A Message from Mrs Bonello
This is our last newsletter of the year and it’s hard to believe how quickly 2014 has flown by. It's been a busy and successful year and we have much to celebrate. Let me remind you of just a few things:

The P&C have raised a phenomenal $15,000 to spend on computers and other technology items, playground markings and school blazers. This is a remarkable achievement and every cent goes towards making the children’s experiences here at Bankstown West even better. Please see over the page for the sponsors who donated so generously for the film night in order to help our P&C reach their goals. Special thanks to the Rustom and Doreihi families for their contributions.
The Got Games program has been a tremendous success. Gymnastics is a part of the PE syllabus and the well-qualified and experienced teachers who delivered this program ensured our children had a lot of fun as they learned these important skills.
Our children participated in a number of celebrations including Multicultural Day, Harmony Day, ANZAC and Remembrance Days, Simultaneous Reading, Mothers’ Day and more. They participated in excursions and video conferences that widened their knowledge and broadened their perspective. Our school’s public speaking program culminated in student representatives attending regional competitions, with great success.
Art took a new turn this year with a start on bringing art out into the playground. The art club’s very successful tile painting efforts have given us ideas for even bigger projects in the new year. And you can’t help but notice the amazing job our teachers do, but we also have the unsung heroes of our school – our administrative staff. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bransdon keep the office running smoothly and are the first port of call, in many cases, for children, parents and community members. Their friendliness and efficiency help make life a little easier for all of us.
We do indeed have much to be grateful for and much to celebrate. I thank you all for the part you have played in making our school so successful.

Sad Farewells
This year we are saying farewell to many of our teachers who are moving on to new experiences. Mrs Menton is retiring after 28 years here at BWPS and we will be celebrating with her at our annual Christmas concert. We are also pleased for Mrs North, Mr Coffey and Ms Ruda to have the chance to pursue new goals in their careers, but they will be sadly missed!

P&C (Parents and Citizens) News
The P&C meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month. Please join us on Wednesday 10 December at 2:15pm in the office (please note venue).

Calendar – The weeks ahead

Term 4 Week 10

Mon 8 Dec Year 6 Farewell
Wed 10 Dec 2:15pm P&C meeting
Thurs 11 Dec Platinum Event
Fri 12 Dec Christmas Farewell Concert

Term 4 Week 11

Mon 15 Dec Film Festival
Tue 16 Dec Party Day and Clean Up
Wed 17 Dec Last day for students for 2014

Term 1 Week 1 of 2015

Wed 28 Jan All students K-6 back to school