**Garden News**

Our new native garden is taking shape and the new seedlings are growing with the assistance of students across all grades who have been watering them. Our vegetable garden has also had some extra care from our students. Earlier this term K6W planted carrots, silver beet and lettuce. On Friday 3M watered and planted some sweet corn, while 4L showed their muscle power moving the mulch across to the Forever Garden. 2/3F made some garden scarecrows from recycled plastic bags which look fantastic too. Thank you to all the students and teachers for all their hard work in the garden, It looks great!

![Garden Picture]()

**Gardening Bee**

We are having a Gardening Bee next Wednesday 5th September from 2pm. We are looking for parent helpers to join us to tidy up the garden ready for the Botany Bay Garden Competition, which will be judged later this term. Please bring any gardening equipment you have at home along for the afternoon.

**Banksmeadow Zone Athletics carnival Results**

Thank you to all students and parents for a fantastic two days at E.S Marks. Banksmeadow students were very competitive on both days with: Piper Atkins, Chloe Boston, Robbie Spencer, Anastasia Reeve, Storm Cullen and Caitlyn Harrold progressing through to the Regional Carnival at Homebush. The carnival will be held on Wednesday 5th September and we wish our team good luck.

**Congratulations to these students this week!**

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**Term 3**

**Week 7**

**Calendar Dates**

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**Week 8**

- Tuesday 4th: Kindergarten Orientation 9 -11
- Tuesday 4th: Yrs 3/4 Oztag Gala Day
- Wednesday 5th: Regional Athletics
- Wednesday 5th: Band to Matraville Public School 10 -12
- Friday 7th: Deadly Awards at Carriageworks

**Week 9**

- Tuesday 11th: Preschool Orientation Information Night 5pm
- Tuesday 11th: Yrs 5/6 Oztag Gala Day
- Thursday 13th: Brasserie Bread Visit Yr 4 10 -11
- Thursday 13th: Dance Fever Challenge
- Thursday 13th: Public Speaking Competition

**Week 10**

- Tuesday 18th: Big Band Bash - Daceyville P.S.
- Wednesday 19th: Footy Mutli Day - Gold coin donation for Sydney Children's Hospital
More Library Book Donations
Many thanks to Katarina and Christopher Saravanos and Madina Herta for their Library Book Donations from our recent Book Fair!

Olympathon
All sponsorship money should be returned to the school office by Friday 31st August. At this stage we have only had about a third of students return their money and this is a little disappointing. Of course money can be returned to the office after Friday, however prizes for the highest sponsorship in each grade will be given out next Monday.

Kindergarten Orientation
Next Tuesday 4th September our new Kindergarten students for 2013 will be coming up to visit. They will meet up with their older buddy and spend some time participating in play activities. Students should be taken to the classroom around 9.10am and once settled, parents can move to the hall for the information session. Students who attend the Preschool will be brought up to the school with the teachers. If your child attends the Preschool, please take them there as normal no later than 9.10am so that they can all walk up together. Our current Kindergarten students will be working in the library on this morning.

Preschool Orientation
Our Preschool parents will be attending their orientation evening on Tuesday 11th September at 5pm. The evening will take place in the hall. Parents will receive an invitation next week.

Band News
The school band will be travelling to Matraville Public School next Wednesday 5th September for their rehearsal day for the Big Band Bash. The children will need to remember their music and instrument on the day. Your lunch and recess needs to be in your school bag as well. The children will leave about 9.45am and return by 12.15pm. Parents who have offered to drive will be contacted in the next few days to confirm if they are needed.

Dance Fever Challenge
The Dance Fever Challenge is on Thursday 13th September at Homebush Sports Centre and is open to all students in Years 3-6. Every child who is attending needs to return the note about whether they are participating by next Tuesday 4th September, so that bus numbers can be arranged and finalised. The children can be driven by their parents and meet us there, parents can come on the bus with their children or the children can come on the bus with the accompanying teachers. The children who are coming on the bus on their own must be picked up by a parent at school around 9.45 pm when we return. The bus will leave the school at 3.45 pm. As there has been problems with pre ordered tickets in previous years, this year parents will be asked to purchase their tickets for themselves and their accompanied children when they arrive at Homebush. The school will only be collecting the $5 ticket money for children who are going on the bus with the teachers without their parents. Parents and children who have indicated that they will be going on the bus will also need to pay for bus travel. Costs will be confirmed next week and sent home in a note.

P and C News
Thank you to everyone for their support of the Father's day stall today. We hope our dads and grandfathers enjoy their gifts on Sunday and have a great day. A reminder that there will be council elections held at the school next Saturday 8th September. As the community cannot vote outside their electorate in these elections, we have been told that there will be a much bigger crowd than normal coming to vote at Banksmeadow. This is a great opportunity for us to make some money for the children and the school. The more cakes we have, the more money we can make. Please take your cakes to the old hall near the office next Friday 7th September or drop them off on the day from 8am. Helpers are greatly appreciated at the stall for only one hour between 8am to midday. Please return the P and C note that was sent out last week if you are available and start cooking cakes! We really appreciate everyone's support.
Principals Message
Congratulations to Ben Timbery and Daniel Longbottom who took part in the Sydney Regions ‘Yarn Up’ program. Both boys enthusiastically participated in the 3 day program which developed their debating and public speaking skills. Two days of the program were at State Parliament House so the boys also had the opportunity to tour the House.
The students who participated in the Zone Carnival last week were also great representatives for our school both in their sportsmanship and their behaviour. It is very pleasing to hear positive reports about our students who are involved in these large events. Well done!
We had many new parents turn up to our open night last Wednesday and we are looking forward to meeting our Kindergarten 2013 students next Tuesday when they visit the school for their first orientation morning. We are beginning to plan for 2013 and would appreciate knowing if any families won’t be returning next year. At this point we are very close to going up a class so being clear about our student numbers is important.

Cathy Lucantonio