



Tuesday, 3 February 2015

CALENDAR

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Week 2 February

Wednesday 4th Playgroup starts

Thursday 5th K-6 Assembly

Friday 6th BGHS visit

Week 3 February

Monday 9th Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11^h Playgroup

Friday 13th PBHS Visit

Week 4 February

Monday 16th P&C Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 17th Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday 18th Playgroup
Scripture classes commence

Friday 20th PSSA Summer sport starts

Notes Home: Swimming Carnival Note (sent Monday)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BE SAFE COMING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

For children this means always crossing at the crossing with Mr Harry or at the lights on Boronia Road. For parents it means never pulling into or parking in driveways and always obeying the parking signs.

PARKING

A reminder to all parents that the car park is for staff parking only. Also, some local residents have informed me that they are unable to exit their driveway as parked cars are blocking. Please be considerate when parking on the street. I have informed the local rangers who will be looking out for illegally parked cars.

WELCOME TO 2015

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I'd like to give a special welcome to those children starting Kindergarten and to those who have come to us from other schools. We look forward to working with you and your families.

REVIEW OF PBIS

The school has continued to grow in student numbers over the last few years. We have also had an increase in the number of teachers. As a consequence, we are revisiting the PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategy) to clarify expectations. We are reviewing our reward system to ensure it is valued by students. We will also seek feedback from the school community as we refine these structures.

SETTLING INTO CLASSES

Over the coming weeks students will be settling into their new classes, and for some their new school. It is important that we support our students at this time to ensure they feel secure, happy and ready to learn in this new environment. To assist this transition parents will be invited to a meet with teacher afternoon on Tuesday 24th February. More information will be sent home.

NEW STAFF

We welcome four new members to our school team, Mr Pagano, Mrs Etri, Miss Foo and Mrs Furfaro. During this term we will have one more teacher appointed to our school in the role of Learning and Support Teacher. We are excited for Mrs Bozzi and Mrs Delpech who are expecting newborns in the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing in their joy.

This newsletter will be published each Tuesday. It will contain information about the school, its programs, activities, student achievements, parent meetings and learning programs, helpful hints and coming events. Please keep an eye out for it in your child's bag each week. This can also be accessed through the school's website.

Hamish Woudsma

Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Each child will be required to purchase textbooks and online subscriptions and for Year 3 – 6 school magazine to support their learning programs in Literacy and Numeracy. In addition all students will participate in specialist Physical Education programs. Parents will receive an invoice for their family's fees this week. These fees include costing for textbooks, specialist PE programs, online subscriptions and voluntary contribution. Fees paid in FULL by Friday 13th February will attract an early bird discount.

UNIFORM SHOP CLEARANCE

Size 12 & 14 new skorts for girls – ONLY \$5 each

APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES

It is important that all students wear the correct footwear to school. Students are required to wear closed leather shoes each day to school. Shoes need to be black leather. Sport shoes need to follow the same guidelines of sturdy supportive joggers and be predominantly white. The following are examples of shoes that meet the requirements for safety and school use.

The following styles of shoes **ARE ACCEPTABLE** footwear.



Students **must not wear** skate shoes, black soft ballet style shoes, dance shoes or similar fabric type shoes. Fluro coloured shoes are not to be worn to school. If you are not sure what footwear is acceptable please contact the school before buying new shoes. A salesperson at a shoe shop will not necessarily give the correct information in terms of approved school styles. Please check with the school.

SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED

Scripture teachers are needed to teach Islamic Scripture on Wednesday afternoon, if you are available and would like to teach please contact Kylie on 0408 614 343.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to our P&C for the great work they do in our Uniform Shop. All students are required to wear full school uniform. Parents need to ensure that their child has the correct footwear.

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

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Attached in the newsletter is the new menu for the canteen, with the Daily Specials for 2015.

The canteen will be having a PANCAKE DAY on Tuesday 17th February the pre-order form is attached. The Canteen also has a weekly order form to help parents who would like to pre-order their children's lunches for the week or selected days they require lunch from the canteen.



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.

Free Cooking Class

The English Cooking Classes are back, better than ever! Please join us in 2015 at the hub for new "Cooking Classes". On Monday 2 Feb 2015, Marina demonstrated how to make and decorate fruit dipped in chocolate. Yummy food for the whole family and great as gifts.

Come along to next week's cooking class on Monday 9 Feb at 1pm for some more creative ideas you can use in your kitchen.

Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

Circle of Security

Our Babies, Our Toddlers, Our Future Improving Family Experiences

An internationally recognised, relationship based, early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children.

This 5-week Circle of Security Parenting Program will provide opportunities:

- To increase your understanding of your child's emotions and needs.
- To develop skills that will enhance your relationship with your child to increase their confidence and self-esteem.

Where: Banksia Road Public School – **Community Hub Room**

When: Five Tuesdays, Starting Tuesday 10/2/15

Time: From 9:30 am – 11.30am

Cost: Free of Charge – Child care Included

Contact: **Ebony / Lan** on 8713 7700 Or **Marina** on 0422 122 410.



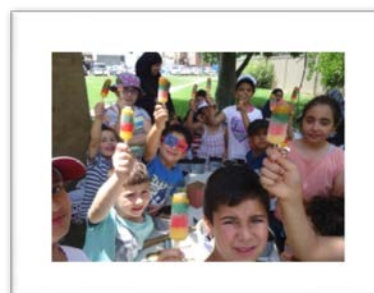
Greenacre School Holiday Program



Banksia Rd Community Hub ran the Greenacre School Holiday Program from 7 January 2015 to 23 Jan 2015 in the park outside Greenacre Library which concluded at Banksia Rd Public School for the last two days. There was an average of 30 children plus parents who showed up to the program for lots of fun in the sun.

The highlights of the program included Thor's magic with lots of kid's entertainment and Dom's gardening activities (each child took home a plant in a bottle to water and watch grow). There were many interesting activities such as art, craft, games, storytime and more. Thanks to Abou Salim for donating some fresh fruit to the program and to the many contributors who helped make this program a success. (Contributors include: Greenacre Neighbourhood Centre, Banksia Rd Public School, Benevolent Society, PCYC, Greenacre Library and other participants: Child & Family Health Nurses, Bankstown Women's Health Centre). The program was enjoyed by many local families and we anticipate repeating this program next year.

You can read more about this program in Arabic, in the Arabic newspaper El Telegraph (Monday 2 February 2015 issue No. 6029) on page 5.





The simplest way
to improve the health of your
family and save money

Come to our **FREE** Healthy Lunch Box Session


Date: Monday, 23 February 2015

Time: 9:30-10:15am

Venue: Banksia Road Public School



Eating enough fruit and veg every day can help protect your kids against diseases including some forms of cancer. This popular session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the *Eat It To Beat It* program will give you:

-  **New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love**
-  **A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner**
-  **Simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit & veg**

Don't miss out - registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **19/2/15** by **calling or visiting the school front office.**

During 2015 we will be evaluating Healthy Lunch Box sessions with the help of researchers from the University of Sydney. Participation in the evaluation is completely voluntary.

**Eat It To
Beat It** 