Early Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Marie-Claire Hawwa

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students as they have achieved fantastic results this term, particularly in the area of Reading and Independent Writing. It has been a very busy and an action filled term between Healthy Harold and the excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park and the students have earned a well-deserved holiday. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed their time and support in the classrooms, you are a blessing to the students and the school community.

In Term 4 the Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to present Paraliturgies in church, participate in swim school and be involved in pilot testing a new phonics program called Jolly Phonics. As you can see the Term ahead will be exciting as the students prepare for Year 1. We look forward to working with you next term.

Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Sue Durham

Term 3 has been a very busy term for all classes and by now, we are seeing the best in most children. Reading Recovery kids are really showing progress and have developed a love of Reading. Every year, I enjoy seeing the change in attitude and self esteem as the children on the RR program learn to read and realise "Yes, I can read" and "Yes, I can do that!" Amazing to watch and be a part of. Tough to begin the year by saying goodbye at the end of Term 3. Healthy Harold paid his annual visit to the school and children enjoyed their time in the van where they heard talk about having a healthy lifestyle and making healthy choices. Harold is a welcome visitor every year and an integral part of our Health programs.

The Sports Carnival was a great success and a fun day was had by all. Congratulations to the Blue team who hit the lead early and never looked like being overtaken. It was pleasing to see the sportsmanship displayed by every child on the day. Well done!

Year 2 students are still busy preparing for their First Reconciliation which will be in November. An important and holy time for them and they are enjoying following the program which was well prepared by the Year 2 teachers. End of Term 3 already. No doubt Term 4 will be busy too and will fly!

Stage 2 Coordinator
Mrs Mary Anton

Holy Communion Spiritual Retreat

On Friday 3rd of September Year 3 left school at 8am to take part in the Spiritual Retreat at Appin. This day was another in the preparation and understanding of what the ‘Sacrament of the Eucharist’ means and its importance in the students’ lives. The day was filled with fun activities, prayer, meditation, and sharing of food amongst students, parents and teachers. Thank you to all the parents who attended and assisted on this day as well as to those who donated food and could not be there.

The list of people to thank is endless. A big thank you to you all.

Year 4 Manly Dam Excursion

What a way to start spring! On the 1st of September, the Year 4 classes experienced a fun-filled, adventurous day out in the great “Aussie” outdoors as part of the Science Unit, “Cycles in Our World”. The students experienced everything from collecting insects and spiders to handling small snakes. It was the perfect weather for wading in ponds, catching tadpoles and crayfish. The students also explored the lifecycle of creatures in the pond and learned about the importance of the carbon cycle. Everyone had a wonderful day.

Stage 3 Coordinator
Miss Elizabeth Woodlin

The end of Term 3 has taken us all by surprise, sneaking up rather quickly. Much learning has taken place in Stage 3: the Year 5s are experts on Antarctica, the Year 6s – China and Spooky Optical Illusions! Their knowledge has been extended through creative activities, collaborative work and enjoyable excursions. The results have been pleasing. Thank you to all students for their diligent efforts.

Stage 3 students have enjoyed many sporting events this term in a Futsal tournament, Cats galas, Day, tennis and fitness activities and the Athletics Carnival. Other interesting experiences have included: Personal Development Workshops; time spent with Healthy Harold learning about the effects of alcohol abuse and participation in a parade for Book Week. We certainly have been busy!

Thank you to all Stage 3 teachers for their hard work and dedication this term, and to the parents for their unswerving support. Have a wonderful holiday - spend some quality time together and enjoy each other’s company. We look forward to a fresh start next term, an action-packed agenda and superb results!

Deputy Principal Primary School
Acting Principal
Mr John Klump

Another term is ending and the year keeps moving very quickly. A lot has happened this term and I am very proud of the efforts of both the students and the staff. No matter what they are asked to do or what event is taking place, we always manage to do it well.

Our Athletics Carnival was held on the 7th of September and was a very successful day. Congratulations to the St Rafqa team (blue) who won the carnival. Our gratitude to all of the students who took part not just their participation but for the way they behaved on the day and the way they supported each other. Special thanks to Miss Saad for all her hard work preparing the carnival and ensuring it ran as smoothly as possible.

From the 8th of September the Primary welcomed Life Education to our school. All classes Kindergarten to Year 6 visited the van. By all accounts it was not only enjoyable for the children, but most informative as well. Thank you to Miss Sammut for her time planning and consulting with Life Education for the visit.

Our major event this term was, of course Holy Communion for Year 3. It was a wonderful day and the mass and preparation went very well. We must thank the students and their parents for their input into the day, making it so lovely. We also thank the Year 3 Class teachers, their Arab teachers and the choir for all the hard work, time and energy in preparation for the Holy Sacrament.

Year 5 and 6 recently received a visit from Maronite Family Planning services. The visit was part of our Personal Development programs here at school and the students discussed issues to do with change, body image and puberty.

During the last two weeks we received the results for the NAPLAN tests sat in May by the students of Years 3 and 5. The results have been very pleasing. Year 3 received excellent results with more than 50% of our students scoring a Band 6 in Writing, Spelling and Number Patterns & Algebra. More than 50% of Year 5 scored Band 8 in Writing, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation.

Very pleasing results overall.

Finally as we take a two week break, (much deserved) I remind staff, students and parents to have a safe and relaxing break and that the students return to school on Tuesday the 12th of October in their summer school uniform.

Deputy Principal Secondary School
Mr Jaime Rodriguez

We have completed another term of academic work. This term was particularly interesting given that we marked the end of Year 12 2010. Every year we rejoice in the achievements of our students. As usual, many of our Year 12s have demonstrated commitment and a high level of application to their studies, achieving excellent results. Their Trial Examinations showed that there is still room for improvement and we encourage our students to take advantage of the opportunity teachers offer them to continue revising in preparation for the HSC exams.

Parents may be aware that a number of incidents have taken place in our school, supposedly linked to the end of Year 12’s academic year. Yes, acts of vandalism have been committed against our school. These acts shame us all; they are an embarrassment to our school and are acts that cannot be tolerated. A process of investigation has been followed and students who have been found to be involved in these events will be excluded from Y12 celebrations. It is unfortunate that these malicious acts have tainted the spirit of celebration and acknowledgement that Graduation and the Formal Dinner Dance are meant to be about. I’m sure it would not be a surprise to anyone that these ceremonies have been permeated by the negative vibe of attacks against our school community.

Year 11 students have undergone their end of Preliminary Year 12 course exams. The expectation would be that our students would progress into the HSC year keeping in mind that the arduous work continues and the degree of difficulty is increased further. We wish Year 11 students the best of success as they begin their HSC courses.

I extend my gratitude to all parents for their support throughout this term.

My God bless all the families in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Library News**

Ms Christine Golz

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who celebrated Book Week with us! Students produced many excellent posters for Book Week. Special thanks to all the students for their Book Week displays. The Book Parade was a great success with lots of colourful book characters in the parade. Please encourage your children to return the library books for the end of the term.

A reminder that Holiday Activities are available at your local library. Get down to your local library during these school holidays to enjoy a range of exciting activities including free stories, games and craft as well as some special events! Bookings are essential, so contact your local library now to enquire.

**Locations** - Bankstown Council’s five libraries - Bankstown, Greenacre, Padstow, Panania and Chester Hill.

Year 12 textbook order forms have been distributed to Year 11. If you would like to purchase textbook from Yorke, please fill in the order form and return to the library WITHOUT MONEY by Thursday the 23rd of September. On Tuesday the 12th of October Yorke books will be selling Year 12 textbooks to students in the Library Seminar room. Please do not endorse money with orders.

**Counsellor’s Corner**

Ms Rebecca Arida

Bankstown Community Health Centre is running a **FREE** Triple P program! Triple P trains parents and carers in the Positive Parenting Program, which promotes positive family relationships, promoting children’s development, promoting good behaviour, planning ahead, implementing parenting routines and looking after yourself as a parent.

WHERE: Bankstown Community Health Centre, 36-38 Raymond St, Bankstown
WHO: Run by psychologists and social workers
COST: FREE of charge
CARE: Childcare is available on site

Bookings are essential. For further information please contact the Child and Family Intake Line on (02) 9780 2777 on Wednesday 10am-12:00pm and Thursday 10am-3:00pm.

**Secondary REC**

Mrs Joanne Mansour

**Year 8 Spirituality Day**

On Friday 10th of September, the Year 8 students went on their Spirituality Day to Mulgoa. Our theme was The Ten Commandments. We were taught about the importance of these commandments and what they mean for our lives today.

The highlight for most was probably making and then enjoying a pizza and pasta meal, made of course, in the Italian way. The day was finished off with dessert - two scoops of Gelato.

**Market Day 2010**

Mr John Fairs

It was with both trepidation and excitement that we approached Market Day 2010. Despite some protests, as I wasn’t able to eat. I was only able to have water and barley sugar. I also stopped listening to music, watching TV and using the computer. Instead I read a book. I had to sit on the floor the whole time as I had given up furniture. I also slept on the floor for two nights gave me a back pain. When I went outside I had to sit on the ground. This experience allowed me to feel how the poor and homeless people live every day. The 40-Hour Famine is a great cause to donate to! We need to raise more money and awareness for the millions suffering all over the world.

Vladna Ayoub– Year 10 Student

Please make sure that you have received your child’s results of these important national tests.

**LOTE Coordinator– Primary**

Mrs Marjan Owsian

Thank you to all the parents who made this possible. The students have worked hard and are very proud of their results.

**P & F Corner**

Mr Joe Labban– President

On behalf of the P & F Committee I would like to thank all teachers, students and parents for your help and co-operation towards the Father’s Day stalls and morning tea. We managed to raise over $1,100 which was a great outcome.

The secondary sausage sizzle planned for the 21st of September has been postponed as Years 11 and 12 will not be present. We apologise and will reschedule another one in due course.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Loukou Alam and Mr Jaime Rodriguez for being nominated for the National Inspirational Teacher Awards. The winners will be announced in November and we wish both of you the best of luck.

The recycled uniform shop will continue to open every Thursday between 2-3pm. Please remember to drop off any unwanted uniforms at the office.

**Next Ethn Salsa**

Sunday 17 Oct

(volunteers needed please from 8am till Midday)

If you have any questions please send to P&F email pft@bankzel.nsw.edu.au.

**LOTE Coordinator– Secondary**

Mr Kairouz

From 1st August to 30th September we will be selling Year 12 textbooks to students in the Library Seminar room. Please do not underestimate the power of prayer. In brilliant sunshine, the big day did not disappoint. With creative and imaginative names like Chills and Grills and groups adorned their stalls with huge colourful banners. As for the food, the budding Master Chefs found that it was not as easy as it looked on TV. Despite a few hiccups, the general consensus among the school community was that the quality of food was excellent.

"I want to thank all the students who participated in the market. It was a great success and I hope we can do it again next year." said one of the teachers.

"I had a great time making and eating the food," said Year 8 student, Wadiha Ayoub.

**Year 10 Corner**

Ms Stella Ansell

**My 40hr Famine Experience**

From 8pm Friday the 20th August until 12 noon Sunday 22nd August 1 student participated in the 40hr Famine. I chose to give up food and water. Throughout that time I felt really hungry as I wasn’t able to eat. I was only able to have water and barley sugar. I also stopped listening to music, watching TV and using the computer. Instead I read a book. I had to sit on the floor the whole time as I had given up furniture. I also slept on the floor for two nights gave me a back pain. When I went outside I had to sit on the ground. This experience allowed me to feel how the poor and homeless people live every day. The 40-Hour Famine is a great cause to donate to! We need to raise more money and awareness for the millions suffering all over the world.

Vladna Ayoub– Year 10 Student

**Year 10 History Excursion to the Italian Forum**

Mr John McLellan

On Wednesday 16th September, the Year 10 students visited the Italian Forum on Norton Street, Leichhardt to learn about the history of Italian migration in this area. This was achieved in a number of ways. A walk around the streets of Leichhardt gave students an idea of the main Italian landmarks. A lecture informed students on how Italian migrants have changed and shaped this community. This part linked directly with the School Certificate topic on migration, so students should revise these worksheets for their Trial and School Certificate exams in Term 4.

The highlight for most was probably making and then enjoying a pizza and pasta meal, made of course, in the Italian way.

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

Ms Ronda Saad

On Wednesday 15th September, NAPLAN results were distributed to students of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Please make sure that you have received your child’s results of these important national tests.