**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**ART SHOW**

Today is the official opening of our ‘Art Show’ at Banksia Road. A special guest will judge the student artwork with a highly commended award presented to one student in every class. The art show will be open all week.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

It promises to be a busy end to the year. The following dates may be of interest to you:

- Monday 23rd November – final parent workshop (Mrs Capra: Numeracy)
- Monday 23rd November – final Homework Club for 2015
- Thursday 26th November (KW and KM, K–6 Assembly)
- Swim scheme (week 9 and 10 – 30th November till 11 December)
- 3rd December (International Day with a Disability Assembly 1pm)
- Friday 4th December – Yr 6 Canberra
- Thursday 10th December – P & C Disco
- Friday 11th December – Good as Gold Day
- Monday 14th December – Presentation Day
- Tuesday 15th December – Yr 6 Farewell
- Wednesday 16th December – Last day for students

The final parent workshop is next Monday. The workshops have been well attended throughout the term. This is a model we will continue with at different times throughout 2016.

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Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

**Reminder:** Scenic World Years 3 & 4 Excursion on Thursday 19th November children attending the excursion are to be at school at 8am and please remember to bring their hats and water bottles.
**MERIT AWARD Awardees 13th November 2015**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Medallion Award:
Mustafa 4N

Medallions will be presented at this year's Presentation Day assembly.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Gold Awards:
Maria KG, Samah 1T, Malak and Christian 4/5/6A and Alaa 6H

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:
Mahmoud KG, Jude KM, Sajid and Isaac KW, Hajer 3N, Aaliyah 4/5/6A, Ayeesha 4N and Siraj 6H

**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:
Rihanna, Malak, Naba, Omar and Roueya KM and Talal 3N.

**PSSA - 20th November 2015**

All students who have made Grand Finals will be notified and arrangements made by your coach for travel to the grounds

**Junior Boys Cricket – Semi Final Report**

The junior cricket team travelled to Steve Folkes Reserve in search of a first grand final appearance since 2008. Sent in to bat, the boys got off to a slow start with runs being hard to come by. Gus soon changed that, belting 2 sixes and 3 fours in the process. Steady runs and some cheeky running between the wickets allowed the team to amass a total of 124. Zayde was the pick of the batsmen, scoring an astonishing 32 runs of 11 deliveries.

In reply, Birrong never really looked like threatening the total and ended well short on 76 runs. The boys bowled and fielded phenomenally, and never gave their opposition a sniff.

This Friday, the team will play in the grand final against Malak Fahd. The game will be at Allum Park, so we are hoping we can get as much support as possible from the school community.

**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is going to Bankstown Library this Wednesday. 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*

**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

**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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**Date**

*Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30*
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

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**THE FINAL HOMEWORK CLUB FOR 2015 IS NEXT MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

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.