This week is Book Week and the students at Banksmeadow are reading many of the short listed books in their library lessons. On Wednesday 22nd of August the in-school final for the 2012 Premiers Spelling Bee Challenge was held. It was a great display of fantastic spelling from all of the students that participated. Congratulations to Liam and Syahmi from Year 6 and Logan and Rahul from Year 4 for making it through to the regional finals at Double Bay PS next month! Spectacular effort!

Zone Athletic Carnival News

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in Day 1 of the Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. The students’ effort and behaviour was outstanding. Over 30 students have qualified for finals which will take place this Friday. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to lend their support. A reminder, there will be no bus for Friday’s carnival. Parents are asked to organise their own transport to ES Marks Athletic Field. Students should meet Mr Heinecke and Mrs Moffat at the Boronia Street entrance to the field at 9:00am in preparation for a 9:30 start.

Thank You Orica

At this week’s assembly the school was presented with a cheque from Orica to purchase native plants for our new garden. We would like to thank Orica for their generous donation to our school.

Congratulations to these students this week!

**KT** Kianoa, Amber, Jessica  
**K1/B** Sienna, Jeremiah, Ruby  
**1/2J** Kye, Trey, Arley  
**1S** John, Cooper, Clare  
**2/3F** Jackson, Erin, Kye  
**3M** Caitlin, Baylee, Dean  
**4L** Ben.M, Nicolas, Jya  
**5M** Jesse, Tiana, Kayla  
**6H** Syahmi, Ethan, Storm  
**K/6W** Chloe, Joanna

Class of the week

2/3F
P&C News
Please don’t forget to bring in your father’s day gifts and leave them at the office. We are still looking for a few helpers for the morning of Thursday 30th August to help sell the presents to the students. If you are able to help please email daniellepretty@optusnet.com.au
We are holding a cake stall at Banksmeadow Preschool on the day of the council election on Saturday 8th September. Please bring donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, cupcakes and muffins to the preschool on Friday 7th September or drop them off on the morning of the 8th when you come to vote. We are looking for helpers to run the stall, please leave a note at the office advising if you are able to help anytime between 8am and 12midday, with your name, time-slot and phone number.
The P&C have a Facebook page, please join the link at https://www.facebook.com/Banksmeadowpandc

Kindergarten Orientation
Our Kindergarten Orientation day will take place on Tuesday 4th September. Our 2013 Kindergarten children will have time to play in the classroom and meet their new friends for next year. Some of the students in Years 4 and 5 will be the children’s buddy friends and will come and assist them as they transition to school. The children attending the Preschool this year will come up with their teachers. Please arrive no later than 9.10am at the Preschool so that they can walk up to big school. The other children can be dropped off at the Kindergarten classroom any time after 9.10am. Parents are then asked to move to the hall for the information session that will start at 9.30am. School uniforms will be available to try on during the morning.

Preschool Orientation
All Preschool offers have now gone out to our community and need to be returned by Friday. A Preschool information evening will be held in the next few weeks. A letter will be sent home shortly with the date.

Dance News
The Junior and Senior dance groups are performing at Souths Juniors next Thursday 30th August. Parents can collect their tickets from the office after payment. Those who asked for a 3rd ticket were able to get it. The children need to meet Mrs Bragg at Rainbow St Public School Hall in Randwick at 6pm next Thursday. Costumes have been or will be sent home next week. The white pants will need a wash please.

Dance Fever Challenge
The children are enjoying this program every Monday. Many of the students in Years 3 - 6 have indicated that they will be participating in the Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush on the 13th September. A note to explain the arrangements for the evening will be sent home shortly. The children need to wear appropriate clothing on the evening. The boys need to wear long pants and a collared shirt. Girls will need to wear either a skirt and top or a dress. All the schools are encouraged to take a lot of care in their grooming just as in any dancing competition, so start looking at home as to what you will be wearing.

Big Band Bash
Our school band will be travelling to Matraville Public School on Wednesday 5th September for a rehearsal day for the Big Band Bash. Parents received a note this week about the arrangements for both the rehearsal day and the performance on Tuesday 18th September. All permission notes need to be returned by next week please, so that car travel can be arranged for the students.

Principals Message
Last night we had a successful Open Night for new parents to the school. Thank you to our school captains, Caitlyn and Wade, who played a significant part in welcoming our new community members. We have very healthy numbers for Kindergarten 2013.
At last Monday night’s P&C meeting I spoke about some of the changes occurring in NSW Public Schools. There is so much happening and it can be a little overwhelming. Information about Local Schools, Local Decisions, Every Student, Every School and the new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) can be found on the Department of Education and Communities website, www.schools.nsw.edu.au. With today’s newsletter is a letter from Adrian Piccoli MP, NSW Minister for Education regarding the RAM. There is also an invitation from Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood & Youth, to attend a local forum for teachers, parents and citizens at Randwick GHS next Tuesday 28th. I encourage parents to attend.

Cathy Lucantonio
In 2010 the Gillard Government commissioned an Independent review, the first in nearly 40 years, led by businessman David Gonski, into the way schools are funded. The review found that the way in which schools are funded is illogical, inconsistent and that student’s performance is declining in some areas. The review identified the need to: make sure that any additional investment goes to schools and students who need it; do more to get great teachers into our schools; and keep improving our education performance.

The Review recommends a new way of funding schools. It would mean each student at every school would be funded on a consistent basis mindful of the needs of all students.

We have already doubled funding in education - every school in Kingsford Smith has benefitted - and we are committed to making sure any new funding system will deliver for all our schools.

I will be holding a local forum for teachers, parents and citizens to discuss these issues as follows:-

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 August 2012  
**Time:** 5pm to 6pm  
**Location:** Randwick Girls High, Avoca Street, Randwick  
**RSVP:** peter.garrett.mp@aph.gov.au or 9349 6007

If you cannot make this forum, you can provide your details to my office so you can receive further information on the School Funding Review as they are announced. You can also register your comments by visiting the School Funding website at www.schoolfunding.gov.au

Yours sincerely  
Peter Garrett  
Federal Member for Kingsford Smith  
Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth
These are the main sports, active, craft & life skills activities for each day with qualified sport coaches & professionals visiting the centre.

Daily Cost is $42 per day and this includes all activities, breakfasts and afternoon tea. CCB AVAILABLE please call TINA 0404 039 789 or 9316 7661 with any queries.

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In the event of wet weather we will endeavor to continue planned activities indoor or undercover. Please be sure to wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the activity. Enrolments form must be filled out and days must be booked in prior to 10am on Friday 21st September. Lunch orders available daily. Also pack a lunchbox every day. Please also include a variety of recess & drinks.

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