

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 19 August 2014

## Calendar 2014

### TERM 3

#### **Week 6 Book Week August**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Homework Club

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
Book Parade  
2014 Olympiad

#### **Week 7 August**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Homework Club

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> District Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Playgroup

#### **Week 8 September**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Homework Club

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Playgroup  
Year 6 FUN DAY

#### **Week 8 September**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Homework Club

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> K-2 Excursion Wildlife World & Aquarium

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
2014 Olympiad

### **REMINDER:**

Notes and money for K-2 Excursion due by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

At the P & C meeting last night I spoke about the process of planning for our strategic three year plan 2015 – 2017. I am seeking input from the greater school community.

Our teachers have been refining the school mission statement to ensure it reflects both the needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century learner and our local school context. I also tabled this mission statement at the P & C meeting last night. Below is a draft of the mission statement. I am seeking feedback from all stakeholders in regards to this mission statement. Please call or visit the school office to express your ideas.

I am also seeking further feedback through the 'Nett Promoter' survey which is attached to this newsletter. There is only one question; if you were asked by a close friend or neighbour to give our school a rating out of 10, what rating would you give and why. Please hand in your anonymous survey at the front office and **ensure you collect a raffle ticket and put your name in the draw to win a \$100 Big W voucher.**

Last Friday both our girls' soccer teams who are expertly coached by Mrs Christodoulos, competed in semi-finals. The juniors narrowly lost and the seniors won. Good luck to the Senior Girls this Friday and I would like to thank all the coaches for volunteering your time to train sporting teams. The Summer competition will start in the coming weeks.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Banksia Road Primary School's core purpose is the delivery of quality, technology-rich learning programs, to empower students to become capable and independent 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Our clear sense of purpose is to:

- Embrace the diversity of each student by ensuring they feel safe, secure and respected.
- Develop and nurture students to become active, informed and responsible citizens.
- Support school staff professionally and collegially to lead and facilitate 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.
- Develop school, community and global partnerships, which draw upon expertise both locally and globally and encourage capacity building.

Hamish Woudsma

## GOOD AS GOLD AWARDEES 15th August 2014

**20 Awards** Aidan 1M, Yusef 2L, Waad 3/4F, Adam 3N, Engie 5/6N, Hidar and Hala KC

**40 Awards** Zain 1G, Ellina, Hassan, Jacob, Mohamed and Tala 1M, Leonardo and Hajer 2L, Jana 3K, Yara and Baha 3N, Jeremy, Jihad, Khaled and Soraya KC

**60 Awards** Ayham 2L, Lamees K/1S, Zainb 1/2A and Amirah 5/6N

## PSSA DRAW

**22nd August 2014 Finals Week- TBA**

The children participating in finals are the Girls Senior Soccer team. All other children will do sport at school.

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held in the School Hall at 9.30-11.30 every Wednesday morning for all preschoolers. Everybody is welcome to attend. Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

*Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:*

### **ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop**



## Banksia STAR Program

Do you have a child starting school next year? Banksia Road PS is extending its playgroup to cater for children starting school next year. School readiness will be the focus in a fun and safe environment. A healthy morning tea of fruit will be served free of charge.

If you know of other families who this would benefit then invite them to come along.

When: Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30

Where: Banksia Road PS School Hall

**\*Parents/ caregivers must stay with their children.**

## Book Week- This Week!

We are celebrating Book Week this week.

As well as enjoying books in our classrooms we have a few special Book Week events.

### Book Parade

The major event will be a Book Parade tomorrow-Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of August at 9.20 under the Infants COLA. If it is wet weather we will relocate to the hall. Students dress up as their favourite book character and enter the parade for the chance to win great prizes. There will be a book prize for the best character in each class. There will be a \$10 book voucher prize for the best costume in K-2 and 3-6. We also have a preschooler's section for our younger brothers and sisters. Students can come to school in fancy dress as the parade will be first thing in the morning. Parents and visitors are welcome to watch and participate.

### Book Fair

The library is having its annual Book Fair where students and parents have the opportunity to purchase books at very low prices. Classes have an opportunity to view and purchase books during class time. The Book Fair will



also be open before school, lunch time and after school for parents and students to view or purchase books until Friday morning. All books are sold on a first come, first served basis and unfortunately we cannot hold

books, so students may not always get their first choice. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to buy ahead for birthday or other presents as most books are priced between \$4 and \$6, a fraction of their RRP. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for Banksia Road families to add to their home libraries, the Book Fair raises funds for our school library.



Again this year we are asking for families to donate a book to our **Reading Club** by paying for one copy of a book to donate to Reading Club. The novel we are hoping to purchase a set of this year is Roald Dahl's *Boy Tales of Childhood* priced at \$9. For more information please see Miss Webster.

### Special Visits

**Author Talk-** The Australian author Oliver Phommavanh will be visiting the school on Friday afternoon at 1.15 to give a presentation to our Stage 3 students.

**Bankstown Library Story Visit-** Ana from Bankstown libraries will be visiting on Thursday morning and reading to our Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes.

## Rocks Excursion

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August all of Year Three went to the rocks. We got there by bus we had lots of fun. I really enjoyed getting dressed up in costumes like the first settlers. My character was Thomas who was put in jail for stealing beans and beef. For the first time I got to touch sandstone and we saw statues. We also saw where the food was kept and then we went back to our tour guide's office and got our bags. We ate lunch at the museum. It was a wonderful experience.

By Sharief 3N

## CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to school with Crazy Hair last Wednesday. We raised an outstanding \$560 to support the Leukaemia Foundation and Miss William's mother. Well done everyone!



## MIND MARATHON

On Monday the 18th of August, eleven Year 5 and Year 6 boys participated in the East Hills Boys Marathon of the Minds. They competed in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and General Knowledge challenges. It was a highly competitive day and students tried their best. Congratulations to the boys for their excellent behaviour and outstanding effort and teamwork on the day. Thank you to Mr Koletti and Ms Chaar for assisting with transportation on the day.

Mrs Norman



## OUR SCHOOL GARDENS ARE PROUDLY SPONSORED BY MASTERS CHULLORA



## **Beauty Taster Course at Banksia Rd**

**Who:** TAFE in Community Hub

**When:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Info and enrol

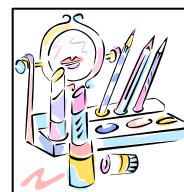
**Course starts:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Child care available

Contact Antonietta 0401 416 560

Learn the fundamentals of beauty and get support to start your own

home-based small business or explore other options.



## **Information Sessions presented by Arab Council at Banksia Road**

**When:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

**Where:** Community Hub

**Time:** 1.00-3.00pm Afternoon Tea Provided

Come along and learn about things like – cyber bullying, nutrition and parenting over a coffee.

All welcome

Contact Antonietta: 0400 878 092

## **English Language Conversation Practice**

Practice speaking English over a cup of coffee

4<sup>th</sup> August and every Monday afternoon in the hub from 1:30 pm - 3:00pm

Contact Antonietta 0401 416 560

## Volunteers Needed

Can you help out one hour a week at school?

We need your help with things like:

- Covering books
- Listening to children read
- Helping in the garden
- Or any other way you can help - all ideas welcome

Contact Antonietta 0400 878 092

## Fun Young and a MUM! (18-25 years)

Young parents come together with their children for morning tea and a play while finding out useful information about parenting.

Family Referral Service The Hub

26 French Ave, Bankstown

Facilitator: Ebony

10am - 12pm

11/8 till 1/9 - 4 sessions

**No childcare available**



## Arabic to English

Informative basic conversation skills classes to assist Arabic speaking people learn to communication in English.

Yagoona Hub

425 Hume Highway, Yagoona

Facilitator: Reema

9.30am till 11.30am

22/7 till 9/9 - 7 sessions

Childcare available



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## Exercise Classes for Women



### *Get ready for Spring!*

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

**When: Every Wednesday**

**6 August to 17 September**

**Time: 1.45pm – 2.45pm**

**Where: Banksia Rd Public School  
School Hall, 65 Banksia Rd  
Greenacre**

**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 available!**



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