

P&C Meetings are held in D Block SEU the third Tuesday 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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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Another very successful two weeks to celebrate. At competitions we often hear; "that's Banksia they are really good"; or similar words. That doesn't happen just by hoping, it happens for I believe three important reasons.

1. Our school has a culture of high performance. A culture that encourages and supports everyone to do their very best.
2. We have a very talented staff who know how to train, educate and ensure our students are able to perform at a very high standard.
3. We have a very supportive parent group who also want children to perform at a high standard and are prepared to take them to training, rehearsals, ensure they are beautifully dressed and come along to support and encourage.

This fortnight has seen three exceptional performances which followed our first win in QYMA by the Concert Band.

Development Cup

Our boys have won the quarter final of the development Cup with a 48 – 0 win. The boys played as a fabulous team with fantastic defence and wonderful attack. We play the semi-final against Coolum in two weeks to decide who will play in the State Final. This was a great display of Banksia culture. I look forward to celebrating the next round with our students, parents and staff.

P&C DAY – FRIDAY, 29TH MAY

QYMA Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir competed in the QYMA Junior Choir section recently. This is the first time our Junior Choir has ever competed in this prestigious event which is hotly contested by the best of Brisbane's private and state schools. Banksia was named the winner and congratulated by the adjudicator on a wonderful performance. Congratulations to Mr David White our conductor, Mr Shane White our accompanist and our amazing junior Choir. Our Senior Choir heads to Brisbane this Friday to compete in the senior section. They also are sounding beautiful!

District Cross Country

Congratulations to our fabulous Cross Country Team. This group of children have been training regularly before school and at lunch time with Mr Hartshorn and Mr MacArthur. They performed incredibly well with nine students making the District Team - the most of any private or state school competing. Our school was named the winner of the "A" Division. Congratulations to the following students who will compete for the Caboolture District next week: Madelief Adam, Nicholas Callary, Liam Coombes, Georgia Hutton, Cody Irvin, Tyson Keft, Jaimie O'Donnell, Chloe Tunks & , Scarlett Ware.

Dance Troupe

Good luck to our Dance Troupe who are competing today in the Brisbane Eisteddfod. Thank you again to parents who had their child at school looking amazing at 6:15am! Thank you also to Miss Mastrogiannis who leads this group and to Mrs Mastrogiannis, Miss Seesink and Miss Clough who are part of the fabulous support team.

Every Day Matters

Thanks you to everyone who is ensuring your children are on time and at school every day they are well. Please also remember to send a note or ring the absence line if your child is unwell. This enables us to authorise the absence. Every day; your child is learning important content.

P&C Executive

Thank you to the following parents who have agreed to be the executive team of our P&C; Mrs Monique Spriggs President, Mrs Melissa Robinson Vice President, Mrs Julie Hedge Treasurer and Mr Allan Andersen Secretary. They give an enormous amount of their time to ensure extra resources for every child. Last year over \$40 000 was donated for air conditioning, reading resources and fridges. Thank you; I really appreciate your efforts and the way you work for our students.

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Reading Challenge. The heats were of a fabulous standard and we will publish the winners and finalists in the next newsletter once all finals are completed.

Let's Have a Great week!

Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

STUDENTS TAKING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that if your child is required to take medication at school, you will need to complete the appropriate paperwork at the office. All medication, including over-the-counter medication such as paracetamol and alternative medicines, treatments or supplements, must be authorised by a medical practitioner before it can be administered to students

CHOIR NEWS

Our Junior Choir performed beautifully at QYMA winning their section and taking home their first ever trophy.

Adjudication comments included "impressive performance" and "excellent harmony singing". They looked good and they sounded great. During Term 3, Junior Choir will be competing in the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod at Nambour Civic Centre and will also take part in Choralfest. On a sad note, after such an amazing win, we had to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 4 students as future Junior Choir competition rules only allow students up to Year 3 to compete. However, all Junior Choir Year 4 students not already in Senior Choir will have the opportunity to try out for 2016 Senior Choir during Term 4. So keep practising.

Senior Choir is competing in Heat 2 of QYMA this Friday at The Gap State High School with only the top 3 Choirs in each heat invited into the final. We have a strong record at QYMA, making the final every year and even winning twice. In 2014 we came second by a solitary point. It will be very tough this year with lots of Choirs entering but we have worked really hard and our songs are sounding good.

Note NEW TIME: Senior Choir students will need to meet in the hall no later than 4:15pm for blazer fitting (a little earlier if possible) and the bus will depart at 4:30pm sharp. Full formal uniform is essential including grey socks and fully black shoes. Good luck to all.

David White Classroom Music/Choir Teacher

SUPPORT-A-TALKER TUTOR TRAINING

Banksia Beach State School is running a Support-A-Talker course on Thursday 18 June 2015.

Support-A-Talker is an early intervention program designed to support language delayed students in the lower school. Students have the opportunity to interact regularly with a trained tutor who uses activities and games to encourage their confidence and development in speech and language.

Upon completion of the 1 day course we ask that you consider volunteering a minimum of one hour a week to help implement this program at our school. Support-A-Talker training is also useful for parents and anyone wishing to learn strategies to help their children at home.

The course is open to all parents and members of the community and on successful completion of the course a certificate will be awarded.

Date: Thursday 18th June
Time: 9.00am – 1:30pm
A light lunch will be provided.

To register for the course leave your name at the School Office or phone 3408 5333 to book your place in the course.

OVERDUE STUDENT PAYMENTS

A reminder that payment for Resources and Performing Arts fees (including Instrumental Music, Choir, Dance Troupe etc) are now due for payment. Failure to pay outstanding invoices may result in your child being withdrawn from programs. Should you have difficulty in payment, please see Mrs Karen Mills at the school office. Payment instalment options are available.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2015

Banksia Beach State School students have been invited to join in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge. The reading period commences on Tuesday, 19 May and closes Friday, 28 August. All students from Prep to Year 6 are encouraged to join in. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Forms will be sent home next week with further information.

TERM 2 GOLD AWARDS –JUNE

Tues 16	10.30am	Prep ABC	12.45pm	PrepDEF
Wed 17	10.30am	Yr 1ABC	12.45pm	Yr1DEFH
Thurs 18	10.30am	Yr 2ABCD	12.45pm	Yr 2EFGH
Fri 19	10.30am	Yr 3ABCD	12:45pm	Yr 3EFG
Mon 22	10:30am	Yr 4ABC	12:45pm	Yr 4DEFG
Thurs 25	10:30am	Yr 5ABC	12:45pm	Yr 5DEG
Fri 26	10:30am	Yr 6ABC	12:45pm	Yr 6DEF

Dates correct at time of printing

P&C NEWS

P&C are an essential part of the school. Members are dedicated parents and community members who want to contribute to the management and improvement of the school. Children do better when their parents are involved. It might be difficult for parents and carers to commit to attending every P&C event or to take on an executive role on the P&C but please be assured volunteers that every contribution, large or small, makes a difference.

Our P&C do an incredible amount of work behind the scenes raising much needed money for our school.

Parents are invited to attend P&C Meetings which will now be held on the third **Tuesday** of each month at 5.30pm. Meetings are held in D Block SEU.

2015 Fete Committee

If you are interested in being on our Fete Committee please leave your details at the Canteen/Uniform Shop.

Monique Spriggs, President

A VERY SPECIAL RAFFLE – CUSTOM MADE SURFBOARD

Tickets are \$2 and are on sale until Tuesday 2nd June outside the Canteen. The winner will be drawn on our Yr 4 – 6 assembly on 2nd June. Buy a ticket and be part of this exciting raffle.

LATEST DENTAL VAN INFO 27/05/2015

Years 1, 2 & 6 have all been issued forms. Please return all forms to the dental van collection bin positioned outside the Van or to the office or personally to van staff. Complete all pages of the dental form and include **Medicare Card number** for the student and indicate which class they belong to **eg 4A**.

The **Child Dental Benefit Scheme** requires a Parent/Guardian to attend so staff are currently endeavouring to contact by phone these parents to arrange a suitable appointment. We are more than happy to accommodate families wishing to attend block appointments for all siblings to attend, to make it more convenient for busy parents. Please approach van staff if a family appointment would suit you best. We may not have contacted you yet so if you wish to speed up the process call at the van and request an appointment and we will arrange the next suitable time.

All students not eligible for **Child Dental Benefit Scheme** will be called from class for an examination with their class mates and then a statement of treatment needs form will be sent home so parent/guardians can indicate if they wish to attend treatment appointments. The Dental Van **will offer treatment to all students and have their work completed** before the van moves to another school. Your patience in regards to this process is appreciated.

For Emergencies or Urgent concerns please contact the van staff personally to arrange an appropriate appointment or call mobile dental van number **0412 369 334**

Date Claimers

June

2	Tuesday	Regional Cross Country Buderim
3	Wednesday	Subway Lunch
4	Thursday	QYMA Choir Finals
8	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
11	Thursday	Community Showcase
16-26	Tues-Friday	Gold Awards

RED TAPE REDUCTION IN SCHOOLS – Return to the school office

As part of the department's effort to reduce red tape and the retaining of paperwork, our school now offers parents the option to receive their invoices, statements etc via email. This will reduce the amount of paper used by the school and also the amount of time spent by staff producing the invoice and distribution to students. Electronic invoices will also cut down on the time between the raising of the invoice and when the invoice gets home and, in some cases, lost in transit. Thank you to the parents who have already taken up this service.

Please complete the form below with your email address. By completing this form, you confirm that you prefer to receive this information by email.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

_____ Class: _____

_____ Class: _____

Email address: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____