

## **Calendar Term 4**

### **Week 4** **October**

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Spring Concert 11.30am & 1.30pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Banksia Bunnies starts K-6 Assembly – KR hosting
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bunnies Money due for Sculptures By The Sea

### **Week 5** **November**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	AFL goal setting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 excursion Sculptures By The Sea Bunnies
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bunnies

### **Week 6** **November**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30 Good As Gold Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly KC P&C Cake Stall Bunnies
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bunnies

### **Week 7** **November**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Special Swimming School starts P&C 7pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bunnies
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bunnies Graduation

### **Week 8** **November**

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly – KJ hosting Kids & Dads evening
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mt Lewis Transition Last day special swimming scheme

### **Week 9** **December**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	K-2 Excursion AFL Goal setting
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup 9.30-11.30 Yr 6 orientation Art Show Opening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mt Lewis Transition Yr 6 Canberra excursion

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Art Classes

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to our Bouncers, who wowed the audience at the Bankstown East Hills Dance Festival last night. This group is a credit to their teachers and parents. The standard of last night's performance was exceptional. A huge thank you to Miss Webster who coaches this group to perfection.

Today we have had our second combined concert with Mt Lewis Infants School. We have a close bond with Mt Lewis and this Spring Concert is a celebration of this partnership and the talents of our students and teachers.



Mt Lewis Choir

Banksia Road Infants Choir

This Friday we will be welcoming our Banksia Bunnies! This is an exciting time for parents and children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2014. The program runs each Thursday and Friday morning for the next 4 weeks. This is a great way for children to prepare for 'big school'.

Our Summer School will be on again next January. We will finalise this program over the coming weeks. This is another great opportunity for children to boost their learning over the holidays. Numbers will be limited. We will be asking for expressions of interest in the next few weeks. This program is open to children in Years 2-5.

The next Good as Gold lunch is planned for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. There are lots of children who are close to the magic 100 awards. Please get them into the office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to be at this lunch. We invite parents to join in this celebration.

As we have mentioned this is a busy term! Please check the newsletter each week and our website to keep up-to-date.

Mrs. Jenny Eggins



## **OUR FOCUS VALUE**

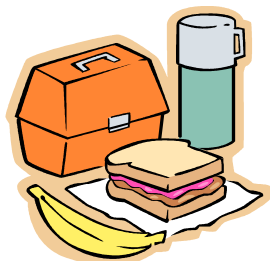
### **Integrity**

Integrity is to do what you know is right even if no one is watching. It is being true to your belief system.

When your mum is outside and you take a moment to jump on all the beds in the house because you know she won't catch you – that is **not** living with Integrity.

When you pick up litter that blew out of your backpack onto the playground — **that's Integrity**

### **HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES**



The three bowl approach:

Fill one bowl with fruit, one with treats and one with dairy (such as tubs of yoghurt or cheese sticks). Let the kids make their own lunches by selecting one item from each bowl. Just add a sandwich, a bottle of water and lunch is ready.

### **MERIT AWARDS 25<sup>th</sup> October**

6N	Sydney	120
6N	Ruhi	100
KR	Jayla	80
KR	Jannah	80
KR	Jacob	80
1/2L	Adam E	80
2J	Ayesha	80
4/5R	Jana	80
KJ	Mariam	60
KJ	Mohamad	60
KJ	Rihana	60
1/2L	Noor	60
2G	Layla	60
2G	Serine	60
4F	Umer	60
KJ	Omar	40
KC	Aya	40
1K	Salah	40
1/2L	Hasan	40
2G	Omar	40
2G	Zackaria	40
2J	LAYla	40
3T	Hala	40
3W	Declan	40
6P	Adam	40
3/4C	Bilal	20
3/4C	Zainab	20
4/5R	Lara	20

## **Selective High Online applications open**

### **Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2015**

Application is required by mid November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013.

Application information is available on the Department's internet at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, selective high schools, network offices and NSW State Office at Bridge Street from 22 October 2013. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal by 18 November 2013.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014.

In NSW there are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision, offering selective placement in Year 7.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs\\_ahs\\_details.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php)

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email:

[ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) or telephone on 1300 880 367.

Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

### **Child Protection Lessons**

All students will be participating in Child Protection lessons this term. These lessons focus on teaching children how to keep safe. If you do not wish your child to participate in these lessons or have any questions please contact the school office.

### **P&C NEWS**

The Uniform Shop now has excursion bags \$10 and library bags \$8 available. The shop is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9am for a short time.  
Reminder that cookie dough orders and money need to be in next Tuesday

### **FROM MRS K. THWAITES DESK**

#### **Expressive Language Is:**

*"the ability to communicate language".*

*How can it impact a child?*

- Problem naming things.
- Trouble with sentences (often too short / confusing).
- Others can't always understand what they are trying to say.
- Struggle to work out the words they want to use when conversing.
- Find it hard to retell an event.
- Trouble answering questions.
- Difficulty asking for something.

#### **What can you do?**

- *Look* - allow them to watch your face/mouth as you talk.
- *Choices* - encourage them to use words to make choices, not just gestures.
- *Visuals* - use pictures as a starting point and make up stories to talk about what will/might happen based on the visuals.
- *Increase vocabulary* - repeat their responses with some added detail, eg. 'horse' becomes 'black horse', 'man' becomes 'old man', etc.
- *Model* correct language, eg. "want car" becomes "I'd like the car please".
- *Everyday talk/draw/act* what has happened, eg. Draw a picture of the cat you saw outside your classroom window, act out how the Principal spoke at Assembly.

#### **Benefits of improving Receptive Language**

- They will be able to participate more easily in class.
- It will enable them to communicate with friends, teachers and family more easily.
- They will answer questions better.
- Their reading and writing will improve as their focus and attention to instructions improves..
- They will be less frustrated.

#### **Benefits of improving Expressive Language**

- They will be able to say what they want and what they think.
- They will be able to say how they feel.
- Their story telling will improve.
- They will answer questions better.
- They will improve their ability to play and interact with others.
- They will be less frustrated.

**To be continued next week...**

### **PSSA DRAW 1/11/2013**

+	OPPONENT	VENUE
GIRLS SOFTBALL T BALL	GREENACRE	O'NEILL PARK Diamond 3 COOPER ROAD YAGOONA
BOYS SOFTBALL T BALL	BANKSTOWN NORTH	MIDDLETON PARK Diamond 4 Smith Street Yagoona
BASKETBALL	TO BE ADVISED	BANKSTOWN BASKETBALL STADIUM
BOYS' CRICKET	ST EUPHEMIA	ROBERTS PARK GREENACRE
GIRLS'CRICKET	TBA	GRAHAME THOMAS OVAL- BANKSTOWN

### **Reading Club Parties**

Students in Year 4 participating in Reading Club should bring a plate of finger food to share on at 2:15pm on Tuesday 5th of November. Our Year 5 and Year 6 parties will be later in the term in early December.



### **BANKING**

The Commonwealth Bank is giving away 60 Apple iPod touch 16 GB and 100 Kid's Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *Hop*.

***Don't forget to bring your bank book.*** You only have to bank 3 times to enter into the draw.

### **PLAYGROUP IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Come and bring your children and share in the fun. Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

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**Get into shape for Summer!  
Exercise Classes for Women**



In Term 4, exercises classes will include:

- \* Pilates
- \* Tai Chi
- \* Strength training
- \* Cardiovascular training

**When: Every Tuesday**

**8 October to 3 December 2013**

**Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

**Where: School Hall**

**Cost: Gold coin donation**

**Who: All women – mothers, sisters, aunties, grandmothers, friends**

**Trainer: Robyn Suttor of Family Fit**

Email or phone Anne Maree for more information or just meet us in the school hall every Tuesday.

**Join in and get healthy!  
Free childcare available**



**BANKSTOWN  
PODIATRY CLINIC**

**Does your child suffer from...**

- ✓ Growing pains
- ✓ Stomach pains
- ✓ Pigeon toed/Out toed feet
- ✓ Balance/control and coordination issues
- ✓ Falling over
- ✓ Foot and leg pains
- ✓ Flatfeet
- ✓ Heel pain
- ✓ Knee pain
- ✓ Back pain
- ✓ Bunions



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