

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.*

Wednesday, 18 March 2015  
Volume 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I have had the privilege this week of working for the School Improvement Unit in Central Office to lead a school review. It was a great Professional Development opportunity for me and I thank Mrs Weaver, Mr Hartshorn, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Hobson for managing our school in my absence. It was also wonderful to walk back in to our amazing school and see all children so engaged in their learning.

### **ANZAC Day March**

Please find in this newsletter a form to be completed if you are going to march with us on ANZAC Day. We are hoping to better our 700 from last year. Remember it is 10 points for your Citizenship Badge. The children can sit with you after they have marched or they can remain with the staff during the ceremony. ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday this year. This year again our Marching Band will lead the march. It is an honour for our school to be included in this march and it is important we show our Returned Service League men and women that we value their service.

### **Every Day Matters**

Our Attendance badges have been ordered and will be given to every student who manages 94% attendance at the end of the year. I actually think we can manage higher than this. Any child who achieves 97% attendance will receive their silver badge. If children are ill we do not want them at school but as previously stated we want them here every other day. Learning occurs in every room every day. The current school attendance rate is 93.9%. I am looking forward to this figure increasing and will publish it in each newsletter. I will also be letting each class know of their attendance rate on a weekly basis. At the end of this term the class with the highest attendance rate will receive a certificate and small prize.

### Year 6 Camp

Next week our Year 6 students are attending camp at Mapleton. These opportunities are only offered because we have a fabulous and dedicated staff who are prepared to give up their home life so your students can have this opportunity. Thank you sincerely to Mr Davies, Mr McInerney, Mr Blackmore, Mr Hobson, Mrs Hope-Smith, Pac Briggs, Ms Ziu, Mrs Cupitt, Mr Hartshorn, Mrs Whittaker and our Chappy who are accompanying our children for three days. I am sure I will hear wonderful stories out of this opportunity.

### Lapathon

Thank you to all of our families who are raising funds through the Lapathon. It would be wonderful to say to every child you will be in an air conditioned room next year.

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King

Principal

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### STUDENT ABSENCES

Every day counts at Banksia Beach. We want our students to be at school every day possible and monitor closely patterns of absences.

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

<http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>

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### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

- Monday March 23 Year 5/6 - 9:30am-2:30pm
- Tuesday March 24 Year 4 - 9:30am- 1:30pm.
- Carnival presentation at School Hall, Tuesday March 31 at 2:15pm.

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### 2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep Enrolments at Banksia Beach State School for 2016 are now open. If your child was born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011, they are eligible for Prep in 2016.

For further information, please telephone the office on 3408 5333.

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### RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday saw nearly 500 students and many, many parents ride, scooter or skateboard to Banksia to celebrate this national day of awareness about making great travel choices. Breakfast was provided and I would like to thank the Bribie Lions Club for the

fantastic BBQ and our local Woolworths for donating fresh fruit. We had a fun course set up on the oval at first break for the bike riders which they all seemed to enjoy. Thank you to the parents who encouraged their children to be part of Ride 2 School Day. Thanks to the staff from Moreton Bay Regional Council for their assistance and prizes on Friday morning. Many thanks to the team of Banksia staff members who always help out with our special event days.

Peter Hartshorn for Travel Choice Committee

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### THE TANGKAHAN PROJECT

We have already had some great fundraising for Tangkahan, the latest being our Spider Day which raised \$456.60. This brings our total to \$3369.60. Our target is \$8000 which will buy materials to build a two storey classroom and library. Our Disco on Wednesday, April 1 will support this project. Thank you for getting behind our fundraisers for our sister school in Sumatra.

Peter Hartshorn, Deputy Principal

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### GOLD AWARDS

#### March

Wed 25	10.30am	Prep ABC	12.45pm	PrepDEG
Thurs 26	10.30am	Yr 1ABC	12.45pm	Yr1DEFH
Fri 27	10.30am	Yr 2ABCD	12.45pm	Yr 2EFGH
Mon 30	10.30am	Yr 3ABCD	12.45pm	Yr 3EFG
Tues 31	10:30am	Yr 4ABC	12:45pm	Yr 4DEFG

#### April

Wed 1	10.30am	Yr 5ABC	12:45pm	Yr 5DEG
Thurs 2	10:30am	Yr 6ABC	12:45pm	Year 6DEF

*Dates correct at time of printing*

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### 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.

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### 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.

### Lapathon

Our school will be conducting a Lapathon 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 and 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.

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### UNIFORM SHOP

#### Sale Items

- Banksia Sporting Skins \$15.00 save 40%
- Banksia Bear \$11.50 save 18%

#### Uniform Shop Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday 8:00am – 10:30am  
Wednesday 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Marney Kellogg – Uniform Shop Convenor

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### CANTEEN NEWS

#### Munch Monitor Online Ordering System

As from April 1 we will no longer be using the Munch Monitor Online Ordering System, during the holidays we will be changing over to a new system called School Shop Online. This system will be available for ordering from the start of Term 2. All families currently registered with Munch Monitor should receive a letter home with your child this week. If you have not received a letter please see the canteen for a copy. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and do believe our new system will be great.

#### Subway Lunch

As there are a number of events on in the last two weeks of Term we have decided to postpone our Subway lunch until Term 2.

**The canteen will close for Term 1 on Tuesday March 31. Please make alternate arrangements for your child after this date.**

Amanda Waters - Canteen Convenor

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### 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



### 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.**

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Piano and Theory Lessons:** For further information contact Cheryl Livingstone Phone 3408 6585

#### The University of Western Australia

Survey for Parents and Children. Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 to 16 years. The survey can be done online at home and only takes a short amount of your time. Parents are given the opportunity to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer. For further information contact Kate Derry 6488 3259 or [www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents](http://www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents).



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### Date Claimers

#### March

23	Monday	Year 5/6 Swimming Carnival Book Fair commences
24	Tuesday	Year 4 Swimming Carnival
25	Wednesday	Year 6 Camp Mapleton
26	Thursday	Book Fair ends
27	Friday	Year 6 Camp return
31	Tuesday	Lapathon

#### April

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