Calendar 2014

Week 8  March

Monday 17th  7.00pm P&C AGM
Tuesday 18th  Little Kids Big Dreams Y6
Wednesday 19th  Playgroup
Thursday 20th  K-6 Assembly 2.15pm
     HARMONY DAY
Friday 21st  Cookie Dough Orders Due

Week 9  March

Wednesday 26th  Playgroup
Thursday 27th  P&C Disco 5-7pm

Week 10  April

Wednesday 2nd  Playgroup
Thursday 3rd  K-6 assembly – 2.15pm

Week 11  April

Tuesday 8th  Easter Hat Parade
     Cookie Dough Order Delivery
Wednesday 9th  Playgroup
Thursday 10th  Mrs Eggins Farewell 3:30pm
Friday 11th  Last Day Term 1

NOTES HOME:  P&C Disco
     Harmony Day flyer
     Canteen Order Form – Easter Special

FOCUS RULE
     Respecting School Property.

Be proud of our school and take care of it. A clean and tidy school is a great place to learn.

FOCUS VALUE - Honesty
     Always tell the truth. It never helps to tell a lie.

HARMONY DAY

This Thursday we are celebrating Harmony day. Thank you to Miss McCoy, Mrs. Peenz & Mr. Harris for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing lots of parents sharing this special day.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our swimmers who received their ribbons yesterday. It is always good to see students being proud of their achievements.

The RTA provides a school crossing supervisor, Mr. Harry, for our Banksia Road entrance. The RTA rules regarding crossing supervisors are as follows:

- As you approach a pedestrian crossing or children’s crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a ‘STOP Children Crossing’ sign, you must slow down and stop.
- You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed.

This week Mr. Harry is working with some teachers and their classes to practice crossing safely.

Mrs. Eggins.

COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS DUE THIS FRIDAY

This is a P&C’s major fundraiser. Money raised will provide much needed new seating for the K-2 playground area. There are also great prizes to be won. You can sell to work mates, neighbours and relatives. ORDERS MUST BE INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COOKING LESSON FOR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST ORDERS!!!

NEW P&C EXECUTIVE

At Banksia Road we have a vibrant and hardworking P&C who are a strong support for our students and school. We cannot thank them enough for the great work they do. Congratulations to our new P&C executive elected at last night’s AGM:

President: Bassam Elakhras
Vice President: Jo Kirkman
Treasurer: Kylie Elakhras
Secretary: Salma Harris
Fundraising Coordinators: Gina Koletti & Mary Letfallah

Thank you to all parents and community members who support our school. We encourage all parents to become involved in the P&C and all school activities. We look forward to a great year ahead.

BE CYBER SAFE

Make sure you know what internet sites and apps your children are using. Be aware that there is a minimum age for access to some sites: Facebook – 13 years old; KIK – 18 years old. Take care when using apps such as Talking Angela, which asks for personal information and can take photos, do not respond to personal information requests/questions.
**KEEP IT HEALTHY IN YOUR CHILD’S LUNCHBOX**

**Cheese Tabouleh Wraps**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 pieces of mountain bread
- 1 tablespoon low fat mayonnaise
- 4 slices low fat cheddar cheese
- ½ cup Tabouleh (bought or homemade)

**METHOD**
- Spread mayonnaise on one side of each slice of bread
- Top this each with 2 cheese slices
- Add tabouleh on top of cheese
- Roll up & cut in half.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD AS GOLD Awardees**

Congratulations to all of those students who have already received their first Principal’s awards. Well done.

The names of students who achieve our special merit awards are published in each week’s newsletters. Awards handed to the office by Friday are presented at the following Monday’s morning assembly.

**Merit Awards 14/3**

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**PSSA**

**Round 5  21st March**

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**PSSA REPORTS**

**Boys Softball/T-Ball**

Last Friday the Boys Softball and T-Ball teams travelled to Middleton Park to play Malek Fahd. The boys T-Ball team played first and did a great job putting pressure on their fielders by running the bases well. We were able to keep the other teams’ runs down and won the game 11-8. The whole team worked well together and deserve Men of the Match.

**Girls Softball/T-Ball**

Last Friday, our girls’ T-Ball and Softball teams played two fantastic games against Birrong Public School at O’Neil Park. The girls showed great teamwork in both games and were complimented on our softball skills!

Our Junior T-ballers took control in the batting box and we won our second game for the season 14-12. Aya was our Player of the Match with 2 incredible homeruns and excellent fielding skills at first base.

Our Senior girls came onto the field next with some amazing fielding and strong performances. Some of our girls had a go at playing in different positions and I was so proud that they wanted to try something new! It was a very close game however, we finished with a loss: 3-2. Our player of the Match was Jana who was a very strong player all-round.

Looking forward to next week!

**Senior Boys Cricket**

Looking to make it 3 straight wins a row, the senior boys cricket team came up against Malak Fahd at Allum Park on Friday. Bowling first, Malak Fahd managed a competitive total of 70 with Hisham leading the way with the ball. In reply, Banksia Road struggled to gain momentum and early wickets did not help the cause. A solid innings from Captain Peter of 20 NOT OUT was the highlight of the innings, despite the team falling 25 runs short.
**SCRIPTURE**
We still need one Islamic Scripture Teachers for 1G.
Training will be provided. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number at the office.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The uniform shop is only open from 8:45 – 9:15 **Monday** and **Friday mornings**

**FUNDRAISING**
Don’t forget to choose a prize for your child and return your Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order forms by Friday 21st March.

**P&C Welcome Disco**
The P&C welcome Disco is coming soon!!! 27th March, 5-7pm
We’d love it if you could help out, even for half an hour.
Please leave your details at the office and someone from the P&C committee will contact you.

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**EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER**

**UPDATES**

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**Banksia Bouncer’s Auditions**

Try outs for our Primary hip hop dance group the Banksia Bouncers will commence 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 (11.4.13) when the group will be selected. Students wishing to audition should complete the note below including a parent signature and bring it with them on Friday.

Dancers who are selected to be part of the Banksia Bouncers will continue their rehearsals on Friday afternoons in Term 2 (from 3.15 to 4.30) and will perform at a variety of events including a night time festival in Term 4. For more information please see Miss Webster.

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I give permission for my son/daughter __________________________ from class _______ to audition for the Banksia Bouncers Primary dance group on 4 consecutive Fridays starting from 21.3.14. I understand that my child will be at school until 4.30 on these 4 Fridays.

Parent Name ________________________________________________
Parent signature_____________________________________________ Date ________
ABSENCE NOTES

Parents must send a note explaining their child’s absence from school on the day they return to school. The following is a sample note that parents might like to use.

Class Teacher
Banksia Road Primary School

My child ___________________________ was absent on ___________________________________________.

The reason for this absence: ____________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________________________

Date _____________

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is in the hall each Wednesday, during school term, at 9:30-11:30 for all preschoolers. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM’S FRUIT SHOP

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ONSITE

The school has an excellent before and after school care service, Leroy’s. This service provides care from 6.30am – 9am and 3pm – 6.30pm in the school’s Block 5 (wooden building). They even do morning pick-ups from your home! This service is registered for Centrelink Rebates, so for most families the service is either FREE or minimal cost.

For more information contact Seta – 0404 141 419.

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Grant Writing Workshop

Learn how to raise funds for your school and your community

In this workshop, you will get practical information about writing grant applications which could help you raise funds for projects in your school and your community.

The presenter, Keith Whelan, has a lot of experience training people in school P&Cs, sports clubs and many other organisations.

During the workshop, you will also get a chance to practice grant writing.

You will learn how about:
• Public and Private Sector grants – what’s available
• Strategy and planning
• Building community capacity and sustainability
• Practical Grant Writing tips
• How to evaluate a project

Where: Banksia Road Primary School, Parents Room (Hub)
When: Tuesday, 25 March - 10.00am – 1.00pm
(Morning Tea provided)
Trainer: Keith Whelan from The Grants Guy
Cost: Free!!

Free childcare available!

If you would like to come to the workshop, please ring, email or SMS Anne Maree on:

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