A Message from Mrs Bonello
Bankstown West Public School continues to go from strength to strength. In the last few weeks we have seen our community celebrate Harmony Day; we have held a number of parent workshops; we have had ample opportunity to improve our swimming skills; and coming up is our Easter event with children creating hats (K-Year 2), masks (Years 3 and 4) or an eggs-ibition (Years 5 and 6). Bankstown West is wonderfully inclusive and provides an harmonious environment for all families. To those parents who supported Harmony Day, we say a very big thank you. And to those students whose art experience led to a wonderful story in our local paper, we say a hearty congratulations. There is no shortage of experiences at our school and we encourage all children and their families to make the most of them.

Unwell Children
If your children are unwell in the morning please don’t feel you should be sending them to school – it makes for a miserable day for them and exposes others to infection. If you are uncertain and decide to send your child to school, please send along a letter to the teacher explaining the situation. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

P&C
On the second Wednesday of every month the P&C holds their meeting in the school library, starting at 9:00am. This is a chance for parents to learn more about the life of the school. It is a friendly and relaxed environment, and our community language teachers (Vietnamese and Arabic) attend so they can help as required. Please mark it in your calendars and try to attend. Simply turning up will give your children the message that you are interested and supportive.

Holiday reminder
Just a reminder that the Easter break and the autumn holidays do not coincide this year. The school will be closed for Easter on Friday 29 March and Monday 1 April. The last day for school this term will be Friday 12 April and then students do not return to school until Wednesday 1 May as teachers have two staff development days at the beginning of next term and the professional learning will be taking place off-site.

A Message from Mrs Benson
It has been lovely to see so many parents this term at our workshops on Best Start, NAPLAN, helping your child in Kindergarten and transition to high school. I’m sure these parents found the sessions to be interesting and informative. Watch for more parent workshops next term!

The children looked fantastic in their orange last week for Harmony Day. Everyone got in on the act; there were even orange food items in the canteen for sale. Thank you to the many parents who read stories in other languages for the children to enjoy in the afternoon. Your children loved seeing you so actively involved in their learning!

Congratulations to all of our Student Representative Council members who received their badges last week.

Banking
Please note, banking this year will be collected on Wednesdays, so money should not be coming to school earlier in the week. Thank you for supporting this initiative – it benefits you, your children and the school.

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April
School Holidays: Mon 15 April to Tues 30 April
Students return to school: Wednesday 1 May

Playgroup will now only operate on Wednesdays.

Calendar – The weeks ahead
Term 1 Week 11

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