

Banksia Bulletin

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



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Calendar 2014

TERM 4

Week 9 December

Monday 1 st	Swim Scheme Commences
Tuesday 2 nd	Swim Scheme Canteen Special Lunch
Wednesday 3 rd	Swim Scheme
Thursday 4 th	Swim Scheme
Friday 5 th	Swim Scheme Yr6 Canberra Excursion

Week 10 December

Monday 8 th	Swim Scheme
Tuesday 9 th	Swim Scheme
Wednesday 10 th	Swim Scheme
Thursday 11 th	Swim Scheme Last Day of Active After School School Disco
Friday 12 th	Last Day of Swim Scheme

Week 10 December

Monday 15 th	Presentation Day
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 17 th	Last day of School for Students

Reminder

School Disco due Monday 8th December

Summer School due Friday 5th December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our school concert was a fantastic celebration of public education. Special thanks to the organising committee of teachers. It was great to hear the positive feedback from the many parents. The students were outstanding.



MR HOGG

After 35 years in teaching (24 years at Banksia Road), Mr Hogg has decided to call it a day. On behalf of the entire community, I would like to thank Mr Hogg for commitment to student learning, not to mention his witty sense of humour.



UNIFORM SHOP

I encourage you to purchase school uniforms before the end of the year as prices are set to rise next year. The uniform shop is open every Monday and Friday morning. Once again, thanks to our Banksia Road PS parents for voluntarily coordinating the uniform shop.

NB The uniform shop will be open on the 27th January in 2015 from 9am (this is a pupil free day).

GOOD AS GOLD

Students are reminded to return their awards to the office. The last day we will collect awards will be Friday 5th December. Students who achieve 100 + awards will be eligible for a lunch with myself on Tuesday 9th December. You will be informed and parents are also invited.

ASSEMBLIES

We have two more assemblies left for this year. On Thursday 11th December, the prefects will lead the assembly. This will be the final assembly to hand out Good As Gold awards. Our Presentation Day assembly will be on Monday 15th December. At this assembly, we will display a PowerPoint presentation which will include many student photographs. If you do not want your child's photograph to be included in the PowerPoint, please contact the school.

DISCO (P & C) 11th December

Thursday 11th is our P & C disco. Admission cost per student is: \$8 which include a sausage on a roll and a drink. The disco will start at 5pm and conclude by 7pm. There will also be glow-sticks on sale.

Hamish Woudsma

GALA DAY REPORT

Last Tuesday, 8 students from Banksia Road travelled to Rudd Park in Belfield for the annual Belmore Boys High School, Soccer Gala Day.

The boys played four matches over the course of the day. The results were as follows:

First Match vs. Chullora P.S. 1-0 Win

Second Match vs. Bexley North P.S. 0-3 Loss

Third Match vs. Greenacre P.S. 0-1 Loss

Fourth Match vs. MaCallums Hill P.S. 0-0 Draw

Well done to Peter (5/6N), Kobi (6H), Omar (5/6N), Abdul (5/6N), Gabriel (5/6N), Laithe (5P), Christian (3/4F), and Brady (3/4F) for their effort throughout the tournament. All 8 boys represented our school with exceptional sportsmanship and played each game with great determination and desire.

Thank you to both Mrs. Kolletti and Mr. Reynolds for their support on the day.

Mr. Harris

SYDNEY WRITER'S FESTIVAL

This Thursday morning a small group of students will be accompanying Miss Webster to Bankstown Library to attend a special event as part of the Sydney Writers Festival. Students will be attending a talk by author and television presenter James O'Loughlin and participating in a workshop by illustrator Tony Flowers.

LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED THIS WEEK

Our library will be beginning its yearly stocktake and there is no more borrowing this year. Please ensure all library books are returned by the end of this week to avoid receiving a fine notice. Students have been told in their library lessons about the books they have not returned. If your child believes that they have returned a book they need to see Miss Webster and check the shelves to see if the book has been returned.



Come along and familiarise yourself with **BRPS community hub** and make new friends by joining one of our courses or workshops. The community hub is here to listen to your needs or suggestions and can offer you help in Arabic and English. We can help you with settlement information and offer support for families.

BEADING COURSE WITH NISREEN

Learn how to make beautiful beaded things like jewellery boxes with Banksia Rd's own talented beader Nisreen! Fun and fast –Call Marina to register on 0424 326 302 Starts Thursday 13 Nov 2014 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

COOKING CLASS

Come join the fun in the community cooking class. Learn how to cook different dishes held on Mondays at 1pm at the school.

WORK READY CLASSES

The hub is running free “work ready” classes in Term1 2015.

Join these classes and learn everything you need to know to be work ready.

This course will walk you through Resume writing, job search skills, basic computing skills, interview skills, selection criteria and more.

This course is developed specifically for parents with children wanting part time work and for those parents who are fairly new in the country.

Register your interest now. Call Marina on 0424 326 302



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16th January 2015 “When Camels Could Fly...” Performance at the Bankstown Arts Centre

Cost: Free

When Camels Could Fly... is an inspiring and uplifting performance which celebrates our rich cultural diversity through story, song, music, dance and puppetry. With the use of dramatised storytelling and beautifully designed props and costumes the show unfolds revealing some fantastic, traditional children’s stories.

You must REGISTER to attend the January 2015 performance. Space is LIMITED.

Open to Parent / Carers and children aged 5-12years ONLY.

Call Marina on 0424 326 302 to register.



The Balnaves Open House Program \$5 Performances

The Balnaves Open House Program provides affordable \$5 tickets to people facing barriers to accessing live performances due to social and financial disadvantage. We are thrilled to announce the first two \$5 shows below.

Christmas at the House

All ages

A magical festive experience for the whole family. Christmas at the House returns to dazzle, delight, and captivate audiences across two concerts – **Jingle Bell Rock** (19 – 21 Dec) starring Eddie Perfect and Emma Pask, and the **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** (22 - 23 Dec) starring Rachel Beck.



Baila Brazil

All ages

Celebrate the heat and passion of Brazil in this dance and music spectacular. With a pulsating mix of African dance, hip-hop, samba and capoeira, Baila Brazil returns after its sell-out 2010 season.

How to Book

For individual bookings:

This program only available to individuals who are holders of a Federal Government Low Income Health Care Card (sample of this card is below). Proof of this card must be shown to staff upon collection of tickets at Box Office.



Please note failure to present this card may result in having to pay full ticket price.

- Contact our Balnaves Open House Program Booking Line on: 02 9250 7799

- There is a maximum 4 tickets per Low Income Health Care Card holder (any additional tickets may be purchased at full price).

- Individuals may only take advantage of the \$5 ticket offer once in a 12 month period.

You may contact Marina at BRPS Community Hub on 0424 326 302 for further details.

Exercise Classes for Women Get ready for Summer!

Come and join our weekly health and fitness classes with Pilates, Tai Chi, Strength and Cardiovascular Training.



**When: Every Wednesday
8 October to 3 December 2014**

Time: 1.45pm – 2.45pm

Where: School Hall

Cost: Free

Who: All women – mothers, sisters, aunties, grandmothers, friends

Trainer: Robyn Suttor of Family Fit

Email or phone Anne Maree for more information or just meet us in the school hall every Wednesday.

Free childcare

SUMMER SCHOOL IS BACK IN 2015

Students in Years 2 – 5 are invited to participate in Banksia Road's "Summer School". This program is designed to give children a head start to their learning in 2015. Children participate in a range of Literacy based activities, including an excursion – always a great surprise!!! Summer School is a great way to keep learning and have fun at the same time.

Summer School will take place from Monday 12th till Friday 16th January 2015 from 10am – 2.30pm each day, except for our excursion day which is to be advised.

There is a small cost for each student of \$30.

If you wish to take advantage of this great program please complete the form below and return it with your payment to the school office by Friday 5th December. Numbers for Summer School are limited to a maximum of 50 students. Past Summer Schools have always been popular with both students and parents and it has proven to be a great way to kick start your child's learning for the new school year.

Application for enrolment in SUMMER SCHOOL 2014 from 12th – 16th January.

I wish to enrol my child/children in 2015 Summer School

Name: _____ 2014 Class _____

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Enclosed is \$_____ being enrolment fee (\$30 per child)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian