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?** Did you know there is an Ecumenical Children's Choir on Bribie? It is open to all school aged children. Children from all faiths are encouraged to learn songs that inspire and motivate; share their songs with others; and develop their knowledge and skills with music and singing. All tuition is free as are choir uniforms. Children are able to earn badges as they develop their skills in singing and performing. Established in 2011, the choir has sung for Christmas Carols on Bribie and Sandstone Point, for our senior citizens in retirement villages and in various churches and for a number of other occasions. The choir practices from 4- 5pm at the Uniting Church in Webster Street, Bongaree every Thursday commencing Thursday, 5 February. All are welcome. For further information phone Marg Grove on 5497 5777.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** The Uniting Church in Webster St, Bongaree hosts a Family Fun Night once a month, commencing Friday, 20 February. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the evening. Each family brings a plate of food to share for the evening meal commencing at 6pm followed by fun activities of craft, sport, drama, and games concluding at 8pm RSVP to Marg Grove on 5497 5777.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

- Holton student Trumpet, like new
- Armstrong 80 Flute – Open holed sterling silver head and body
- Asics Boys spikes – size 7 worn only twice

For further information contact Lissia on 0430 430 008.

### Date Claimers

#### February

- Thursday 5 Swimming commences Yr 4-6
- Tuesday 10 Parent Information Evening -
  - Prep 4:30pm
  - Yr 1 5:00pm
  - Yr 2 5:30pm
  - Yr 3 6:00pm
- Wednesday 11 Parent Information Evening -
  - Yr 4 4:30pm
  - Yr 5 5:00pm
  - Yr 6 5:30pm
- Wednesday 18 P&C Meeting 5:30pm in D Block SEU

#### March

- Friday 13 Ride2School Day