Dear Parents,

This term is certainly flying at a rapid rate! I thank all staff who are giving up weekends to ensure our students are offered a varied extracurricular program.

**Choir Success**

Congratulations to Mr David White our conductor, Mr Shane White our accompanist and our wonderful Senior Choir who were awarded a Platinum award at Music Fest held at Iona College. This is the highest level possible and a great finish to the year for this talented group.

**All Schools Touch Football**

Congratulations to Mr MacArthur, Mr Blackmore, Mrs Eldrett, Miss MacArthur and Ms Roberts who have trained and supervised our Girls’ and Boys’ Touch Football Teams. The students participated in the All Schools Touch Football Championships held at Redlands last weekend. The girls went through to the Championship round, a great achievement considering the majority of the team was in Year 4 or 5. The girls were narrowly beaten by the semi-finalists Emmanuel 1-0. I was so very proud of the girls’ spirit and determination. The boys went in to the Cup competition and again played very well considering very few of the boys are regular Touch Football boys. They also narrowly lost 5-4 in the semi final. Again, a magic effort of sheer determination and spirit.
The Dental Van has so far issued forms & offered treatment to Years 1, 2, 3 and 6. We will be issuing forms to all Prep grades in early November. The van will take about a year to complete a school of Banksia Beach’s size so will remain on site at Banksia Beach SS and continue to treat students Years 4, 5 [6 in 2016] and new Preps next term in 2016. If you wish your child treated sooner please call at the van to arrange an appointment.

The Child Dental Benefit Scheme required a parent/guardian to attend appointments, so van staff are currently endeavouring to contact by phone these parents to arrange a suitable times.

We are more than happy to accommodate families wishing to attend block appointments so all siblings can attend, to make it more convenient for busy parents. Please approach van staff if a family appointment would suit you best.

Complete all pages of the dental form including Medicare details and include your child’s class eg 4B. Please return all forms to the dental form collection station bin stationed outside the van or personally to van staff.

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.

Van will be working over some of the Christmas holidays

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

Banksia Beach State School Community Survey - OSHC - $100 GIFT VOUCHER TO BE WON
To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both you and your child’s individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.

Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 gift voucher (one survey per family).

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015Banksiabeach

or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. Hard copies are also available at Helping Hands. The survey closes on 27 November 2015.

Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care

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Policy on Sickness
Please be advised that there is not a set amount of days that a student must not be at school when they are sick. All illnesses have a different effect on children and as such must be treated accordingly. Of course we do not want students at school if they are unwell.

In the event that a child at school is found to have a prescribed contagious condition or is suspected of having one, schools take action in accordance with the Public Health Act 20-05 (Chapter 5, Part 2) and comply with the directions of the Public Health Medical Officer (PHMO) at the Public Health Unit.

Spirit of Banksia
This year we have seen some amazing achievements by amazing students and staff. We are hosting two identical nights to celebrate all of our achievements. These nights will feature our bands, dance troupe, choirs and all successful competition groups. It is being directed by our Manager of Performing Arts Mr Martin O’Callaghan. Mr O’Callaghan has previously directed Queensland POPS Orchestra’s performances at QPAC and wants to give the students the same experience that professional musicians have at QPAC. We are also featuring two of our staff Mrs Heidi Weaver and Mr Joel Crew as vocalists in front of the Big Band. There would be very few if any other primary schools students who can say they have backed a vocalist! The show will be fantastic. Tickets are free but must be reserved as they are limited. They are available from the office payment window. Don’t be left saying I really wanted to come to that, but there were no tickets left. Come and be so proud of our amazing school.

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I look forward to celebrating the next two weeks with your child.

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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

Transferring to: _____________________________________________ School

Parent signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

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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.