

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 6 October 2015

CALENDAR

TERM 4

2015

Week 1

October

Tuesday 6 th	School Commences Term 4
Wednesday 7 th	Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 9 th	PSSA Summer Round 9

Week 2

October

Monday 12 th	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 13 th	Stewart House Bags Due Back
Wednesday 14 th	Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 16 th	PSSA Summer Round 10 Bunnies Program Commences

Week 3

October

Monday 19 th	Homework Club 3-4pm
Wednesday 20 th	Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 23 rd	PSSA Summer Round 11 Bunnies Program Week 2

Week 4

October

Monday 26 th	Homework Club 3-4pm
Wednesday 28 th	Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 29 th	Cinderella and Rockerfella School Musical
Friday 30 th	PSSA Summer Round 11 Bunnies Program Week 3

NOTES HOME:

Reminders

- Yr5 & 6 Survey
- Musical Tickets Order Form
- Stewart House Bags sent home the collection will be on 13th October.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK

I am feeling well rested and ready for a busy term. I would like to thank Mrs. Christodoulos for her outstanding leadership for the last four weeks. Our major events for this term are:

- * The Musical (29th October) – tickets go on sale tomorrow morning in the canteen from 8:30am; \$5 each. (see separate note).
- * Parent workshops every Monday morning at 9:30am in the library for 7 consecutive weeks starting on the 16th (schedule later in the newsletter)
- * Kindergarten Orientation, 'Bunnies' for 5 consecutive Fridays from the 16th October
- * The Art Show (16th till 20th November)
- * Mount Lewis transition (13th & 27th November)
- * Presentation Day (14th December)

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER – STARTS TODAY

We are moving to an electronic newsletter today. This would not only save the environment but also save money allowing us to purchase other resources to support our students learning. This would mean parents could access the newsletter four ways

1. Through our school app
Username: **community**
Password: **banksiardps**
2. Through the link on our school Facebook site
Search Banksia Road Public 2015
3. Via the school website
4. We can send the newsletter each week via email. Please inform the office of your current email address. It may be easiest if you email the school at banksiard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We will also keep a number of hard copies in the office foyer.

EARN & LEARN

Thanks to Mrs El-Jammal for coordinating this initiative. Also thanks to Mrs Elakhras for assisting. We collected 7920 stickers and are now in the process of redeeming our resources. More information to come.

SURVEYS

Our school is participating in the 'Partners in Learning' survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential and online. We value your feedback and your responses will help us make practical improvements.

All you have to do is Google- "Tell Them From Me" and then put the username and password into each section.

username: parent16827

password: Ban4217

Students in Year 5 and 6 will also be completing the Tell Them from Me Survey. Individual letters were sent home today.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are hosting parent workshops every Monday morning for the next 8 weeks from 9:30 in the library. We will be serving barista coffee and light refreshments. Please join us. Below is an itinerary for the term:

Week 2 (Monday 12 th October)	BYOD (Bring your Own Device) and PBL (Project Based Learning) Mr Craft
Week 3 (Monday 19 th October)	PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions & Support) Miss Williams
Week 4 (Monday 26 th October)	Australian Curriculum School Plan Mr Woudsma
Week 5 (Monday 2 nd November)	Reading Mr Craft, Mrs Jackson and Miss Marangos
Week 6 (Monday 9 th November)	Mathletics / Reading Eggs Mrs Christodoulos
Week 7 (Monday 16 th November)	FoR (Focus on Reading) & L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) Ms Lin and Ms Colb
Week 8 (Monday 23 rd November)	TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) Mrs Capra

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

MERIT AWARD AWARDEES 18th SEPTEMBER 2015

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:

Khaled, Maria and Bilal KG, Mohammad KL

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards:

Houda and Junaid KL, Rhianna KW, Rayanne 1E, Jana 2C, Wafa 2F Jamal and Jana 3G and Zena 5F.

PSSA ROUND 9- 9th October 2015

All students involved please be advised that if you are paying weekly payment is due Thursday morning before 9.30am.

Sport	Opponent	Venue
Girls Cricket	Skills Development	Graf Park George St. Yagoona
Boys Cricket	BYE	BYE
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	Condell Park	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 5
Senior Boys/ Girls Basketball	Birrong	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 1/4
Boys T-Ball/Softball	Malek Fahd	Middleton Park Yagoona
Girls T-Ball/Softball	Birrong	O'Neill Park Cooper Rd. Yagoona Diamond 2

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



Welcome back to Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub where all local families are welcome. Term 4 offers you popular programs and activities as well as new ones! Stay in touch to find out what's happening at the hub this term.

Community Kitchen: "Clever Cookie"

Banksia Rd Public School Community hub would like to **thank** the following for their generous contributions:

- **Darwich Meats Greenacre**
- **Mountaha's Helping Hand**
- **Ethnic Communities Council**
- **Arab Council**



Come along to the cooking classes next Monday at 12pm in the school hub room/kitchen. The cooking classes "Clever Cookie" are being filmed to create an educational DVD. We will also be talking about environmental factors such as biodiversity and recycling. There will be field trips and other exciting activities added to the Community Kitchen program "Clever Cookie". Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410



The "Clever Cookie" program is taking its participants to see **Sue Dahman:**

author of Tayta's Lebanese Kitchen. Bookings are essential. Be quick as places are limited! Call Marina on 0422 122 410, to book a place.

Come and hear Sue talk as she takes you on a Lebanese food adventure. Sue will be demonstrating traditional family favourites from her cookbook. Food tasting will be available.

When: Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at 10am

Where: Greenacre Library



THE HOMEWORK CLUB

The Homework Club will resume in **Term 4 Week 2** (Mondays: 3pm-4pm). We look forward to your return.

Parents, please collect your children and sign off at the school Library. It helps to be on time ☺ If you are running late, you will need to call Marina on 0422 122 410 and go to the front office to pick up your children. So, it will be easier if you can, please, come to the library on time at 4pm.

Parents, if you are interested in tutoring and feel you can help with English and Maths, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 to register your interest.

Interested in taking part in a discussion about your experience as a Muslim migrant settling in Australia?

Do you live in or near Bankstown?

The Social Research Centre is providing a unique opportunity for you to discuss your experience of being a migrant in Australia as part of a 90 minute focus group.

You will be paid \$50 as a thank you for your time.

Groups will be run in English, but can provide a translator, if required.

We are looking for six people who are:

- Male
- Aged 18-30
- migrated to Australia between 1992 and 2012, and
- Of Muslim-faith.

Please contact Tess on 1800 265 648 (freecall) or tess.mcnamara@srcentre.com.au or your local Community Hub Leader if you are interested.



This research is funded by the Scanlon Foundation, Monash University and the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.



Interested in taking part in a discussion about your experience of living in Bankstown?

The Social Research Centre is providing a unique opportunity for you to discuss your experience of living in an area where there has been increased migration, as part of a 90 minute focus group.

You will be paid \$50 as a thank you for your time.

We are looking for six people who are:

- Aged 30-45
- 3rd Generation Australians (i.e. you had one or more grandparents born overseas but you and your parents were born in Australia)
- Live in Bankstown area.

Please contact Tess on 1800 265 648 (freecall) or tess.mcnamara@srcentre.com.au or your local Community Hub Leader if you are interested.



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BCA Training

The hub will be running a Certificate or Diploma course with the intention to assist participants to develop their skills and prepare for workforce entry. Please contact Marina if you are interested in completing a course. There are a few options to choose from such as Education Support and Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways. The course cost is from \$34 to \$60 per 4 units for eligible concession holders and from \$137 to \$550 per 4 units for full-fee. The course will be chosen according to the majority's preference and availability of the trainers.



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Banksia Road Primary School

Cinderella & Rockerfella

2015



Date: Thursday 29th October 2015

Times: Matinee 1:30pm

Night performance 6:00pm

Venue: Banksia Road Primary School Hall

Ticket Prices: \$5 per person

Allocated seating based on first come, first serve.

Tickets are on sale at the office before school starting Term 4 Week 1.

Musical Ticket Order Form



Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Number of tickets: (\$5 each) _____

Performance (Please tick): ☐ Matinee (1:30pm) ☐ Evening performance (6pm)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Tickets will be on sale outside the office from 8.30 am – 9:00 am every morning until sold out.