

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, 29 April 2015
Volume 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what has already been a very successful term.

ANZAC Commemoration Services

Thank you to all who attended our service here on Friday. Once again our special visitors were so impressed with the standard of behaviour, speakers, musicians and choirs. We always expect and set the highest of standards and I was very proud of our school on Friday.

Thank you also to the many students who attended the Dawn Service. It was so pleasing to see so many students who rose early to participate in a very moving service.

Thank you to all 700+ students who marched in the main service. Thank you parents for the way you presented your child and for giving up a proportion of your weekend to commemorate our returned and current service men and women.

Marching Band

Congratulations to Mr O'Callaghan and our Marching Band who performed superbly. A final thank you to our buglers - Callum Heard, Sophie Hyland, Jy Raleigh and Jack Thompson performed to the highest standard at both the Dawn and Main services. "The Last Post" and "Reveille" are incredibly difficult pieces of music; usually experienced adults are asked to perform these pieces of music. Our students performed with such dignity and expertise. Callum then also played at the Bowls Club.

All children who attended the Dawn Service receive 10 points for their badge as do all students who attended the Main Service. Badge forms will be distributed this week. If your child attended the Dawn Service, an adult who was with your child, needs to sign off their attendance.

Congratulations also to our fourteen students who travelled to Canberra as part of Community Link. All reports were of beautifully behaved students who represented us to the highest standard. Thank you also to Mrs Mackay and Ms Tamas who accompanied the students for the week.

The Development Cup

This week we played the final of the District Development Cup against St Peters. Banksia Beach was undefeated in the previous Round Robin competition in both the junior and senior division. Both games were incredibly tight with the boys playing brilliantly. The final score after extra time in the juniors was 4 -4. The final score in the Senior boys after 20 minutes of extra time was 10 -10. Banksia was awarded the Development Cup as they scored first. We now go on to play the Regional Final. We are only two wins away from the State final. Congratulations to Mr McInerney, Mr Blackmore and Mr Barraud (parent volunteer) for great coaching. Congratulations also to St Peters on a fantastic final and of course congratulations to our boys who really showed the Banksia spirit.

This is a very busy term with NAPLAN, Sport competitions, Band and Choirs competing in Queensland Youth Music Awards and our Dance Troupe heading to their first Eisteddfod this Friday. On behalf of all parents who have children involved in these extracurricular activities I thank their dedicated coaches and conductors. To achieve the standard our children achieve there is an enormous amount of extra work that occurs before school, during lunch times, after school and even on weekends. We know we set the highest standards, but as I always say to the students it doesn't happen just by hoping, it happens because incredibly talented students and staff work very hard. I am looking forward to accompanying our students over the next two weeks.

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

BEGINNER BAND REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for Beginner Band for this Friday, 1 May is cancelled.

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.

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 May 1 for each test you

wish your child to take. Payment can be made via the payment window between 8.30-9.30am.

RESOURCE SCHEME

- Payment for Year 4-6 is now due
- Payment for Prep –Year 3 is **now overdue**.

Invoices for Year 4-6 Resource Scheme has been sent home with each student on Wednesday, 29 April.

Each 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 Scheme. 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 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.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (11-17 May)

We would like to invite all volunteers to an Afternoon Tea to show our appreciation for all the support you give to our school.



When: Tuesday 12th May
Time: 1.45pm
Where: Resource Centre

Please leave your name with the canteen if you are attending.

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

Students must be excluded until they have received appropriate antibiotics for at least 24 hours. Sores are not contagious if covered, or after the child has taken antibiotics for 24 hours. Weeping or crusted sores on exposed areas should always be covered with a watertight dressing until at least 24 hours post antibiotics commenced and for as long as practical. Parents will be contacted if any student suspected of having school sores.

WHOOPING COUGH

We would like to draw our school community's attention to the time of year when Whooping Cough appears. Whooping Cough is a highly infectious illness that is spread by coughing and sneezing. The illness is troublesome and distressing at any age but can be very serious in young infants.

Vaccination gives good protection to young children, but unfortunately this protection does wane with time. Whooping cough may still occur in older children and adults who are fully immunised in early childhood.

The following precautions are recommended to prevent spread of whooping cough in your school:

- We recommend that anyone with a **persistent cough** should see their local doctor immediately. Students with symptoms **should not attend classes** until they have been advised they are able to by their Doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment of this illness is important to limit the

spread of whooping cough in the School and the community. **If whooping cough is detected early in its course, treatment will reduce the time it is infectious to other people.**

- Basic things to remember is wash hands, cover your mouth when coughing, do not cough around pregnant women and do not cough over babies. This will help tremendously with the spread of this disease.

HELPING HANDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Places are now available for Before and After School Care due to the increase in their licencing capacity. Please contact Tina on 0448 080 489 for further information.

PHOTO DAY & FAMILY PHOTOS

Queensland School Photography will be taking our school photographs on Thursday, 7 May and Friday, 8 May.

Thursday P/1F, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, 1/2G, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3C, 3D, 3E, 5D

Friday 1A, 2B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2A, 3A, 3B, 3F, 3G, 4/5G, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5E, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F

Family Group Photos are taken in the hall from 8-9am both days.

Students must be wearing full school uniform including grey socks and fully black shoes.

All orders are prepaid and students must hand their payment envelopes to **THE PHOTOGRAPHERS** on photo day – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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.

P&C COMMITTEE

P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 19 May at 5.30pm in the SEU Block. Current President, Monique Spriggs extends an invitation to all parents and citizens to attend our AGM and join our P&C. Nominations are now open for all positions (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) on the P&C Executive Committee. Forms are available at the School Office. Nominations close on Friday, 15 May 2015.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH - PACIFIC HARBOUR GOLF CLUB

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Cost: \$35 Buffet Lunch

Bookings Essential Phone 3410 4001

Date Claimers

May

5-6	Mon-Tuesday	Mother's Day Stall
7-8	Thurs- Friday	School Photos
11	Monday	QYMA Band Competition
11-15	Mon- Friday	National Volunteer Week
12-14	Tues- Thurs	NAPLAN
14	Thursday	Yr 4 St Helena Island
19	Tuesday	Yr 4 St Helena Island
20	Wednesday	Under 8's Day
		QYMA Junior Choir Competition
21	Thursday	Yr 5 Caboolture Historical Village
22	Friday	Walk Safely to School Day
29	Friday	QYMA Senior Choir Competition

June

2	Tuesday	Regional Cross Country Buderim
3	Wednesday	Subway Lunch
8	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

COMMUNITY LINK CANBERRA TRIP



Last week, to coincide with ANZAC Day, 14 students from Year 6 travelled with students from Bribie Island State School and Bribie Island High School, on an educational tour of the national capital, Canberra.

They visited Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum, the National Library, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, The Royal Australian Mint and the National Zoo and Aquarium.

At Parliament House the students were given a guided tour of the Senate and the House of Representatives. They also participated in a role play activity where they were able to make decisions as members of the Government and Opposition. Afterwards at Old Parliament House which holds the Museum of Australian Democracy, the students explored our history through interactive sites and sat in the original House of Representatives.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support in contributing funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards the travel expenses incurred.

As members of Bribie Island Community Link, the students were able to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service and found it to be a memorable and moving experience. Later that morning in front of the War Memorial, they proudly marched in their blue Community Link jackets past the Governor General, members of the Government and leaders of our armed forces. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bribie Island RSL Sub branch and their fundraising team, for assisting the students to make this wonderful trip.

Mrs Sue Mackay Coordinator Community Link Bribie Island.

