Dear Parents,

I mentioned on Year 4/6 assembly that we were in Week 5 and was corrected that it was indeed Week 6. I am not exactly sure where that time has gone, however I am so impressed with all that I am seeing. The engagement of students, the fabulous behaviour and the setting and achievement of goals is truly fabulous.

**ANZAC Day March**
This year ANZAC Day, April 25, falls on the first Saturday after we return for Term 2. Our Marching Band has again been asked to lead the parade and our school will again be marching as a school. If students march they earn 10 points towards their Citizenship Badge. Discuss with your child whether they would like to march for our school this year. Children can march and then sit with parents for the ceremony as it is a big ask for our little ones. Next newsletter you will receive a form to fill in if you intend to participate so we can organise the students. Last year more than 700 students marched for us. We can do even better this year!

**Cyclone Marcia**
This was a very good example of why people need to follow our school on Twitter and ignore what people post on Facebook. On a Facebook site a parent posted that Banksia Beach State School was closed and that the school was ringing parents to collect their children. This was not correct. At all times we remained open and all attending children were actively engaged in learning. On Twitter I posted “Banksia Beach State School is not closed. Please be advised that this is the only official media site for our school.” Our school website also has our Twitter feed posted.

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

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If you don’t have Twitter that is another way to check Twitter and receive up to date and most importantly accurate information. We are also updating all parent email addresses and this will form a Banksia Beach School parent group email. This will also give us the avenue to get global messages to parents. Forms went out to youngest in family last week. If you did not receive yours, please send child to school office.

**NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING DAY**

On March 2 our school will join with the nation for a day of action against bullying and violence. Arm bands will be available for purchase and children may wear an orange accessory to remind students at Banksia we say and believe - “Bullying, No Way!” This is not a one off message it is a message we give students each and every day. Take time to read the below definitions taken from the national website with your child and discuss what it means. We will be doing the same at school.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Online bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. In short, bullying is an ongoing misuse of power involving a pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour. Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying. The definition of bullying has three critical aspects – a repeated pattern, the misuse of power within relationships, and behaviour which causes harm; all three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

Please find accompanying this newsletter a colouring sheet for “Bullying, No Way”. Please return to the canteen for your special reward.

Let’s Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King

Principal

**EXTERNAL TESTING – ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE**

Each year twenty students from Years 4-6 are nominated by teachers to participate in the University of NSW academic testing program in Science (3rd June), English (28th July) and Maths (11th August). 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 $8.80 which is funded by the school.

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.

**GOLD AWARDS**

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**SCHOOL DISCO**

Term 1 disco will be held Wednesday, 1 April in the hall. Cost- $3.00 per student

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

**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.**

**P&C NEWS**

The P&C’s Annual Easter Eggstravaganza!! We need your help to make this year’s prizes bigger & better! Each family is asked to donate 1 Easter Egg per family towards the raffle. Donations can be left at the canteen.

**School Run 4 Fun**

The school will be conducting a School Run 4 Fun for students as a major fundraiser for this term. This will be used as a lead up to our School Cross Country early in term 2. The event will take place on Tuesday 31 March. All monies raised will provide additional resources for all the students in our school. Forms will be sent home next week.

**OUR FIRST BOOK FAIR IS NEARLY HERE**

The first 2015 Banksia Beach Book Fair arrives in our library on Monday 23 March. This fair’s theme is Kings, Queens & Castles. 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: Monday 23 March to Thursday 26 March.  
Times: 8.30am – 3.30pm

AMART All Sports Community Kickbacks
Thank you to all our families who have been shopping at AMART All Sports Morayfield and have been giving their community kickbacks to Banksia Beach SS. We received $653.77 from the last quarter to spend on sports gear at the AMART store. To register for the Kickbacks talk to the sales person at AMART All Sports Morayfield the next time you are there.

Grandparent/Carer Group
Banksia Beach State School is currently forming a support group for grandparents who are the carers of their grandchildren. The purpose of this group is to meet other grandparents in similar situations and to share stories and tips. The Guidance Officer will facilitate the group and assist with issues that grandparents may face raising their grandchildren. If you are a grandparent / carer and are interested in joining the group, phone the school office on 3408 5333 and leave your name and number and the Guidance Officer (Michelle Hogan) will be in touch.

Community News
Bribie Island Library Homework Centre  
Every School Day - Monday to Friday 3:00pm-4:00pm  
9 Feb to 2 April 2015  
Years 4 to 6 – no bookings required  
Parents / Carers welcome
- Free internet for your homework (30 mins)
- Five pages of free printing for your homework
- Drinks/snacks available or BYO
- Library staff on hand to answer questions

Exchange Students – Host Family Information
- Would You Like To Be A Host Family To An AFS Exchange Student Arriving In July? We have students from a variety of different countries for 8 weeks to 5 months. If you are interested log on to our website www afs org au/host or contact your local AFS volunteer: Kelly Mudford on 0448 065 990 or email: kechan81@gmail.com . Alternatively you can contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office: Lian Drinan on 1300 131 736 or email lian drinan@afs org
- Learn about Your World Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015. Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www scce com au , email us at scceaust@scca.com.au or call us toll free on 1800500501

Date Claimers

March
- Monday 23 Yr 5/6 Swimming Carnival Book Fair starts
- Tuesday 24 Yr 4 Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 25 Yr 6 Camp Mapleton
- Friday 27 Yr 6 Camp return
- Tuesday 31 School Run 4 Fun

April
- Wednesday 1 Prep and Year 1 Easter Hat Parade  
  School Disco
- Thursday 2 Book Fair Finishes  
  Student Council Free Dress Day, Gold coin donation  
  12noon Behaviour BBQ  
  2:00pm Easter Raffle in the Hall  
  Last Day of Term