Banksmeadow Public School Newsletter

Mothers’ Day Stall
Many thanks to all the families who donated gifts to our Mothers’ Day Stall. It is always a fabulous success and the students really enjoy choosing the perfect present for their mum! We’d also like to thank all the parents who came to help on the day. From all the staff and students at Banksmeadow we’d like to wish all our Mums and Grandmas a wonderful day on Sunday. Happy Mothers’ Day!

Mother’s Day Art Show K-2
We have been busy asking our mums, aunts or nans for some recent photos of them so our K-2 artists could create a portrait for them as part of our Mothers’ Day Art Show. The artworks may be viewed in the hall on Thursday and Friday of this week and purchased by you! Purchase price is a donation to the school, determined by you. The students are very excited about their work being displayed for all to see. If you can’t come to see the exhibition please send your donation in an envelope to purchase your portrait from your teacher. Many thanks for supporting this activity.

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

KT:        Isabella M, Amber, Joshua
K/1B:     Cameron, Jackson, Leah
1S:       Monty, Rory, Taylise
1/2J:      Hayley, Aditya, Caleb
2/3F:      Dylan, Sophie, Georgina
3M:        Kodi, Cale, Jessica
4L:        Jacob, Katerina
5M:      Daniel B, Madeline, Kayla
6H:      Syahmi, Kazuni, Sera
K- 6W:    Kaan, Rughea

Class of the week
2/3F

Calendar Dates
May Week 3
Friday 11th: First round of PSSA
May Week 4
Monday 14th: Applications for Preschool 2013 available
Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th: NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5
Friday 18th: WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY
Healthy Breakfast Under COLA will be donated by Brasserie Bread and Eastgardens Fruit Centre.

EASTGARDENS FRUIT CENTRE

MONDAY ASSEMBLY: school assembly is held every Monday in the school hall. Students should meet at their school lines under the COLA and move to the hall with their teacher at 9.00 am.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Please email the school if you wish to have this school newsletter emailed to you each week. You can then be assured the news gets home to you each week and it is environmentally friendly.
P&C Games Night

The P&C Games Night is soon approaching. We would love all parents to come along for a fun night to support Banksmeadow. The games night will be on Saturday 19th May 6.30pm at South Sydney Juniors Bowling Club. Tickets are $10 per person or reserve a table of 10 for $100. Please send your money and note to the school office and your tickets will be sent home with your child.

Jazz and Ballet Lessons at Banksmeadow

Vicki Hunt offers Jazz & Ballet lessons at Banksmeadow Public School on THURSDAY afternoons in our school hall after school. From 3.15-4.00pm there is a jazz class & from 4.00-4.45pm there is ballet classes. The classes are open to boys and girls of all age groups. Each class costs $10 per dance lesson. Please come along and meet Miss Vicki this Thursday afternoon to register your interest.

Walk to School Day - Friday 18th May 2012

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. On Friday 18th May 2012 we urge the students to walk to school safely and join us for a healthy breakfast under the COLA. We also hope that parents will use this day to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. Also a reminder for all children riding scooters and bikes to school HELMETS must be worn.

Principals Message

Yesterday I attended a meeting run by DEC Safety and Security Unit and Legal Branch. The meeting focused on Social Media and whilst the use of various forms of social media by students is a significant problem in high schools, primary schools are not immune to the problems that can arise. I am surprised at the number of young students (primary school age) who have Facebook pages. A person must be 13 years or over to open a Facebook account however there are few checks and it is very easy to set up an account. The SSU presented us with alarming figures regarding under age users on Facebook. A high percentage will "friend" people they don’t know and a similarly high percentage have opened accounts without their parents knowledge. The implications of this in terms of cyber bullying and other unsavoury activities is clear. I would urge all parents not to allow their children under 13 to open Facebook accounts.

The other issue is mobile phones. I understand there may be reasons for primary school age students to have a mobile phone. The school at this point in time does not have a policy on mobile phones, however a draft policy will be presented at the next P&C meeting. Any child who currently brings a mobile phone to school should take the phone to the school office before school. No child is allowed to have a phone in class or on the school playground.

At Monday assembly I spoke to the students about road safety following the unfortunate accident outside Burraneer Bay PS last week. It is helpful if parents reinforce these messages about pedestrian safety. We have a number of students who ride bikes and scooters to school and it is essential for them to wear helmets. It is also important for parents to be good role models to their children. We still have some parents who park illegally outside the school of an afternoon who put the lives of all children at risk. Next Friday is Walk Safely To School day which is a good opportunity for parents to talk to their children about road safety.

Finally, thank you to the parents who gave up their time to organise the Mother’s Day Stall and all families who generously donated gifts. The children were excited to be able to choose something special for their mum. Happy Mother’s Day!

Cathy Lucantonio