A Message from Mrs Bonello

Yesterday’s Harmony Day celebrations were fantastic. Special thanks go to the P&C, the SRC and the teachers who worked together to make the day such a wonderful success.

And here’s more wonderful news - it is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce the recent marriage of one of our staff members. Ms Marks became Mrs North, in a joyful ceremony shared by family and friends. We all wish them the very best for the future.

Uniform News

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. There is a choice of three different styles of school hat, costing between $9 and $12. Just ask at the school office or the canteen for details.

We are trying to refine Uniform Shop operations and will be asking you to place orders at the school office from now on. The order forms can be obtained from the office or our website. Please leave exact money at the office or write a cheque made out to Bankstown West Public School P&C. EFTPOS can be arranged.

Still further uniform news – winter uniform should be worn from the beginning of Term 2. Please make sure you are ready for the changeover. And thank you to those families who have recently donated secondhand uniforms. Much appreciated!

AASC – Active After School Sports

The program for Term 1 concluded today. Please make sure you remember to pick up children from next week at 3:00pm. The program recommences next term in Week 2. The next newsletter will have further details. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Keeping Our Children Safe

We work hard to ensure Bankstown West remains a place where all children can feel safe and happy and work to the best of their ability. It is saddening to hear that our efforts are being undermined by the actions of a few inconsiderate parents who are placing our children at risk and inconveniencing our neighbours in the process. Please be safe and responsible when picking up your children in the afternoons. Parking a little further away and walking, or expecting your children to walk a little further, is not going to hurt. If you won’t do it to keep our children safe, think about the fines you are risking.

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

Calendar – The weeks ahead

Term 1 Week 10

| Fri 4 April | Last PSSA for Term 1 |
| Term 1 Week 11 |
| Wed 9 April | 2:15pm P&C AGM in art room |
| Fri 11 April | Easter Hat Parade |
| Term 2 Week 1 |
| Tues 29 April | Children return for Term 2 – in winter uniform |

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

Today’s Top Tip – The Secret to Success

Being involved in your children’s school demonstrates to them that you value learning and hold the school in high regard. This message is critical to the success of your children. Joining the P&C is a great way to be involved and we encourage all parents to come along to our next meeting to see what it’s all about. But please don’t think that’s the only way to be involved. Simply talking to your children about their day, in a positive manner, will be of enormous benefit. Taking time each day to read with your child sends a message that this is important. Encourage your children to take pride in our school through your example; speak positively throughout the wider community. And finally, talk with the teachers.