PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Thank you to all our teachers who have worked so hard to ensure our students have had a smooth start to their learning this year. It is great to see our new students and families settling in well to Banksia Road. At Banksia Road we actively encourage parents to be involved in the school and their child’s learning. Please talk to your child’s teacher if you would like to be a classroom helper or have any concerns.

We are still awaiting the installation of two new classrooms to accommodate the two extra classes we have this year. Last week the Department began the installation process and we are hoping that this will continue.

As part of the DEC maintenance program the wooden block will have internal painting commence this week. This will involve temporary re-location of classes while rooms are painted. It will be nice to have freshly painted rooms.

Today we have our meet the teacher afternoon tea. In anticipation, we thank all the parents who take the opportunity to come along and learn a little more about the school and this years programs and goals.

We remind parents to be good role models for our children when coming to school and going home. This means crossing at the proper crossing areas and parking in the correct places. Remember the Kiss and Drop zones only allow you to stop for 2 minutes and you must not leave your vehicle. Breaches of this law will result in heavy fines and loss of license points.

We have a fabulous P&C at Banksia Road and we thank them for the tremendous support they give the school and our students. Last night’s meeting was well attended, as was last Friday’s sub-committee meeting. We look forward to more parents becoming involved in the P&C.

Playgroup is up and away for 2013. Please let your friends and neighbours know that this is on every Wednesday morning. We welcome all mums who live in the Banksia Road area to attend this program.

Thank you to Mrs Fraser and her team for a great Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. While the weather wasn’t perfect a great carnival was still the result. We look forward to our district representatives competing on Monday 4th March. Flinders was the winning house this year.

Mrs Eggins

NOTES HOME

PSSA notes, YMCA Yrs3-6 only, East Bankstown Soccer K-2only, School Photo Envelopes
FROM OUR COOKBOOK

STICKY CHICKEN

Khoder Agha Family

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup Hoisin Sauce
- ¼ cup Soy sauce
- 12 chicken drumsticks
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

METHOD

1. Combine all the ingredients except the chicken in a bowl
2. Add chicken and coat well with the marinade
3. Cover and refrigerate overnight
4. Preheat oven to 180°C
5. Place drumsticks and marinade on a foil lined baking tray and bake for 20 – 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is now only open on Monday and Friday mornings at 8:45am. The dresses will arrive next week.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If your address or phone numbers have changed over the holidays can you please let the office ladies know as soon as possible.

School Photos

The Annual School Photos will be held next Thursday 28th February. Envelopes are being sent home today – please ensure the correct money is in envelopes as they go directly to the photographer. NO change will be given. All children are required to wear Summer school uniforms.

Yoga

This Semester all classes will have the opportunity to participate in a special Yoga for Primary students program. This programs is conducted each Wednesday and Thursday. The program aims at improving student flexibility, calm and focus. If parents have any questions please see your child’s teacher or contact the office to arrange to observe a lesson.

MERIT AWARDS SYSTEM FOR 2013

In recognition of achievement in academic, social and physical areas, a system of awards operates across the school. Merit awards are issued in class, playground and assemblies by all school staff. We encourage parents to retain student’s Merit awards and group them to earn a special morning tea and medallion award.

- 20 small merits = Principal’s award
- 40 small merits = Bronze Award
- 60 small merits = Silver Award
- 80 small merits = Gold Award
- 100 small merits = Award Lunch
- 120 small merits = Medallion

Presented at the end of year Presentation Day.

PLAY GROUP IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM’S FRUIT SHOP