**Grandparents Afternoon Tea in Kindergarten**

The children in Kindergarten have been learning about activities and expectations both of today and in years past as part of their HSIE unit School Days. On Tuesday afternoon grandparents of children in Kindergarten were invited to share memories of their school experiences. The children asked many interesting questions and everyone had a great afternoon. Many thanks to all the grandparents who came along to the afternoon tea.

**School Clean Up Day**

As part of Clean Up Australia Day activities students will be involved in School Clean Up day on Friday 2nd March. Students will be provided with disposable gloves however you are welcome to bring your own garden gloves!

**Garden News**

There is a Working Bee scheduled for the first Friday of the month starting this Friday 2nd March. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated to get our Garden looking its best again. Please meet at the play equipment at 3.10pm on Friday after school. You might like to bring a hat and cold water bottle!!

**Congratulations to the following students on their awards at Assembly this week!**

- **KT:** Melanie, Caeden, Ruby
- **K/1B:** Jeremiah, Sienna, Tahlia
- **1S:** Taylise, Richard, Nicola
- **1/2J:** Caprice, Hayley.M, Lachlan.G
- **2/3F:** Jake, Kane, Georgina
- **3M:** Cooper, Elias, Jessica
- **4L:** Harrison, Blake Cooper
- **5M:** Ren, Tiana, Ben
- **6H:** Hannah, Syahmi, Charlotte
- **K-6W:** Nicole, Rughea

**Class of the week**

1S
Gelato Day
On Thursday 8th March we are having a Gelato Day! Children will be able to buy a Chocolate, Vanilla or Caramel Gelato cup for $2 at lunch time. Gelato will be served after our normal eating time as a special treat. Please be sure to have your $2 on the day!

K-2 Sports in Schools
Just a reminder that all children in Kindergarten to Year 2 and K-6 W should be in sports uniform on Mondays for the Sports in Schools program. The children need to have a large water bottle and a school hat in their bag to take with them down to the paddock. We go to assembly first on Monday morning and then straight to the sport program.

Guitar
Guitar lessons officially start this week. Last week the teachers met the students and organised the groups. Some children were absent due to an excursion but can come along this week. Any child from Years 3 to 6 who is interested in learning guitar can join the lessons. Please bring your guitar, display folder and $10 to pay the teachers at the start of the lesson.

Payments for Band and Dance
The cost of dance lessons and instrument hire for band are sent home to parents as an invoice from the school office. Payments can be taken to the office after you receive the invoice. This week Directions in Music have sent emails to parents about lesson costs for the band. These payments are not generated through the school office and all enquiries should be made to the company. Mrs Bragg recommends that parents hold off paying the band lesson bill until she confirms the amount on the invoice. When the amount is confirmed, she will direct the company to resend the invoice with the confirmed amount for Term 1.

Technology Lessons
The students in Kindergarten to Year 2 should have a set of earphones in their bag to use with computers for programs such as Reading Eggs. Please have your child's name on the earphones and leave them in their school bag for access throughout the week. Students will have access at home to both the Reading Eggs (selected classes) and Mathletics websites this year. Student log on details and passwords will be sent home shortly.

Chair Bags
Chair bags have arrived and are now available from the office at a cost of $10.00.

Principals Message
Banksmeadow has been chosen as a pilot school for the new eT4L server migration. All schools will be upgrading their servers next term but we will be the second school in the region moving our data and operating systems to a new server. This will occur on Thursday and Friday this week which means classes will not have access to technology for at least Thursday. All computers will be re-built and loaded with Windows 7. We will be lucky enough to have support from our own regional technology advisors but also some visitors from other regions who will be here to learn about the process so they can commence operations in their own regions. The new servers should provide easier access for users as well as other benefits. Hopefully all will go smoothly.

The My School website is now online for parents to view the data from last years NAPLAN results. I am very pleased with our results and growth trend data. We have also rated very highly when compared with “like” schools. However, we must remember that NAPLAN is a single test at a certain point in time. Don’t forget the P&C are selling uniform items at greatly reduced prices this Friday morning and afternoon in the old hall outside the staffroom. They are also looking for donations of Easter eggs/chocolates for the annual Easter Raffle and volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Cathy Lucantonio