NAIDOC Week Assembly

Well done to our Aboriginal students who hosted a fabulous NAIDOC Assembly this week. Many thanks to the parents and guests who came along. Our Aboriginal students shared some great information about NAIDOC Week 2012. Kiraban Ingrey accompanied our choir on didgeridoo which sounded amazing. Kayla and Daniel did a great job telling us about their special visit to an Indigenous Memorial Service for Aboriginal servicewomen and servicemen. This week all classes have been working on NAIDOC activities in their classroom. Many thanks to all parents who have given their time to assist in activities this week.

Art Club Exhibition

All the Art Club’s fantastic art work will on display for the rest of the week!

Susie Fraser visits Banksmeadow

Years 3 and 4 were lucky to meet an Olympic medallist this week! Susie Fraser, a water polo player, came to talk to the children about her experiences while competing at the Beijing Olympics. The students had many questions to ask and she told us of the necessary values required to become an Olympian. Many students felt very inspired by her visit!

Congratulations to these students this week!

- KT: Leah, Cameron
- K1/B: Jeremiah, Kianoa, Joshua
- 1/2J: Lachlan, Charlotte, Liam
- 1S: Amalia, Stephanie
- 2/3F: Erin, Ben, Jake
- 3M: Jessica, Bill, Jake
- 4L: Chloe, Cinta, Will
- 5M: Awhina, Abby, Nina
- 6H: Jake, Caitlyn, Megan
- K/6W: Rughea

Class of the week: 5M

Congratulations to our Banksmeadow Chess Tournament winner Tristan and runner up Lydia.
Kindergarten Enrolments 2013
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2013. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office. We would like all forms returned by Thursday 28 June so we can prepare for our information and transition activities in Semester 2.

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 should be lodged at the school office by Thursday 28 June as we will begin the placement offers in Term 3. The application is also available on our school website under forms and notes. www.banksmeado-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Athletics Carnival
Early next term we will be holding our Athletics Carnivals on separate days for Years 3 - 6 and P - 2. The Primary children, including Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year, will have their carnival at Hensley Field opposite Eastgardens on Thursday 26th July. K - 2 children will have their carnival at school on Wednesday 25th July from 9.30am and the Preschool will be having their carnival in the school grounds on the same afternoon. Parent volunteers are needed for all events. The main role for our parent helpers is to keep tally of results for various events. If you are available on these days, please leave your name and contact details at the school office and you will be contacted early next term.

Coles and Woolworths school vouchers and sticker cards
Please remember to keep collecting Woolworths sticker cards and Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Collection boxes are found outside the school office. Both of these promotions help the school to get much needed classroom resources.

Band News
Parents of students in our band should receive their child's semester one report via email this week. The children will be performing at our Education Week event early next term and hopefully another special announcement later in the term as well. Keep practising over the holidays everyone!

Dance News
Our seniors had a double lesson this week and will have another when we return from the holidays to make up the couple of weeks they have missed. Junior students should return their costumes to the bag outside Mrs Bragg's room by this Friday at the latest. Please return your costume in the bag it came home in with your name on the front. Thank you.

Dance Fever
Our whole school Dance Fever program will begin in Week 2 next term. Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in individual, partner and whole group dances. Traditional and modern dances will be taught. All permission notes need to be returned to school by Friday 20 July - Week 1 and payment for the lessons by the end of Week 2. The program will cost $30 for the term.

Sport equipment for remote Aboriginal communities
As mentioned in last weeks newsletter we are collecting new or in good condition sports equipment for children in remote communities in Arnhem Land. This could include any type of balls, bats, sports clothing or footwear. At this time we have had no donations, however we will be collecting until the end of Week 2 next term. Hopefully by then we will be able to fill a couple of boxes with equipment.

Principals Message
We have come to the end of another busy but very successful term. There have been so many interesting programs and events running throughout the term that sometimes it's hard to keep up with the achievements of our students. Sport, public speaking, debating, chess, dance, visual arts are some of the areas where students have successfully participated. Again I must thank the teachers and parents who are the driving force behind such programs that benefit our students. Looking ahead I believe Term 3 will bring new opportunities and challenges for the students.
I hope all community members have a safe and restful holiday.

Cathy Lucantonio