Junior & Senior OZTAG Gala Days

On Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 11th September teams from Years 3-6 competed in OzTag Gala Days. All students were very competitive and our junior boy and senior girls reached the finals. Thank you to all the parents who came to support us and for the great behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by Banksmeadow students.

Farm Visit

Yesterday Pre School, Kindergarten and K-6W had a visit from Animals All mobile farm. All students had the opportunity to feed a variety of farm animals and enjoyed the hands on experience of cuddling chicks, lambs and goats. Thanks to Farmer James and Farmer Rhonda for teaching us all about baby farm animals and how to care for them.

Congratulations to these students this week!

KT  Christopher, Ezekiel, Ruby
K1/B  Leah, Judah, Ryan
1/2J  Caleb, Hannah, Tess
1S  Claire, Tana, Stephanie
2/3F  Shae, Imogen, Kane
3M  Hazuki, Cooper, Robbie
4L  Blake, Cooper, Logan
5M  Madison, Hannah, Chloe
6H  Daniel, Leah, Syahmi
K/6W  Joanna

Class of the week

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Swimming Scheme Term 4
Swimming Scheme will be offered first to Year 2 and 3 students in Term 4 at Botany Pool. The students will be going to 10 free consecutive morning swimming lessons in Weeks 3 & 4. There will be a cost for the bus travel and entry to Botany Pool. This is a great program to promote safe swimming and also fosters independence and responsibility for our students as they are required to catch public transport, undress and dress themselves and look after their belongings. We strongly recommend all Year 2 and 3 students participate. Permission notes will be sent home before the end of term with further information.

$5 Second Hand Clothes Sale
We are selling second hand uniform items for $5 a piece in the old hall on Monday at 8.30am. Please come along to buy a spare jacket or jumper.

Big Band Bash
Last week our band students travelled to Matraville Public School to rehearse with their band in preparation for the Big Band Bash. The children had a great time meeting new friends and it was a wonderful opportunity for both of the schools' small bands to come together and make a much louder and cohesive performance. The Bash will take place next Tuesday at Daceyville Public School. School bands from the Eastern Suburbs will perform throughout the day. All children are reminded to bring their music and instruments on the day. Daceyville run a mini fete in the school grounds as part of the day, so the children are welcome to bring along some spending money. The children will travel to the school around 11.15am. We perform around 1pm and will return to school after 1.30pm.

Preschool Orientation
On Tuesday, the Preschool information evening took place for our Preschool 2013 parents. Next Wednesday the children will come with their parents to the Preschool to have a visit and meet the teachers. Next term there will be other opportunities for these children and their families to come and visit the Preschool again before their start next year. Information about this will be sent home in the mail in the next few weeks. Our current Preschoolers will be coming up to the school next Wednesday morning to make room for the new children, so please make sure you are at the Preschool no later than 9.10am so that your child can walk up to the school with the teachers.

Assistant Principal's Message
The judges for the City of Botany Bay Garden Competition were taken on a tour of our gardens this week by our school captains Caitlyn and Wade. They were really impressed with the development that has taken place over the last 12 months and of course they loved the scarecrows made by our Year 3 and 4 students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rolfe and his team of volunteers who are working tirelessly to make our new garden a fantastic place for our students. I would also like to thank Penny who continually gives up her time to help maintain our gardens. The benches in our new garden’s hidden classroom have been installed and as soon as they are sanded and painted, it will be open for the students to enjoy.

Last week I had the privilege of attending the 2012 Deadly Kids Awards. These awards recognise the achievements of Indigenous students across the Sydney Region. Congratulations to Ben in Year 5 who is Banksmeadow’s 2012 award winner. It was also great to see an ex-student of ours, Grant Maling share some of his achievements as he performed his duties as master of ceremonies.

The 2012 NAPLAN reports will be sent home to parents of students in Years 3 and 4 next week. While these assessments are only a snapshot of student performance on single days, once again, the results are something for our whole school community to be proud of. They demonstrate the fantastic work that our students, teachers and parents are doing each and every day. If parents require assistance to interpret the results or if you have any concerns, you should contact your child’s class teacher to make an appointment.

Ben Heinecke