

Mini Fete

Banksmeadow students and teachers had a great time at the mini fete last week. We raised over \$1000 which will be used toward the Year 6 farewell and to purchase a gift for the school from the Year 6 students at the end of the year. Thank you to all the parents that donated a cake to the cake stall and congratulations to all the year 5 and 6 students for running a great afternoon. Big thanks to Mrs Moffat and Mr Heinecke for helping organise the day.



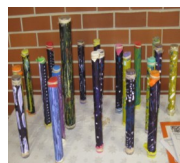
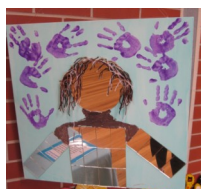
Koori Art Expressions

Last week parents were invited to see the amazing artworks created by our students for the Koori Art Expressions Exhibition. The six artworks were all amazing and it was very difficult to choose the final four that will be sent to the Sydney Region Koori Art Expressions Exhibition. The final four are *Walking towards Reconciliation*, *Escaping the Trap*, *The Next Step is Up to ...* and *The Boab: Past, Present, Future*. Congratulations to all the students and thanks to Ms Lowe and Mrs Wright who worked with the students and curated the exhibition.

The Boab: Past, Present, Future (1/2J, 3M & 5M)



The Next Step is Up to ... 2F



Rain 2S

Escaping the Trap Kindy & Year 5

All One Family K-6H



Walking towards Reconciliation Year 4 & Year 7 (Matraville HS)



CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER

Week 8

Wednesday 30th Student Leader speeches & elections

DECEMBER

Week 9

Tuesday 6th K6W @ Variety Christmas Party

Thursday 8th Yr 3 & 4 Science workshop

Year 6 Farewell

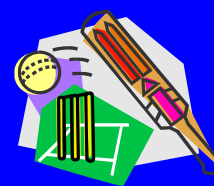
Week 10

Tuesday 13th Choir sings @ Sir Joseph Banks Nursing Home

Wednesday 14th Presentation Day

Thursday 15th Students End of Year Day Out—Science Focus

Friday 16th Last Day of School Term



PSSA SPORTS FIELDS

CRICKET & SOFTBALL @ SNAPE PARK

AFL @ HEFFRON

End of Year Excursion

Many parents have been asking if K-2 students will visit the Harry Potter Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum.

Unfortunately, we will not be visiting this exhibition on this day, so you can make arrangements to visit this in the holidays!

Preschool Orientation

This week our newest students arrived at the Preschool for their orientation sessions. The children participated in activities and met the staff. Families will receive information in the mail in the next couple of weeks about starting times and dates.

Dance News

Best wishes to our 12 School Spectacular dancers who will be representing the school in 4 shows over this Friday and Saturday at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The School Spectacular is in its 28th year this year and is a wonderful opportunity for talented NSW Public School students in the Performing Arts to shine. This year's theme is "Imagine". Our dancers are in a segment about the great imagination of Walt Disney with over 300 other students from all over NSW. We know the children have a lot of hard work in front of them but it will also be an incredible experience that they are all really looking forward to. You can view the show on ABC TV in the next couple of weeks. We will publish the exact date in the next newsletter. Good luck girls!

There will be no dance class for Juniors and Seniors next Monday but this will be replaced with a class next Wednesday instead. Senior girls should ensure they have black tights and a black top for Presentation Day to go under their khaki costumes. Juniors should have a black singlet or leotard and white joggers with bobby socks.

Best wishes to the Banksmeadow after school dance students who will be performing in Miss Vicky's concert at Souths Juniors on Sunday evening.

Guitar and Band

A reminder that both the guitar and the band students will be performing on Presentation Day at school at 1.30pm on the 14th December. Parents are asked to encourage their child to practise at home for this performance and every child should be remembering to bring their music and instrument every Wednesday (band) or Thursday (guitar).

**Keeping lunchboxes safe**

Before preparing your child's lunchbox, always wash your hands and ensure you have a clean chopping board, lunchboxes and utensils. Include a frozen drink or ice-brick to keep sandwiches fresh and safe.

P and C News

The P and C are holding a Christmas raffle for the end of the year. We are asking for donations of chocolates or bottles of wine for the hamper prizes. Please send all donations to the school office in the next couple of weeks. Ticket books went home this week and tickets cost \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day. We really appreciate the generosity of our community and thank you in advance for your support. All money raised will go to support our children in resources for school.

Principals Message

This week we have had the PA system in the school upgraded. As part of this project we have had a bell system installed. There are a number of reasons this was necessary. By having clear indications of the beginning and ending of break times it ensures we maximise learning time in the classrooms. We now have warning bells in the morning and at the end of lunch and recess. These indicate to the children that they need to stop their games, go to the toilet/wash their hands and move to their lining up spot ready to go into class. Between the warning bell and the final bell music is played. The bell system also allows us to have consistent finishing times at the end of the day. The system incorporates evacuation and lock-down sirens which are essential for emergency procedures.

A number of children are consistently arriving late to school. It is important for students to be on time as the morning session is the optimum learning time of the school day. It can be disruptive to the rest of the class and the teacher if other children are coming in late. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will contact families where frequent lateness is a problem.

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