BANKSIA BULLETIN



Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We have got off to a fantastic start. All the students have settled into our routines so quickly, it was like they had never been away. Walking around to all the classes on Tuesday was so brilliant. The students were so happily engaged in their learning and sharing highlights from their holidays.

On Monday all staff were involved in our Professional Learning Day. We engaged in our final day of Restorative Practices with Real Schools. It was such a celebration of how far we have come in working with our students and each other to build empathy and repair harm when we have hurt someone with our words or actions.

We have had some staffing changes over the holiday period. I would like to welcome back Mrs Linzi Francis from maternity leave to Maali 4. Mrs Veronica Essex is currently on leave so you will see a new face in the front office on Mondays and Tuesdays - Mrs Chelsea Matthews. Cindy Davies from the CPC has been given an opportunity to act in a higher position within NGALA so Kat Morgan who is well known in the community will be acting in Cindy's place and will also be joining our Board meetings for this period. We have also had a few new families join our school. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members of our school community.

Our year 5 and 6 students have been engaged in a Rugby clinic on Wednesdays and our Pre Primary to year 4 students will be starting a gymnastics clinic next week. Our students are so lucky to be given the opportunity to try out so many different sports. You never know one of them may be the next elite gymnast or play for the Australian Kangaroos or the Wallabies. It's so important to give our young people as many opportunities as we can so that they can find their path moving through their teenage years. Parenting Expert Michael Grose sums this up well in the article below.

We have many fun activities scheduled for this term that involves parents as helpers and spectators. If you wish to be more involved with the school on these special occasions consider coming along to our P&C meeting on Monday at 3:15.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and we will see you on Monday.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>MAY</u>

<u>3rd</u>

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

5th

P&C Meeting @ 3:15pm

<u>7th</u>

K/PP Mother's Day Stall

9th

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16th Assembly Kwenda 2



Lola and Phoebe made some lovely tapping sticks with Mr Yarran

Wed 7th May - Kindy/Pre Primary Fri 9th May - Years 1 to 6 **Mother's Day STALL** \$5, \$8 and \$10 table Limited \$2 items

Should Kids Specialise or Try Many Activities?

"Should my child focus on one thing or try lots of different activities?"

The answer: Let them explore. Childhood is the best time for trying new things

Why being a generalist is better before age 12



Kids need to discover their strengths

- Phaying to k.ds means, what they are good at, wnat they enjoy, and what do them do often
- Exploring many things helps them find that hey truly love
- Sweden encourages kids a rwide mix f'activites to build lasting interests



Kids are building their identity

- Childhood is about exploring
- Teen years are about finding out "who am !?"
- Early exploration helps kids something thy love and stick with it
- If not, then may teen feel lost or turn to risky benaviors



They need to find what fits their personality

- · It's not enough to be good at something-they need tory it too
- Adults encourag happy in jobs that don't match their true interests
- Help your (nind a good match between skill and personality

What if my child only sticks to what they're good at?

- · Avoid activities they might fail at
- · Only do things where they already shine

Tips: Encourage trying new things for fun, not just success.

Praise effort, not just results. Stay positive when things dont well

Final Thought

Childhood is a time for play, learning, and exploration.