**PSSA First Round**

We have had a very successful start to the Winter PSSA competitions with wins from the senior and junior rugby league teams. Three out of our four netball teams won, one team narrowly missed out by one point. Our junior soccer players scored a draw and the senior team went down 2-1.

While it is all fun and games on the field, our teams prepare for the week ahead by training during lunch or before school. Special thanks go to the teachers and students who dedicate their time to training, as it is a really important part of competition sport. It is also great to see so much parent support at the games, all games are played at Heffron Park. Competition draws can be downloaded from the notes section of the school website.

**Go Banksmeadow Go!!**

**Playground & Gardens**

You may have noticed a few changes in our playground and garden areas this week. We are planting new trees and creating some new natural areas for the students to use. Whist we have had professionals working in the areas we still need to have regular clean up and maintenance of the garden areas. So a Garden Working Bee will be held every last Friday of the month for anyone who has time to help out. On these days please meet Mrs Twitchings in the Forever Garden after school.

**Class of the week**

5M

**Term 2**

**Week 4**

**Calendar Dates**

**May - Week 4**

Friday 18th: WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY

Healthy Breakfast Under COLA will be donated by Brasserie Bread and Eastgardens Fruit Centre.

**May - Week 7**

Wednesday 6th June - School Photo Day

**EASTGARDENS FRUIT CENTRE**

**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 — This weekend!! Don't miss out!
The P&C Games Night is this Saturday night. 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. All money raised will support the high quality programs and resources provided to our children by the staff. Please contact the school office if you need more details. A big thank you to all our families for their support of our Mother's Day Stall. We raised a record amount of over $2000 which is fantastic. All proceeds will go towards supporting our children at school, so thank you to everyone who helped at the stall or supported the event.

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.

Choir/Sing Club
Our choir/sing club is now up and running for students in Year 2 - 6. Choir time is Tuesday second half lunch. We have chosen a really good mix of songs to sing this year and are looking for some more participants. Our choir usually sings at special assemblies throughout the year, performs at Education Week and visits the Sir Joseph Banks Nursing Home at Christmas. If your child would like to join, please send them to our Tuesday rehearsals.

Dance News
Congratulations to our Junior Dance Group who have been successful in gaining a place in the Sydney Regional Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre on Wednesday 20th June. Tickets for the performance will be sold on Monday 28th May - $30 adults $25 concession. Please call 9351 7940 or order online www.sydney.edu.au/seymour/boxoffice. Please be advised that these performances are always a sell out and I would recommend booking your seats early. The performers will not need a ticket as we are in the 2nd half of the show.
All Junior dancers need to bring in a pair of long black socks. Boys need to ensure they have a long sleeved white shirt with a collar for the performance. Both the Senior and Junior dance groups will be performing at Souths Juniors in the local Performing Arts showcase in August. Tickets for this show will be limited for each family.

Preschool 2013
Preschool applications are now available from the school office. Children attending in 2013 must turn 4 by the 31st July 2013.

Kindergarten 2013
We are now accepting applications for places in our Kindergarten classes for 2013. Forms can be picked up from the school office.

Principals Message
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses that support our school. Firstly Brasserie Bread who have always been very generous in donating goods to the school for various events. Tomorrow they will be supplying some of their delicious bread for our Walk Safely to School day. East Gardens Fruit Centre is again donating fruit for this event and the Wilson family have also donated a box of bananas. Scott from Jim’s Tree and Stump Removal has also assisted the school on many occasions supplying mulch and doing jobs at cost price. Scott is again helping us with the new garden area. It would be appreciated if parents could return the favour and support these businesses.
Of course the enormous amount of work done by our parent volunteers is also greatly appreciated. Many schools are not as lucky as Banksmeadow in terms of the time and effort parents are willing to put into the school. This assistance from parents helps to make the school “work” in so many ways.

Cathy Lucantonio