Calendar Dates

TERM 3

Week 3 - Education Week

Wednesday 1st August:
K-2 and K/6W Athletics Carnival
Education Week Assembly
Choir, Band and Dance groups performing.
Open classrooms and ‘donate a book’ Book Fair

Thursday 2nd:
Scripture starts for Term 3

Week 4

Friday 10th:
Olymp-a-thon

Week 5 - Science Week

Wednesday 15th:
K-6 Questacon Science Squads
Friday 17th:
Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 6: Book Week and Debating Week

Monday 20th:
SEPSSA Cricket Trials - Open

Tuesday 21st:
Showcase rehearsals at Souths Juniors (Junior and Senior Dance)

Tuesday 21st:
Zone Athletics Carnival 1/2 day

Wednesday 22nd:
School Open Night 7pm

Athletics Carnival

What a success our Athletics Carnival was at Hensley Oval yesterday! Many thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers who helped run the events and record results. Well done to all students who participated on the day and they are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and teamwork. In true Banksmeadow fashion students were cheering each other on and supporting their peers in their house colours! The Cheers from our house teams were amazing and everyone had a fantastic day. Many thanks to all the teachers, but especially Mr Heinecke and Shannon Gray who organised all the equipment and the events for the day.

Congratulations to these students this week!

KT      Isabella M, Quincy, Joshua
K1/B    Madison, Leah, Kosta
1/2J    Charlotte, Lili, Jem
1S      Jye, Brooklyn, Jake
2/3F    Ben, Sophia, Jade
3M      Emily, Hazuki, Lachlan
4L      Kyle, Blake, Rolly
5M      Anastasia, Hannah, Rowan
6H      Rhys, Lucas, Daniel
K/6W    Ben, Nicole

Class of the week!

3M
Performing Arts at the Open Day
Our Junior dance group, Senior guitar group, choir and band will be performing at the Education Week assembly next Wednesday 1st August. The assembly starts at midday and parents are welcome to come along and watch. The children in guitar and band should bring their instrument and music to school on the day. Dancers should wear their hair in a low ponytail and bring their black school shoes.

K - 2 Athletics Carnival
Unfortunately the K - 2 carnival had to be cancelled this week due to poor weather. We will try and hold it again next Wednesday morning starting at 9.15am in the bottom playground. Parents are welcome to cheer on the children.

Cooking Fun in 1/2J
1/2J had fun making authentic Italian pizzas. Miss Nina, our Masterchef, taught us what to do and spoke some Italian to us while we worked. We will be making pizzas again this term because we have so many ingredients left over! YUM

State Representative
Megan Dobrosavljevic from Year 6 has been chosen in the NSW Representative Team in Diving to compete at the national titles in Sydney. This is a fantastic achievement and certainly well deserved for Megan who puts a lot of effort into her sport. To compete at this level requires, of course, a financial commitment for Megan and her family. The P&C have made a contribution to Megan’s costs but we can all support Megan by purchasing a ticket in the NSW PSSA guessing competition. The money from the tickets sold at our school will go directly to support Megan. Tickets are available from the school office for $2.

Principals Message
Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the school by assisting at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. Without the help of parents and carers we would not be able to run sports carnivals due to the size of our teaching staff. A special thanks to Shannon Gray who helped not only on the day but also ably assisted Mr Heinecke in the overall organisation for the day. The carnival ran very smoothly and there was a high level of participation by students which was great to see.

Last week Miss Brown, Miss Fahey and myself attended a Conference on technology and social media. Part of the day focused on digital identity and the clear message that came through was developing in students a “think before you post” mentality. Due to the far reaching nature of social media posts, comments or pictures can be used in a negative way now or in the future. In light of this, it is with disappointment that I find members of the school community continue to speak negatively about our school on social media such as Facebook. It is extremely difficult for us to respond to comments posted and give our “side of the story”. Without doubt, the impact of these comments can be far reaching. The staff and myself have worked hard to develop a positive profile for the school, not just in name but by deed and this can be damaged very quickly and easily. I would ask for parents and carers to develop a “think before you post” mentality. I would also ask if any parent or carer has a concern or issue to speak with the teachers or myself or attend a P&C meeting where there can be open discussion about these matters and solutions or resolutions reached rather than dealing in gossip and innuendo. I would also ask that you do not take all that is written on Facebook as “gospel truth”.
I sincerely thank those members of the school community who work with us to build the positive reputation of the school.

Cathy Lucantonio