

Calendar Term 4

Week 9 **December**

Tuesday 3 rd	K-2 Excursion AFL Goal Setting
Wednesday 4 th	Playgroup 9.30-11.30 Yr 6 Orientation Helpers Afternoon Tea 1:30 Art Show Opening 2.30
Friday 6 th	Mt Lewis Transition Yr 6 Canberra excursion

Week 10 **December**

Wednesday 11 th	Playgroup 9.30-11.30 Good as Gold Lunch
Thursday 12 th	Presentation Day P&C Disco

Week 11 **December**

Monday 16 th	P&C
Tuesday 17 th	Good as Gold day Class Concert day
Wednesday 18 th	Year 6 Farewell Dinner Playgroup 9.30-11.30 2.30pm Year 6 guard of honour Last Day for Students
Thursday 19 th	Staff Training
Friday 20 th	Staff Training School Office Closes for Christmas Holidays

OUR FOCUS VALUE
Persistence

This means: Refusing to give up or let go.

- To Have determination
- To continue doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult.

Notes Home:

Summer School Expression of Interest
 P&C Disco
 Leroy's Vacation Care
 Fairfield Bowling Voucher

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our students and their Dads had a fabulous night of games, science and delicious food last Thursday evening. This is a terrific initiative that is supported by the Benevolent Society and Western Sydney AFL. We thank them for their support of our children and families.



Our students continue to excel in all areas of the curriculum. Of special note this week is the outstanding achievement of Amirah (5K) who received a Poetry Highly Commended in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition, with her poem 'Is it Fair'. This poem was read at last week's assembly. We also congratulate Maysa (KR) who was awarded a Highly Commended in the Tony Burke Christmas Card competition.

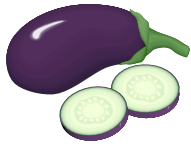
This week parents have the opportunity to enjoy more of our talented students' work at our Annual Art Show, which will be officially opened tomorrow, Wednesday, at 2.30pm. This opening follows our Thank You Afternoon tea for parent helpers. At the opening we will announce the winners of the Art Spark Competition. We look forward to seeing lots of parents at this event.

The year is swiftly coming to a close. Please make sure to check each week's newsletter to make sure you know what is coming up. It is a very busy and exciting time of year.

Summer School expression of interest notes accompany this week's newsletter. Places are limited to 50 places, so get your notes back in quickly. This is a great opportunity for children to get a head start for their learning in 2014!

Jenny Eggins
 Principal

FROM OUR COOKBOOK



Eggplant Dip with Sesame Oil

Ingredients:

2 med dark skinned eggplant (pierce with fork to allow steam to escape)
4 cloves garlic
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt & pepper
Chopped parsley
Pomegranate seeds

6 tblsp tahini
2 tblsp water
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Toasted pine nuts

Method:

1. Broil eggplants with skin on, turning frequently until skin is lightly charred and eggplants are fairly soft. Alternately, slice eggplants in half lengthways and place on an oiled cookie sheet.
2. Broil in oven or bake at 450o until fairly soft. Allow to cool enough to be handled.
3. Remove skin and mash eggplant. If you don't mind a little greyness in the colour, allow a little charred skin in with the pulp, it will add a pleasant smoky flavour.
4. Place garlic cloves, tahini, lemon juice and water in a blender until thoroughly combined. Add eggplant and pulse until coarsely pureed. Add salt and peppers to taste.
5. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Serve with pita bread or vegies

P&C NEWS

Remember P&C disco is on Thursday 12th December. See permission note for more information.
PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTE BY TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES

BE IN CORRECT UNIFORM

It is important that students wear the correct school uniform every day. Remember sports uniform is only to be worn on Friday or if there is a special activity day. Children must wear only school jumpers and jackets and the school bucket hat.

Shoes are an important part of the school uniform. Only approved school shoes should be worn to school. This means black leather shoes each day except on Sport days & Fridays when joggers are worn. Joggers should be predominately white. If you are buying shoes for school please refer to the photos below:



BLACK LEATHER



PREDOMINATELY WHITE

PLAYGROUP IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Come and bring your children and share in the fun. Playgroup will continue until Wednesday 18 December. Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM'S FRUIT SHOP

SRC NEWS

EXODUS FOUNDATION CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Did you know that the Exodus foundation provides up to 1000 healthy and nutritious meals per day, every day of the year, to homeless, poor and struggling Australians? The Exodus Foundation is a charity that helps disadvantaged people, by providing food, education and health services to those who need it most.

The holiday season is coming up and the SRC need your help. We would like you all to support this charity by donating non-perishable food, such as tinned fruit and vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, cans of tuna, tinned soup, rice, pasta, coffee, tea and cereals.

These items will be put into food parcels and donated to those who may go hungry this holiday season. Please send all donations to Miss Lin's room.

Thank you for your support.

MERIT AWARDS 29/11/13

20 Awards 3T Adam, Alaa, Reem, Mohammed, 4F Milan, 5V May S, KJ Mohamed

40 Awards 2J Bassam ,3T Alaa, Amir,4F Milan, 5V May E, Yosra, KJ Fatema.

60 Awards 1K Ashleigh ,3T Abdulnaser, Ahmed, Alaa, Amir, Elyssa, Isabella ,3W,Amy, Zain 5K Nadia, K/1N Abdulrahman, Badr, Jannah, KR Mohamed W

80 Awards..3T Aycha,3W Nicholas,5K Amani, K/1N Alaa, Kasey,KC Wahib

100 Awards 1/2L Razan,1K Hajer, 2J,Sarah, 3T Zena, 5K Amirah, K/1N, Alaa, Zain, KJ Mohamed H, KR Jad,

120 Awards 3W Brady

Reading Club Parties

Our last party for the year will be held on Thursday for Year 6. Please ensure you provide your child with a plate of finger food for their party. Please return all Reading Club novels to the library ASAP.

Grade	Novel	Party Date
Year 6	Sleeping Sword	Thur 5 th of Dec- 2.15 pm

Library Books



As our library prepares for the annual stock take we are asking parents to ensure that all library books are returned to the library this week. Students were reminded of overdue books last week. Please check with your child if they have any outstanding books and help them locate them if necessary. Unfortunately there will be no more borrowing from the library this year.

OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING

Our school population is continuing to grow. We have a number of parents wishing to bring their children to our school. The school has only a small number of places for out of area enrolments, and students are placed on waiting lists until a place becomes available.

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2014 or have a friend or neighbour who wishes to enrol their child at Banksia Road please come to the school office to complete an application.

If you know your child will not be returning in 2014 please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to the school office by **Friday 6th December**.

From Mrs K. Thwaites Desk

USEFUL WEBSITES

Eight ways to build your child's writing skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>

Canteen

Don't forget the Christmas Special Lunch on next Wednesday 11th December. Orders must be in by next Tuesday 10th December. Order forms available at the canteen.



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



BEFORE **AFTER**

"Special interest in biomechanics and children problems" (2-18 yrs of age)

"Children do not grow out of these conditions, they need correction whilst they're growing"

We also treat general foot problems for all ages such as:
Ingrown Toenails & Nail Problems - Corns - Callus
- Cracked Heels - Warts - Sports Injuries

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2014 ENROLMENTS

Please complete this form if you know that your **children will not be returning** to Banksia Road School in 2014.

PARENT'S NAME _____

CHILD'S NAME & CLASS _____

MY CHILD/CHILDREN ARE MOVING TO : _____

Please write name of your new school