

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 13 October 2015

CALENDAR

TERM 4 2015

Week 2 October

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 Performance Matinee 1.30pm and Evening 6pm
Friday 30 th	PSSA Summer Round 12 Bunnies Program Week 3

Week 5 November

Monday 2 nd	Homework Club 3-4pm
Wednesday 4 th	Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 30 th	PSSA Summer Round 13 Bunnies Program Week 4

Notes Home- Book Club Due back by 28/10/2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION FOR BANKSIA ROAD PS

Last Friday the Department of Education (film crew) came out to Banksia Road to interview our teachers and highlight the amazing work we are doing utilising the Gonski funding. We were just 1 of 4 schools chosen across the state. The video will be shown at the upcoming State Principals Conference and will also be on the DoE website. A quick summary:

- Our teachers are committed to facilitating a Homework Club every Monday afternoon from 3 till 4pm (over 100 students on the books). Our Community Hub Coordinator (CHC) Marina organises the initiative.
- One of our teacher's aides established a playgroup / preschool which involves setting up as early as 7:30am every Wednesday.
- Our teachers' aides also facilitate a number of lunch time groups such as the Games Room, Art and Gardening Club. Our teacher's aides also support quality teaching in the classroom.
- Our teachers are also involved in quality professional learning enabling them to implement cutting edge teaching practices.
- Our Community Hub Coordinator has earned the trust of the community and cultivated high levels of parent engagement.

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.

You now have an extra week, the survey closes Friday 23rd October.

username: parent16827

password: Ban4217

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 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

P & C MEETING

Our next P & C meeting is set for Monday 19th October from 7pm. Our meetings conclude by approximately 8pm. All welcome.

GARDENING PROJECT

Unfortunately the gardening project with the Padstow Tafe has been delayed until early next year. We will collect newspapers again next year. Thank you.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION – ROCK & WATER

Hannah Starkey from the Greenacre Community Centre spoke to our Year 6 students about High School and highlighted some social skills strategies such as 'Rock and Water'.



Hamish Woudsma
Principal

MERIT AWARD AWARDEES 9th OCTOBER 2015

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Gold Awards:

Mustafa 4N

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:

Syed KL, Sulayman KW, Malak, Sahibjot, and Samah 1T, Aminah 3G, Nada 3N, Leanne, Israa and Saniyah 4P, Rayane 4N and Emaan 6H,

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards:

Tala 1E, Khadija and Aayan 1T, Layla, Prableen and Cadence 3G, Zacharia 3N, Shaymaa 4N, Adam D 4P, Zainab 5F, Rami 6H and Julia 6P.

PSSA ROUND 10- 16th 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	Malak Fahd	Roberts Park Greenacre
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	Bass Hill B	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 5
Senior Boys/Girls Basketball	St. Euphemia	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 2
Boys T-Ball/Softball	St Euphemia	Middleton Park Yagoona
Girls T-Ball/Softball	Bankstown North	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

CRAFT @ HOME

Join us in Playgroup with your little ones to take part in the Craft @ Home workshops starting this **Wednesday 14 October 2015** at 9:30am. These workshops are fun and interactive. Come along to share and learn ideas about activities that can be done in the home, using a variety of recyclable materials. Please contact Marina on 0422 122 410 for further details and to register your interest.

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 41

*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

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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

Musical tickets available for purchase via school office, **only** Matinee tickets left!

THE HOMEWORK CLUB

The Homework Club is on Mondays from 3pm-4pm. We look forward to your attendance.

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.

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.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 16 OCT AT 10:30AM WITH BCA TRAINING AT THE HUB TO DISCUSS OPTIONS AND CHOOSE A COURSE. PLEASE CALL MARINA TO BOOK A PLACE.



Tuning in to Kids

Fun and interactive parenting program that helps teach parents how to emotional coach their kids so they are able to solve their own problems.

This program involves group demonstrations, role plays and take home strategies that are both easy and wonderful to use.

Banksia Road Public School Hub
65 Banksia Road Greenacre

Facilitator: Melissa Daher
12.30pm—2.30pm
21/10 till 25/11 - 6 sessions



Childcare available - Bookings essential
Generalist Counsellor — Melissa Daher 8713 7700



What's on November 2015



Financial Wellbeing for Your Future

Health and wellbeing has been a paramount concern for families. Maybe it's time to consider your financial wellbeing? This session to discuss how to secure your financial future by focusing on alternatives to saving. There will be three sessions which are:

- My saving Plan
- Where will I put my Saving?
- Where are my alternatives to saving?

Presented by: Creating Links Financial Wellbeing Unit

Date: Tuesday 27th Oct 2015 from 9:30—11:30am

Date: Tuesday 3rd Nov 2015 from 9:30—11:30am

Date: Tuesday 10th Nov 2015 from 9:30—11:30am

Address: Banksia Road Public School
65 Banksia Rd, Greencare, Community Hub Room
Cost: FREE

Contact: Marina on 0422 122 410 or Ms. Yuvida Peou on 8713 7700

