Dear Parents,

This term is certainly disappearing at a very fast rate. There have also been so many weekend activities and I thank our dedicated staff for all their assistance in ensuring our students achieve the highest possible outcomes.

Congratulations to our Advanced Band, Platinum Band and Big Band who have continued with their very successful year. Over the last fortnight they have won the Primary St Columban’s Champion Band. They then entered the Secondary section and competed against ten private and state Secondary schools. They came second with our Platinum Band to St Paul’s Bald Hills Wind ensemble and were placed above St Paul’s Concert Band and indeed all other Concert Bands. They then competed in the Brisbane Music Festival, again against the Secondary Schools as this is the level of music they play and again achieved Gold in both sections. Congratulations students, parents accompanying staff and of course our amazing Mr O’Callaghan.

Triathlon
We again had fantastic success with our Triathlon teams even though we were missing several key bike riders. We were 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Open Women’s series. 1st and 2nd in clubs and 1st in Open Men’s. My favourite part though is always the community BBQ held after the event. As always it is about celebrating as a community that we value a healthy lifestyle. Thank you to all staff who participate in any way.
Netball
Thank you to Mrs Hope-Smith, Mrs Heard and Mrs Galjaardt who coached our netball team who competed in the Mission Cup. Once again the girls played very well and sportsmanship was impeccable.

RSL Speaking Competition
Congratulations to our RSL Speaking team of Topaz Earle, Emily Spink, Bella Braid, Olivia D’Rozario, Lani Hollywood, Charli Hunter and Heleyna Thackwray who represented our school at the Competition. Congratulations to Topaz in first, Olivia in second and Lani in third place for Banksia. Thank you to Mrs Weaver, Mr McInerney and Mr Davies who accompanied the students.

Spirit of Banksia
On November 25 and 26 we will be holding our Spirit of Banksia celebration. These nights will showcase all that has been achieved throughout the year in the sporting, academic and performing arts arenas. Tickets will be free but will be limited. Tickets will be available from Monday, November 9. It will be a very special celebration. Tell your friends and family and keep one of these nights free.

Uniform
I am concerned at the number of students who are not following our dress code. All children must be in black shoes. Just as it is expected students will have our maroon polo, not a green, pink or orange one, it is expected all students would be wearing black shoes. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Another very busy two weeks are coming up. I look forward to celebrating them with you and your child!

Let’s have a great week
Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

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Banksia Beach State School is collecting canned food to help farmers in the areas around Longreach and Barcaldine in western Queensland. These areas have been hit hard by drought over the past few years and need our help. Drought Relief is asking all our students to bring in at least one can of food. We are making a collection in the undercover area next to the canteen. So have a look in the pantry, bring in a can before Friday 6th November and support our Queensland farms. If every student brought in at least one can we would have over 1000 cans and what a difference that would make to the lives of our farmers.

YEAR 6 & GROUP PHOTOS
All Year 6 students will be photographed this Friday. These photos will form part of the Year 6 graduation formalities. Please ensure all students are dressed in formal uniforms – definitely no Year 7 shirts or additional accessories.

Choirs (Senior & Junior), Marching Band, Big Band, Advanced Band (students who have competed in competitions this year), String Ensemble and Sport House Captains will also be photographed. ALL students need to be in full formal uniform – no sport shirts. Students will be issued a blazer prior to being photographed.

THE GREAT BAKE SALE RETURNS
Muffin Break is proud to support local schools and communities in its fourth annual Great Break Sale. We invite all parents and students to vote for a chance to raise funds for equipment and activities for our school. Major prize is 1000 muffins to sell at a bake sale of their own (to raise up to $4,000) and a $3,000 cash card. There are also state prizes. Competition closes 16th November. Go to https://www.greatbakesale.com.au/?page=index, find Banksia Beach State School and vote.

BRIBIE ISLAND SCOUTS
Bring your child along for a fun filled learning experience and meet some new friends:

- Joeys (6-8 yrs) meeting Tuesday 6-7pm – Run by Emu
- Cubs (8-10 yrs) meet Wednesday 6.30-8pm – Run by Bear
- Scouts (10-14 yrs) meet Thursday night 6.30-8pm – run by Warrigal

We are also seeing Assistant Leaders and Parent helpers.

Scout Hall – 94 Webster Street, Bongaree
Enquiries please telephone 0428 786 485.
We look forward to new members joining our unit.

FOUND
Green esky left under the picnic table after the Bribie Tri BBQ on Sunday 18 October. Phone 040 966 011 or see the school office.
We would like to invite all volunteers to a delicious Christmas luncheon to show our appreciation for all the support you have given our school this year.

Where: Banksia Beach State School Hall
When: Tuesday 17th November
Time: 11.30am – 1:30pm

Please fill out an RSVP form and return it to the Canteen as soon as possible. RSVP forms are available from the office, A Block, the canteen and from classroom teachers.

Hope to see you all there.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO BANKSIA BEACH STATE SCHOOL IN 2016 - Please return to the school office

To help with staffing and class allocations for 2016, if you know that your child/ren will not be returning to Banksia Beach State School for the 2016 school year, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible.

Year 6 Parents: For school record and transition/statistical purposes, if your child is NOT attending Bribie Island State High School please indicate which high school they will be attending. If this form is not returned it will be assumed that your child will be attending Bribie Island State High School and this will be recorded in your child’s records.

Students ___________________________________ Class _________
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Transferring to: ______________________________________________ School

Parent signature ___________________________________ Date ____________________

2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS - Please return to the school office

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________
Present Class: ________________________________________________
2015 Year Level: ______________________________________________

Please be aware that you should provide information you believe is educationally significant. We consider Education Queensland class size limits, and attempt to balance gender, ability, and behavioural factors across classes. Parents also are able to provide information that may be important in making these decisions. Comments should be constructive and informative. Reasons need to focus on education rather than personal grievances. Please note that requests are not kept year to year. Please do not make requests for specific teachers.

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Forms are to be returned no later than 3.00pm, Friday, 20 November 2015.