Term 4 Art Club & Koori Art Expressions
Over the last few weeks Art Club students have been working hard creating excellent artworks using a range of media, from tin foil to clay! This week they have made beautiful, detailed clay pots. All our creations will be displayed at the end of term. Congratulations to 4L, Art Club and the Aboriginal students who submitted two fantastic collaborative artworks to the Koori Art Expressions competition. Both pieces were successful and will be displayed at the Powerhouse Museum.

Disco News
Banksmeadow Public School is having a Disco for our K-6 students. All students are invited to come along, get dressed up or wear party clothes for a fun evening!
DATE: Friday 16th November 2012
TIME: K-2 Disco from 4.00pm – 5.30pm
3-6 Disco from 5.30pm – 7.00pm
VENUE: School Hall - Drop off through back door – collection under the COLA
COST: $5 per child - All tickets must be pre-ordered by the morning of Friday 16th November as NO CASH will be handled at the door.

Scholastic Book Club
The final issue for the year of Scholastic Book Club will go out this week, if you would like to order be sure to place order forms and payment to the office by Thursday 22nd November.

Congratulations to these students this week!

| KT     | Zoe, Quincy, Melanie |
| K1/B   | Claudia, Kosta, Amy  |
| 1/2J   | Caprice, Kaitlyn, Aditya |
| 1S     | Cooper, Ethan, Cloe  |
| 2/3F   | Jake, Matias, Mathew |
| 3M     | Drake, Jessica, Georgia |
| 4L     | Katarina, Matty, Rolly |
| 5M     | Kayla, Madeline, Nina |
| K/6W   | Rughea               |

Class of the week
4L

Unfortunately the Fliker alternative PE day was cancelled by the company on Tuesday morning. They will be in contact with us soon to organise another day to attend.
Preschool enrolments
Students attending the Preschool next year must turn 4 by the 31st July 2013. We have had quite a number of late applicants making enquiries at the office so we know the word is getting out about the quality program we offer children in preparation for school. If you do know any families who have a child in this age bracket and may be interested in a part time place next year, please encourage them to come to the school soon as we will need to finalise our numbers for 2013.

It's Nits time!
It is a common problem in all schools and we are not immune as we have had a number of students affected by hair nits over the last few weeks in different classes. We ask that parents check their child's hair this week to see if they have a case of nits. A sign that your child has nits is if they are scratching their head a lot. Nits look like tiny insects and tend to live behind the ears or the neck. The eggs are clear and also live at the back of the head. In bad cases, the nits can also be seen crawling and jumping over the hair. If you do find your child does have hair nits, please treat them at home before they return to school. Nits must be treated by a special shampoo available at the supermarket or chemist. Normal shampoo does not kill them and there are herbal treatments available if you do not wish to use chemical based products. All the nits and their eggs should be removed with a special comb. This does take time and patience but it is crucial that this occurs to stop the cycle. Sometimes a couple of treatments is necessary to completely kill them off. It is also a good idea to wash your child's bedding, towels and clothing and tie your child's hair up high to avoid contamination. Parents do get annoyed when their child has nits on more than one occasion over a few weeks which often happens if other children in the class are not treated as well. We ask that every parent take the time this week to check and treat their child if needed to assist us to become a nit free school.

P&C News
The next meeting of the P&C will be Monday 19th November at 7pm in the library. All welcome. A big thank you to our parents for their support of our cards and calendars fundraiser. We know that every child worked very hard on their artwork and will love to see their artwork as a special gift. Orders should be returned to the school before the end of the school year.

Principals Message
Last week we hosted a Korean delegation from the Busan Metropolitan City Office of Education. The delegation visited the 3 to 6 classrooms to see the use of ICT by both teachers and students. The visit was very successful and the delegates were impressed with the student’s knowledge and confidence when sharing their work both on iPads and Interactive Whiteboards. The Korean consulate sent the school a gift of traditional masks to thank us for hosting the delegation. This is the third group of international visitors we have hosted this year which is a testament to the great work of our teachers and students.

I would like to remind parents of our plans for the end of the year. Our Presentation Day will be on Thursday 6th December at 1.30pm. This will include the whole school and will be a recognition of the achievements of students throughout the year. On Monday 17th December at 1.00pm we will have a school concert where all children will be part of a class/grade performance and our performing arts groups will also take part. On Tuesday 18th December we will have a school day out to the movies at Eastgardens. The cost of the day out will be subsidised by the P&C.

It would be appreciated if any families who will not be returning to Banksmeadow PS next year inform the office as soon as possible. We are beginning to plan for 2013 and our class structures are dependant on accurate numbers of students in each grade.

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