

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, 13 May 2015
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who have supported us over the last fortnight in so many ways.

This week we celebrate National Volunteer Week and it was lovely to host an afternoon tea prepared by Mrs Waters and Mrs Colston for many of our volunteers who give so much to our school on a regular basis. We do appreciate all the extra resources you bring to our school.

Development Cup

Congratulations once again to Mr McInerney, Mr Blackmore and Mr Barraud who coach our team. The boys have progressed to the next round and will play off against Elimbah State School on Friday to see who then makes the semi final. Good luck to our boys and congratulations on some great work to get to this stage.

Queensland Youth Music Awards

Congratulations to Mr O'Callaghan and the Advanced Concert Band who this week were named the winners of the Queensland Youth Music Awards Champion Primary Concert Band. This is the second year they have won under the direction of Mr O'Callaghan. The children range from Yr 2 to Yr 6 and indeed competed against schools from Brisbane who had children all in Yr 6. This is again a wonderful achievement and a great reminder that hard work, dedication when combined with talent does, achieve wonderful results.

NAPLAN

This week students in Year 3 and 5 are sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy). They, along with all students in Year 3 and 5 across Australia will complete the tests and receive a report on where they have performed in Literacy and Numeracy later in the year. Congratulations to all students who worked to do their very best in all tests. Thank you also to all staff who have prepared our students so well.

Uniform

Just a reminder that our uniform colours are maroon and grey. As the cooler months arrive it's important that your students remain in full school uniform. Any jumpers or tights must be maroon or grey. I appreciate your support in ensuring our school always looks very well presented. Remember "Do your best, be your best and look your best."

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards

Mrs Jacqui King

Principal

PARKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Only parents and carers with school issued parking permits are permitted to park on the school grounds.

- Parents of students attending band rehearsals must park in the front car park and walk to the hall.
- Helping Hands (after school care) parents are permitted to use the access road to the back of the school **before 7am** and **after 4pm** – no exceptions.

Some of our school staff have had near incidents involving vehicles who are either illegally parked or speeding on the school grounds. Please be advised and warned that all offending vehicles will be reported to the police station. Police frequently patrol our school zones/grounds and issue fines as needed.

Thank you for ensuring the safety of our students

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, May 22nd is 'Walk Safely to School Day'. We have been participating in this annual, national event for a number of years and it is a great way to show our children (and remind ourselves) that there are great Travel Choices we can make when it comes to getting our children to school.

If you are new to our school, the process is pretty simple. We have three walking buses departing at 8:10am from three designated places. Teachers will walk with students and parents from their 'bus stop' to our school where we will offer a snack breakfast to bus walkers. The three buses depart from Eagles Landing (865 metres from school), Cosmos Park in Sunderland Drive (740 m) and Anchor Court (510m). We will issue maps showing the 'bus stop' and route to school to the prep students

and spare maps are available at the office for anyone who would like one.

This will be our main Travel Choice event for Term Two and I encourage all of you to get involved.

Peter Hartshorn for Travel Choice Committee

GUIDANCE OFFICE & CHAPLAINCY

An information morning has been organised on Wednesday, May 20 in conjunction with Family Week. Displays will be set up at the main entrance to our school from 7:30am – 9:00am. There will be local groups such as Naval Cadets and Scouts, School groups – P&C, Chaplaincy, Special Education Program. Pacific Harbour Golf Club will bring a putting green for kids to have a putt. There will be giveaways and a raffle. Come along and support this worthwhile cause.

We also have a group of ladies knitting dolls and animals for our Chaplain and Guidance Officer to give away to children in need of therapy and to use in their programs. These ladies will come into our school and do knitting lessons with some of the students in these programs. To make this program a success we are in need of donations of wool. If you can help, please leave donations at the school office.

Michelle Hogan, Guidance Officer

READY READER TUTOR TRAINING

Banksia Beach State School is conducting a Ready Reader training course.

The Ready Reader program provides assistance to students who need extra help with their reading. The program offers students regular one-on-one reading with a trained tutor, aiming to help children gain confidence with their reading and become independent readers.



Upon completion of the course we ask that you consider volunteering a minimum of one hour a week to help implement this program at our school. Ready Reader training is also useful for parents and anyone wishing to learn strategies to help their children at home.

The course is run over one day and is open to all parents and members of the community. A light lunch will be provided.

Date: Tuesday 26th May
Time: 9.00am – 2.45pm

To register for the course register at the office phone 3408 5333 or see Mrs Sharon Whittaker in A Block between 8:00 – 9:00am. Numbers are limited.

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.

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.

A VERY SPECIAL RAFFLE

Over the next two weeks we will be running a raffle. One of our very generous parents is a surfboard shaper and has donated a brand new surfboard and stand to our school to be raffled. The money raised will go directly towards classroom resources. A big thank you to Mr Ogorevc for this kind gesture. If the board is not your size or style, Mr Ogorevc has others that can be swapped and he has even offered to custom make a board for the winner. Tickets are \$2 and are on sale from Monday 18/5/15 to Tuesday 2/6/15 outside the canteen. The winner will be drawn on our Yr 4 – 6 assembly on the 2 June. Buy a ticket and be part of this exciting raffle.

HELPING HANDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Can you solve the mystery?

A crime has been committed and it's the responsibility of the group to work together to piece together the evidence.

A fantastic opportunity for all the children at Banksia Beach.

Whodoneit? CSI



Once inside our crime scene our young teams must tape off the area in order to protect any evidence that may be found. Clues and evidence must be identified, collected, interpreted and analysed.

This includes finding, developing and characterising fingerprints, investigating tool marks and other impressions, identifying hairs and fibres and investigating blood, bones and DNA.

This workshop is suitable for all primary school children; however our younger investigators are always reassured that the story is make believe.

For more information or to book into this exciting five week program please contact Helping Hands Banksia Beach on 0448 080 489 or email banksiabeach@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Banksia Beach service.

UNIFORM SHOP

Sale Item

Banksia Bear \$10.00 each



Uniform Shop Hours:

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

Marney Kellogg – Uniform Shop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **School Holiday Fun - Pirates Week**
Where: Queensland Maritime Museum South Bank, Brisbane
Date: Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July 2015.
Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm
A full day's entertainment for children 5-11 years. Includes a special "pirates theme" lunch. Bookings essential before 3:00pm Wednesday 24 June. Via Facebook, www.maritimemuseum.com.au or phone 07 3844 5361 (9:30am to 4:00pm) for further information.
- **Dayboro Festival - 2015 Dayboro Day Festival & Dayboro Antique & Collectables Fair Sunday 31st May 2015.** Free parking at the Dayboro Showgrounds, with a Free Brisbane Bus Lines Shuttle Bus.
- **Sensory Movie Day** - An inclusive event for families with special needs. Sensory screening is running a Movie Day once a month on a Sunday at 11:00am at various locations. For any questions or further information email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com Tickets may be purchased now at the Box Office, Events Cinemas or bcc Cinemas.

Date Claimers

May		
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
	Tuesday	Premier's Reading Challenge commences
		District Cross Country Burpengary
		P&C AGM
20	Wednesday	Under 8's Day
		Family Week Celebration
		QYMA Junior Choir Competition
21	Thursday	Yr 5 Caboolture Historical Village
22	Friday	Walk Safely to School Day
26	Tuesday	Ready Reader Tutor Training
28	Thursday	Brisbane Eisteddfod Dance Troupe
29	Friday	QYMA Senior Choir Competition
June		
2	Tuesday	Regional Cross Country Buderim
3	Wednesday	Subway Lunch
		External Testing Science
4	Thursday	QYMA Choir Finals
8	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday