Caring, creative, challenging and achieving

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

CALENDAR

TERM 4 2015

Week 5  November

Wednesday 4th  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 6th  PSSA Summer Round 13
            Bunnies Program Week 4

Week 6  November

Monday 9th  Homework Club 3-4pm
Wednesday 11th  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 13th  PSSA Summer Semi Finals
            Bunnies Program Week 5
            Mt Lewis Transition

Week 7  November

Monday 16th  Homework Club 3-4pm
            Art Show
Wednesday 18th  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 20th  PSSA Summer Finals

Week 8  November

Monday 23rd  Homework Club 3-4pm
Wednesday 25th  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 27th  Mt Lewis Transition

Notes Home:  Year 3&4 Excursion Scenic World

Principal’s Message

THE MUSICAL

Last Thursday was a real celebration for the Banksia Road Community. The audience was left stunned by the quality of the performance. After many hours of work on rehearsals, props and costumes, including time during the school holidays, Cinderella Rockerfella came to life on stage, and the audience didn’t want it to end. Our students are extremely talented, the teachers exceedingly committed and the parents highly supportive. Discussion around the next Musical has begun with the benchmark set exceptionally high. It was also lovely to have Mrs Eggins and Mrs Hutchinson join us in this joyous occasion.

Today, the students (and parents) put on a surprise thank you for our hard working teachers. Julia and Ayeesha then delivered a well-articulated speech thanking the teachers for everything.

Working Bee

This Saturday (from 9 till 11am) we are having a working bee at Banksia Road. We will be planting, weeding and moving mulch in the Adventure playground and garden adjacent to the car park. We would appreciate any amount of time you can offer. Bring your children and friends along. Items you may also need to bring: gloves, shovel, spade and possibly a wheelbarrow.
**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

These workshops are held in the library from 9:30 till 10am. We will be serving barista coffee and light refreshments. Please join us. Below is an itinerary for the term:

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**OFFICE**

Banksia Road in 2016, please remind them to inform the office as we are beginning to formulate class structures for 2016. Similarly, if you are planning to leave Banksia Road, please also inform the office.

Go to [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) to enrol your child. The website is open from 13th

School test is on the 10th March 2016.

Principal

Congratulations to the following students for receiving

Yasmeen 2F, Morgan 4/5/6A, Kyriakos 4N and Aminah 3G

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:

Noah KG, Jana KM, Sarah 1T, Sophia 2F, Adam 3G, Angelina 4/5/6A, Jana and Adam 4N

NB: WITH STUDENTS RECEIVING SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS, PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED VIA TELEPHONE SO THEY CAN JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards:

Enaam KI, Adam and Frank KM, Andrew 1E and Zidane 2C

**READING CLUB PARTIES**

We will be holding our Reading Club parties over the next few weeks. Our Reading Club Parties are great fun and give our members an opportunity to discuss their novel with friends while enjoying some party food. We ask that each child bring a plate of party food to share at the party. Food must be able to be eaten with fingers (finger food) and we would love to see some healthy eating options. No drinks please. Food can be dropped off to the library on the morning of the party. Our Reading Club parties for this term will be-

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**PSSA ROUND 13- 6th November 2015**

All students involved please be advised that if you are paying weekly payment is due Thursday morning before 9.30am

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CHESS COMPETITION
Last Tuesday, six students from Banksia Road represented our school at the St. George District Chess Tournament. With many of the students being novice chess players, the day was always going to be a challenge. Despite this, we had some outstanding results, in particular, Ahmed Harmouche won three tight matches. Also, Zayn Harris who was the youngest player on the day, managed to end three of his matches in stalemates.
Well done to Junayd Harris, Salsabeel Jumah, Zayd Sabah, Morgan Veleski, Ahmed Harmouche and Zayn Harris for being worthy representatives of our proud school.
A big thank you must go to Mr. Woudsma for the commitment and dedication he makes towards the chess club every Monday.

Mr Harris
Chess Assistant Coach.

Banksia STAR Program
Do you have a child starting school next year? Banksia Road PS is extending its playgroup to cater for children starting school next year. School readiness will be the focus in a fun and safe environment. A healthy morning tea of fruit will be served free of charge.
If you know of other families who this would benefit then invite them to come along.
When: Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30
Where: Banksia Road PS School Hall

Welcome back to Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub. We will be running your favourite programs again and we have introduced some new ones in Term 4. Come along to connect, share and learn in a fun and friendly environment.

Community Kitchen: “Clever Cookie”
Banksia Rd Public School Community hub would like to thank the following for their generous contributions:
- Darwich Meats Greenacre
- Mountaha’s Helping Hand
- Ethnic Communities Council
- Arab Council

Come along to the cooking classes next Monday at 12pm in the school hub room/kitchen. The cooking classes “Clever Cookie” are being filmed to create an educational DVD. We will also be talking about environmental factors such as biodiversity and recycling. There will be field trips and other exciting activities added to the Community Kitchen program “Clever Cookie”. Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

THE HOMEWORK CLUB
The Homework Club is on Mondays from 3pm-4pm.
We look forward to your attendance. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children to help or observe and pick up tutoring tips. Parents, please collect your children and sign off at the school Library. It helps to be on time! If you are running late, you will need to call Marina on 0422 122 410 and go to the front office to pick up your children. So, it will be easier if you can, please, come to the library on time at 4pm.

Parents, if you are interested in tutoring and feel you can help with English and Maths, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 to register your interest.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup is held in the School Hall at 9.30-11.30 every Wednesday morning for all preschoolers. Everybody is welcome to attend.
Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop

CRAFT @ HOME
Join us in Playgroup with your little ones to take part in the Craft @ Home workshops this Wednesday October 2015 at 9:30am. These workshops are fun and interactive. Come along to share and learn ideas about activities that can be done in the home, using a variety of recyclable materials. Please contact Marina on 0422 122 410 for further details and to register your interest.