A Message from Mrs Bonello
The Bankstown West Public School community is renowned for its care and concern for others. We see it every day in the way children play together harmoniously; the way our teachers go above and beyond their duty; and the way parents work to support the school. I am asking for another demonstration of this concern for others.

This is a plea for you to donate to the school any uniform items your children have outgrown. There are many reasons we need to provide children of all ages with uniforms at short notice and our stock is severely depleted. Anything you can offer will be appreciated – just speak to our office ladies. Thank you!

Students’ last day: Friday 11 April
School Holidays: Sat 12 Apr to Mon 28 Apr
K-6 students return to school: Tues 29 April

Uniform News
Just a reminder, it is an expectation that all students wear full school uniform every day, including your choice of the three different styles of school hat. If you have any questions about our uniform, please ask at the office.

A Message from Mrs Benson
Our lovely Kinders are settling into school and class routines. Many of our children came to school with little or no English or limited pre-school experience and understandably have had some trouble transitioning to ‘big school’. Our support staff, community language teachers and parent body have continued to support these students with this transition.

Just a reminder that our Kinder parent meeting is on this Friday, 28th February. At this informal meeting Mrs Griffin and I will be discussing class programs and homework and reading routines. Feedback from the Best Start assessment will be distributed as well as Mathletics and Reading Eggs information. The workshop will be held in the library from 2:15pm.

On Friday, 7th March, we will be conducting a parent workshop on NAPLAN. We will be discussing the class programs which support the national testing program and how parents can support their children in the preparation for NAPLAN. This will be held from 2:15pm in the computer lab. Please see the note on our website.

A Message from Mrs Griffin – Active After School
AASC is off to a roaring start. The students are learning soccer skills and drills and having a wonderful time. The program will conclude on 27 March 2014 (Week 9). Thank you for all the parents and teachers who support this program and help it run so smoothly.

Today’s Top Tip
Making time to read with your child each day brings enormous benefits in so many ways.

Playgroup operates on Fridays with Mrs Hofmeier from 9am to 11am in the art room. All welcome! This is of particular importance if your young child doesn’t attend preschool.

P&C News
On the second Wednesday of every month the P&C holds their meeting. This is a chance for parents to learn more about the life of the school. It is a friendly and relaxed environment. Please join us. The next meeting will be held on March 12 and the AGM will be held on April 9. It is at the April meeting that the new executive will be voted in. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks, or see our website closer to the date.

Calendar – The weeks ahead
Term 1 Week 6
Wed 5 Mar Netball clinic – wear sports shoes
Fri 7 Mar NAPLAN parent meeting

Term 1 Week 7
Wed 12 Mar School Photo Day
2:15pm P&C meeting in art room