Kindergarten Orientation
We had a lovely morning this week with our new Kindergarten students for 2013. Both the new children and their buddies had some fun playing together and getting to know each other. Kids into Kindy will start next term. If the new students do not attend Banksmeadow Preschool on Wednesdays, parents will receive a letter in the mail confirming their enrolment dates.

Showcase Performance 2012
Last Thursday the Senior and Junior dance groups performed at Showcase at the Juniors. Congratulations to all the children on a great job. Thank you to Anne, Arianne and Carine for their assistance in the beauty shop. Please return all costumes by next week. There is a bag to return costumes outside Mrs Bragg's classroom.

Our Community Walk
Last Friday KT and K/1B enjoyed a walk around Banksmeadow as part of our unit on Places We Know. The children had a good look around at the features of both the modern and older buildings. They identified the goods and services we have in our community and tallied the traffic along Botany Road into a data graph. The classes then made their way down to Sir Joseph Banks Park for a play and some lunch. Everyone had a lovely morning.

Garden Working Bee
Many thanks to all the helpers who came along to the Garden Working Bee this week. Our garden is starting to take shape and we are getting prepared for the garden competition judging!!

Congratulations to these students this week!

KT  Sienna, Isabella, Nathan
K1/B  Tate, Zara, Emily, Seamus
1/2J  Kiraban, Lili, William
1S  Nicola, Cloe, Jasmin
2/3F  Aaron, Shae, Jake
3M  Cooper, Elias, Jacson
4L  Gavin, Katarina, Cinta
5M  Adriana, Daniel, Alyssa
6H  Megan, Kazune, Piper
K/6W  Lizzie, Ben

Class of the week

5M

Term 3
Week 8
Calendar Dates
TERM 3
Week 9
Monday 10th:  Yr 6 Number Crunches
Tuesday 11th:  Preschool Orientation Information Night 5pm
Tuesday 11th:  Yrs 5/6 Oztag Gala Day
Wednesday 12th:  Garden Competition Judging
Thursday 13th:  Brasserie Bread Visit Yr 4 10 -11
Thursday 13th:  Public Speaking Competition
Thursday 13th:  Dance Fever Challenge

Week 10
Tuesday 18th:  Big Band Bash - Daceyville P.S.
Wednesday 19th:  Footy Mufti Day - Gold coin donation for Sydney Children’s Hospital

Activoosh Vacation Care Programs & Forms are now available from the office! Activoosh is looking for donations of recycled plastic bags to make MORE scarecrows! Please hand to Miss Fahey.
**Preschool Orientation**
The Preschool Orientation evening will take place next Tuesday 11th September at 5pm in the school hall for parents of students attending in 2013. All parents are expected to attend.

**Late Arrivals**
We have many students arriving late to school each day. The beginning of the school day is an important time and late arrivals are disruptive for the student and the class. If your child is late, even a few minutes, it is necessary for them to get a late note from the office. Parents should accompany their child to the office and provide an explanation for the late arrival. We are required by law to record this information in class rolls.

**Dance Fever**
The Dance Fever Challenge is next Thursday 13th September at Homebush Sports Centre. A note went home this week with details about what children need to wear. The bus will be leaving at 3.45pm from the Brighton Street entrance of the school and return by 9.45pm. All notes and payment for the bus should be returned to school by next Tuesday 11th September.

**Farm Visit**
Preschool, Kindergarten and K-6W are having a visit from the farm next Wednesday September 12th. The cost is $6 and payment and the permission note is due by next Wednesday.

**P & News**
Thank you to all our parents for their assistance in making our Father’s Day Stall such a success. We raised over $2100 which will all go towards our children and school projects.

A reminder that this Saturday is the local council elections and our Preschool is the local booth for homes enrolled in the ward. We are running a cake stall from the Preschool on the morning from 8am - midday. We have been told that there will be more voters this time due to the fact that people must vote in their local ward. This means we have a great opportunity to raise a lot of money if we have a large number of cakes to sell. Please wrap your cake in glad wrap or some kind of throw away container and send it to the Preschool on Friday morning or afternoon, alternatively, drop your cakes off at the Preschool Saturday morning. We appreciate everyone’s support.

**Principals Message**
Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Dance Groups for their outstanding performances at Showcase on Thursday night. Again our school was definitely the standout on the night. These performances provide a memorable experience for our students but a lot of time and effort goes into making it happen. All parents would join me in thanking Roxanne Bragg who gives an enormous amount of her time in preparing the children and costumes and ensuring the smooth organisation of the dance groups. Vicki Hunt is a creative dance teacher who is talented in putting together the whole picture for the groups - music, choreography and costumes. Both Vicki and Roxanne were on the organising committee for Showcase so their efforts are not only for our own school but for the many schools in the area that participated.

Congratulations to Hannah Jones in Year 5 who has been picked in the Sydney Region girls cricket team. This is a great achievement by Hannah who is a cricket “all rounder”. She has told me she gets her cricketing skills from her dad. Hannah will compete in the NSW State Championships in Lismore later in the year.

I am taking some Long Service Leave from Thursday 6th September until the end of term. Mr Heinecke will be relieving Principal from Thursday 6th till Thursday 13th September. Mr Heinecke will be on Long Service Leave from Friday 14th till the end of term. Mrs Jack and Mrs Bragg will share the relieving Principal role from Friday 14th till the end of term.

I would like to thank the school community for their ongoing support of the school through the many events and activities that have occurred over the term. Our fabulous teachers consistently show their professionalism and dedication. It is great to see everyone united in their efforts to provide a great learning environment for all students in our school.

*Cathy Lucantonio*