PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

P & C Meeting: Tonight is our first Parent and Citizens meeting for the year. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. A couple of our long standing P & C members have children attending high school so they will not be part of our meetings, hence, we are looking for new members. We meet in the staffroom at 7pm with our meetings finishing before 8pm.

School Facebook / School App: I am pleased to say the school Facebook Page has been positively received. This is an avenue to communicate and celebrate student achievement through photographs of excursions, award ceremonies and student work in the classroom. Once logged into Facebook, search for Banksia Road PS 2015 and press like to view the latest photographs from our swimming carnival.

We will keep the school app for communicating information for specific Year groups (ie; Year 5 excursion running late) and uploading the school newsletter. I apologise if parents have already deleted the app. Instructions for downloading the app are as follows:

THE APP IS FREE!

The instructions are:
Step 1: Go to the app store or play store
Step 2: Search for Banksia Road Public School
Step 3: Open and install the App
Username: community
Password: banksiardps

Homework Club: The Homework Club starts next week (23rd February) from 3 – 4pm in the library. Our teachers coordinate the sessions along with our Community Hub Coordinator, Mrs Marina Boutros. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please indicate how your child(ren) will travel home upon completion at 4pm.

Medical Information: We are updating student medical records. There has been a number of cases of students contracting threadworms which although not a serious threat to health, they spread very easily. Consult your chemist for treatment which consists of only one or two doses of medication.

There have also been cases of whooping cough (pertussis) within the school community. If your child has symptoms similar to those of a cold with a severe cough, please consult your doctor. Please keep the office updated with respect to immunisation records, asthma and anaphylaxis.

Hamish Woudsma
Principal
INTRODUCING OUR SUPPORT STAFF FOR 2015

Miss Webster  Library
Mrs. Wassef  Arabic
Miss Foo  STLA
Miss Lin  ESL
Mrs. Almir  ESL
Mrs. Zubairi  Learning Support
Miss Marangos  Learning Support
Mrs. Jackson  Reading Recovery
Mr. Craft  Reading Recovery
Mrs. Ibrahimavic  Learning Support

SCRIPTURE TEACHER NEEDED

An Islamic Scripture teacher is needed for KW to instruct scripture on Wednesday afternoon. If you are available and would like to teach please contact Kylie on 0408 614 343.
Banksia Road Primary School would like to acknowledge and thank Greenacre Officeworks for their generous donation of stationery and craft supplies. These resources will support our playgroup and The Banksia STAR program that is held in our school hall every Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30

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

Come along and familiarise yourself with BRPS community hub a place to connect, share and learn. This year, we are running a variety of programs that you can benefit from. Have a look at what's happening at the hub now.

The first session of the Circle of Security was held last Tuesday 10 Feb at 9:30am in the hub room which attracted a large number of participants. The session was interactive, educational and very interesting according to parents who attended the session. The Circle of Security will be moving to the school hall as more space is needed to accommodate participants. We look forward to seeing you there.

Circle of Security

Our Babies, Our Toddlers, Our Future Improving Family Experiences
An internationally recognised, relationship based, early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children.

This 5-week Circle of Security Parenting Program will provide opportunities:

- To increase your understanding of your child’s emotions and needs.
- To develop skills that will enhance your relationship with your child to increase their confidence and self-esteem.

Where: Banksia Road Public School – Community Hub Room
When: Five Tuesdays, Starting Tuesday 10/2/15
Time: From 9:30 am – 11.30am
Cost: Free of Charge – Child care Included
Contact: Ebony / Lan on 8713 7700 Or Marina on 0422 122 410.
Free Cooking Class
Please note the Cooking Class starting time has changed from 1:00pm to 12:30pm and finishes at 2:30pm. Classes are held on Mondays in the Community Hub Room at BRPS.
Join us in the Community hub Room for some cooking fun. This week, Lama from the Arab Council showed us how to make her special vegetarian lasagne. A clever way to get the kids to eat more vegies and keep them healthy.
Come along to next week’s cooking class on Monday 23 Feb at 12:30pm for some more creative ideas you can use in your kitchen.
Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SESSION
If you haven’t registered for the healthy lunchbox session, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 now to book your place.