A Message from Mrs Bonello
Our SRC representatives for 2014 have been voted in and presented with their badges. We are proud to have such capable and committed student leaders at Bankstown West. Congratulations to you all. We look forward to the decisions you make this year to help make our school, and our community, a better place.

6/5G SRC Reps

Uniform News
Just a reminder, it is an expectation that all students wear full summer school uniform every day, including your choice of the three different styles of school hat. These cost between $9 and $12. Just ask at the school office for details. Please remember, we have a ‘no hat, play under the shelter’ policy at our school and children will not be able to play on the field or on the basketball court without a school hat.

Group Photo News
Group photos, i.e. school captains, softball and T-ball, and SRC members, are available at a cost of $17 each. Envelopes for orders and payment may be collected from the school office.

ICAS Competitions 2014
The UNSW International Competitions for schools is being offered once again this year in the areas of Computer Skills, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics at a cost ranging from $8.00 to $17.00 per student. These exams are very difficult and will not be suitable for all Year 3 to Year 6 students but if you would like your child to participate please ask at the office for the information sheet/permission note or download it from our website. See our website for further details.

A Message from Mrs Benson
A big thank you to all of the parents who attended the Kindergarten and NAPLAN parent workshops. We hope you found them informative. Any parents who were unable to attend but would like further information on either the Best Start assessment process for Kindergarten or how they can help their child prepare for NAPLAN in Years 3 and 5, please see me.

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.

Today’s Top Tip – Eye Tests
It is believed that roughly 80% of all learning is experienced through vision, yet there are statistics that say 1 in 4 children has an undetected eye problem. Symptoms you should watch out for in your child include: blinking often; headaches; red or watery eyes; difficulty concentrating; covering or closing one eye; holding a book very close when reading; and squinting or sitting very close when watching television or on the computer. Vision problems are easily detected by an optometrist and these exams are covered by Medicare. If your child hasn’t had an eye test lately, maybe it’s time to consider it.

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, the AGM, will be held on April 9 in the art room.

Calendar – The weeks ahead
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