IMPORTANT NOTICES / REMINDERS

AGM – Thursday 23 June 7pm

Our Annual General meeting (AGM) will take place on Thursday 23 June. Please note that a representative from each family must attend.

Our School relies on the goodwill and active participation of parents to run. Therefore we encourage all families to attend the Annual General Meeting to ensure that you are abreast of the school's progress over the past year and so as you are able to contribute in discussions with regards to the school's direction in the future.

During the Annual General Meeting we will be seeking nominations for Council Positions as outlined in the letter "Nomination for Council Members" you have received via e-mail on 13 June. If you wish to nominate a parent or wish to nominate yourself for a Council position, please complete the attached form "Nomination for Member of Banksia Montessori School Council".

Please hand in your nominations for Council member position by June 22nd, 2016.

Marketing-related activities for Option 2 parents:

As shared during our last Parent Council meeting (9th June), we are launching a new marketing plan to strengthen the school's image and enrolment numbers. To help us achieve this, we would like to ask for parents' involvement in the following activities:

- Designing new website and brochure
- Managing Banksia Facebook social account
- Promoting Banksia via Parent Talks in local libraries and health centers

These will be considered as contributing activities from Option 2 parents. For those who have relevant experience and goodwill, please kindly offer your help to us. Contact Sandra Gyles (92755997, info@banksia.com.au) or Linh Vu (0450701905), by June 30th, 2016.

Sadly saying goodbye to Grace, welcoming Alex

We are sadly saying goodbye to Grace Dennis who is moving to Frankfurt (Germany) with her family. We can not thank her enough for all that she has done for the school, first as a parent, council member and volunteer Maintenance Officer and later, when her daughter graduated from Banksia, as a valued colleague and staff member. So Grace: THANK YOU!

Grace will handover to Alexandra Lee, who will be our new office administrator together with Sandra. Alexandra will be in the office on Wednesday (8:45 to 12:45 and Thursday 8:45 to 2:45).
**BUILDING PROJECT**

More news to follow soon on our Banksia building project.

The new building will host a new classroom, to be used as a music/art room, for our future afternoon program for younger children and for (a) playgroup session(s) in the morning. There will also be a new office so the current office can be turned into a staff room. Facilities such as a kitchenette, and toilets will also be included in the building.

A huge thanks again to Katherine Ashe and Grace for all the work they have done so far, and to the council for further driving this.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Monday 20 June:** Parent-Teacher Meetings commence
- **Wednesday 22 June:** Nominations due
- **Thursday 23 June:** AGM @7pm
- **Thursday 23 June:** Term 3 Tuition Fees due
- **Tuesday 28 June:** all Library Books to be returned
- **Friday 1 July:** End of term 2
- **Tuesday 19 July:** Start date Term 3 for students

Please make a note of these dates in your agenda.

**NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**

**Parent-Teacher Meetings 20-22 June**

Parent-Teacher meetings commence on 20 June. The schedule is now almost complete and posted outside the classroom for your reference. This is an ideal opportunity to ask Mrs Stephen any questions you might have about your child’s education and progress.

**Next terms topic: Solar System**

The topic next term will be our solar system. News related to this topic is most welcome.

**General reminders**

- Pls don’t forget to bring spare clothes (top to bottom!) for your child and leave them in their bag outside.
- Please use the Banksia uniform for the tops and any dark blue or navy pants or skirts (no frills and other colours please).
- The winter jackets with zip will be in next Monday 20 June. They are $25 and available in red or blue.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Casino Night a huge success**

Banksia’s first Fundraiser Casino Night held on the 11th June proved to be a huge success! With gaming tables, a great DJ and beverages flowing throughout the night parents and friends had the opportunity to mingle play and dance the night away!

Prizes valued at thousands of dollars thanks to local business were also well received with Linh winning first place in the raffle and Zara winning the prize for Best Dressed Lady!

A night not to be missed, we hope to see more of Banksia’s family and friends attend the next event!