**Calendar**

**Week 9**  
Tuesday 26th  Kids & Dads evening Y1&2  
Wednesday 27th  Playgroup 9.15 – 11am  
Easter Hat Parade  9.30am  
Raffle Draw  
Friday 29th  GOOD FRIDAY

**Week 10**  
Monday 1st  EASTER MONDAY  
Wednesday 3rd  Playgroup 9.15 -11am  
Mothers’ Group 10am  
Thursday 4th  K-6 Assembly 3/4C – 2.15pm

**Week 11**  
Wednesday 10th  Playgroup 9.15 -11am  
Opening of our garden 10-11am  
Thursday 11th  P&C Disco  5-7pm  
Friday 12th  Last day of term

**Week 1**  
Monday 29th  School Office open  
Professional Learning Day for teachers  
Tuesday 30th  School Office open  
Professional Learning Day for teachers  
Wednesday 1st  All students return to commence Term 2  
Playgroup 9.15 -11am

**NOTES HOME**

Expression of Interest for Music Lessons (on page 4 of newsletter)  
Yagoona School 60th Anniversary flyer.

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

What a fabulous Harmony Day we had last Thursday! Thank you to all our families who bought along food for our amazing feast. It was terrific to see so many parents join us for this special celebration of the different cultures that make up Banksia Road’s community.

Children participated in a range of activities that focused on working together in harmony and telling their story. Our teachers and students shared many stories on this day. Everyone has a story and we encourage our students to talk to their grandparents and ask them to tell their story.

I congratulate our teachers on the quality of learning experiences they give our children every day, and the wonderful learning opportunities they provided for their students on this Harmony Day.

It is with some sadness that we were informed that one of our students was hit by a car last Friday when walking home from school. Luckily he was not seriously injured. Parents and children are constantly reminded about being safe at school and on the way home. We again stress the importance of crossing at the supervised crossing on Banksia Road – always following the instructions of Mr Harry. On Boronia Road the only safe crossing place is at the traffic lights at each end of the block. This is only a short walk and ensures that your child is safe. We ask that parents be good role models for all our children and always cross at the supervised crossing or the traffic light.

The next two weeks are short weeks, with Good Friday and Easter Monday holidays. They are, however, busy weeks! Tomorrow evening it is Kids & Dads night (5-7pm) for children in Year 1 & 2. This is a great initiative supported by the Benevolent Society. Then on Wednesday we have our Easter Hat Parade for K-2. This is always lots of fun, with some amazing hat creations. We look forward to lots of parents coming along. The Easter raffle will be drawn at this parade.

This newsletter can also be viewed on the school’s website.

**NO PSSA THIS WEEK**
FROM OUR COOKBOOK

Pancakes

Ingredients:
1 cup self raising flour
1 tblsp castor sugar
1 cup milk
1 teasp vanilla essence
1 egg
20gm butter, melted

Method:
1. Combine flour and sugar in medium bowl, make a well in centre. Gradually whisk in milk, essence, egg and butter, strain batter in large jug.
2. Cook ¼ cups of the batter in batches in large oiled non-stick frying pan until browned lightly on both sides. Serve with berries and ice-cream or butter and honey

Merit awards 22/3/2013

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OUR FOCUS RULE OF THE WEEK

Be safe and sensible
Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Sports Report – T1 Wk 8

Boys T-Ball and Softball

Last Friday the Senior and Junior boys travelled to Middleton Park to play against St Euphemia. The boys were nervous to do well and tried really hard.

The juniors played a great game and came through in the end. They were trailing the other team when our last batter hit an amazing hit and ran the bases really well. The game ended in a tie 12-12. It was a real nail-biter. The Man of the Match was Omar for great hitting and running the bases.

The seniors tried hard to keep the runs down on the other team but unfortunately they were nervous and had trouble throwing the ball to the players. Their batting was better but they couldn't get the runs in. They lost 6-3. The Man of the Match was Rabih for great catching and batting.

Junior Basketball Games

Last Friday, the Junior Boys Basketball team competed against Georges Hall in what was a tough game. The score was 22-10 with George Hall taking the lead. Mohammed S was nominated player of the game for using great strategies to set up our shots.

The Junior Girls Basketball Team competed against Berala in what was an evenly matched game. The score was 12-10 with Banksia Road winning the game. Amani and Ursula from 5K were nominated players of the game for their excellent ability to work as a team and set up plays that would allow us to defeat Berala.

Miss Mikellides

Girls Tee Ball and Softball

Last Friday the senior and junior girls travelled to O’Neill Park to play against Georges Hall. The girls were all determined to win against our biggest competition!

The juniors played a strong game but unfortunately lost with a score of 15-11. The players of the match were Katesha Jaroudi for amazing us all with fantastic batting and Amirah Elakhras for quick thinking and tagging girls out.

The seniors lost sadly 9-0 as the Georges Hall girl on first base was too fast! I was impressed with the way the outfielders worked as a team. The players of the match were Shaza Ayoubi for supporting the outfielders and Amara Elmowy for great tagging on first base.

Cricket

Last Friday our Junior and Senior Cricket teams played Georges Hall at Steve Folkes Reserve. Both teams played
keenly and displayed some improved skills in all aspects of the game. Georges Hall, however, had too much depth and outscored us in both games. The Junior side lost 94-57, while the seniors went down 41-14. Our junior side was well served by Umer and Noah who have really improved their bowling and Faisal who kept well and Peter for a good all round game.

Mr Perrett

**Banksia Bouncer’s Auditions**

Try outs for our Primary Hip Hop dance group the Banksia Bouncers will continue this **Friday** from 3.15- 4.00. In order to give everyone a fair chance to learn and practice the routine the auditions will run over 4 Fridays. The final session is on the last day of term (12.4.13) when the group will be selected. Dancers who are selected to be part of the Banksia Bouncers will continue their rehearsals on Friday afternoons in Terms 2 and 3 (from 3.15 to 4.30) and will perform at a variety of events including an evening festival in Term 4. For more information please see Miss Webster

**From Mrs K.Thwaites Desk**

**Facts about Fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah Ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


**Amazing art**

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.


**Sounding out loud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


**Leroy’s Academy**

Leroy’s has before and after school care at the school and they provide:
* Pick ups from your home within a 2 km radius
* Before and after school care
* Vacation care
* Private tutoring
* Child care rebates
* Hot meals (Halal Food provided)
* Art & craft activities
* Homework stations
* Foorz Ball Tables
* Table tennis
* Computer Games
* AND MUCH MORE!!!

Called SETA on 9790 0707 or 0404 14 14 19

**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**
Health and Fitness Classes for Women

Come and join our new health and fitness classes for women:

**When:** Tuesdays from 2 April 2013

**Time:** 10.34am – 11.45am

**Where:** School Hall

**Cost:** $2 per class ($4 if you need child care)

**Who:** Robyn Suttor of Family Fitness

Robyn Suttor is a very experienced and caring instructor and will lead the exercise class and provide information on important health issues.

The classes are for **women only** so if you are a mother, sister, aunty, grandmother or friend, **come along and join in.**

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Hope to see you there next Tuesday!

Cooking Classes for Parents

Interested in learning more about cooking and nutrition? We’ll be running cooking classes for parents every month this year at the mobile kitchen. The first one will happen on Thursday, 4 April 2013 from 12.30-2.30pm.

If you would like to join in please email Anne Maree or leave a note with your name and contact details in the Benevolent Society Suggestion Box.

Expression of interest for music lessons

I am interested in my child____________________

class_________________ receiving music lessons.

I understand that the cost is be advised later.

Keyboard: _______
Guitar: ________
Parents Signature:__________________