National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week is about supporting and building better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Reconciliation means coming together and in Australia it means bringing together all Australians, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people. Our students have been discussing the importance of respecting Indigenous cultures, histories and beliefs. 2/3F did a fantastic job at hosting this special assembly!

National Buddy Day

National Buddy Day is on this Friday 1st June. It is a day for all students to remember how to be a good buddy. Some values include caring for others, friendliness, respect and valuing differences. The students will be supporting the day by learning the Buddy Handshake.

Congratulations to these students this week!

KT Ruby, Corey, Quincy
K1/B Tate, Madison, Caeden
1/2J Grace, John, Caleb
1S Amalia, Ruby, Taylise
2/3F Tyne, Kye, Ashton
3M Baylee, Zoe, Kodi
4L Kortnie, Jace, Nicolas
5M Tiana, Andrew, Hannah
6H Megan, Wade, Martin
K/6W Kaan

Thank you to Brasserie Bread for their very kind donations to support the teachers biggest morning tea last Thursday.
Preschool 2013
Preschool applications are now available from the school office. Children attending in 2013 must turn 4 by the 31st July 2013. Application forms can be lodged from **Wednesday 23rd May 2012** and will begin to be filled in Term 3. The application is also available on our school website under *forms and notes*. www.banksmeado-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten 2013
We are now accepting applications for places in our Kindergarten classes for 2013. Forms can be picked up from the school office. We would appreciate it if applications were returned to the school office by Thursday 28th June.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is on Monday 4th June at 7pm in the library, all welcome to come along. Also, the garden at the bottom of the school is starting to take shape, if you would like to see the plan for this area please check out this link for details [http://goo.gl/wZ0mC](http://goo.gl/wZ0mC)

School Photos 2012
Next Wednesday 6th June will be School Photo day for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Families should now have received a note with details about packages and costs. All money needs to be placed in the envelopes provided and sent to the office by Tuesday 5th June. As photo day is a very hectic day we would appreciate it if parents returned their envelopes prior to the actual day. **The school office will not be able to provide change to parents for envelopes on the day.**

All children should be in full **Winter** uniform for the photo. Girls should wear their blue tunic and yellow shirt and navy blue stockings/tights. Boys should wear their yellow shirts and grey pants. All children should be wearing black school shoes not sport shoes.

Children in PSSA sport teams for Summer and/ or Winter should bring their sports uniform in their bag to get changed into for the team photos. Families who wish to get a family photo taken should get a separate envelope from the school office prior to the day.

Dance News
The Junior dancers are having a few double lesson sessions to prepare for the Seymour Centre. We will make the Senior lessons up after the Regional dance Festival. There will be a full dress rehearsal next Monday for the Juniors. Please bring along your white shirts and shoes you will be wearing on the stage to Monday's class. Children can either wear black jazz shoes or black school shoes. Tickets for the Regional Dance Festival are now on sale and will sell out soon. We are performing on Wednesday 20th June.

ACTIVOOSH JULY VACATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE—Holiday Care is available from Monday 2nd July to Friday 13th July. Please enrol prior by Monday 25th June to avoid disappointment.

PSW - Primary School Wear
As of 1/7/2012 Primary School Wear at Kingsford will be changing their trading hours to Weds - Fri 9am - 5 pm and Saturday 9am - 1 pm. Normal opening hours will resume on 21/9/2012.

Principals Message
Last Friday we had representatives from Mitre 10 and Lara and Brad from the TV show “The Block”, installing two new vegetable gardens in the Preschool. Mitre 10 at Kingsford and Matraville supplied the beds, soil, plants and equipment as well as prizes for all the Preschoolers and primary school participants. It was a fun day but also very generous of Mitre 10 to donate so much to the school. Ross (the owner of the Mitre 10 stores) and his wife also strongly support the development of Early Education programs in Rwanda. Their support to the school is greatly appreciated and I hope our school community will support them for their great work locally and globally.

Earlier this week we were visited by the Principal and a teacher from Angurugu School which is part of an Aboriginal community located on Groote Eylandt. They were interested in seeing how technology is utilised in our classrooms. Our Year 6 students have become very adept at explaining to visitors the multiple ways they use iPads and other forms of technology. We are hoping to form a connection with the school which would have benefits for our students and those from Angurugu.

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