

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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## CALENDAR

**TERM 1** **2015**

**Week 4** **February**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> P & C meeting  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
Scripture classes commence  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> PSSA Summer sport starts Round 1

**Week 5** **February**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Homework Club Commences  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Evening  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 2

**Week 6** **March**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Homework Club  
Bankstown PSSA District Swimming Carnival  
International Women's Day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Life education Commences  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 3

**Week 7** **March**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Homework Club  
Life education Concludes  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Playgroup  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 4

**Notes Home:** Student Information Sheet  
Homework Club Permission Note

**Reminder:** Early bird special for School requirements and PSSA due by this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**P & C Meeting:-** Tonight is our first Parent and Citizens meeting for the year. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. A couple of our long standing P & C members have children attending high school so they will not be part of our meetings, hence, we are looking for new members. We meet in the staffroom at 7pm with our meetings finishing before 8pm.

**School Facebook / School App:-** I am pleased to say the school Facebook Page has been positively received. This is an avenue to communicate and celebrate student achievement through photographs of excursions, award ceremonies and student work in the classroom. Once logged into Facebook, search for Banksia Road PS 2015 and press like to view the latest photographs from our swimming carnival.

We will keep the school app for communicating information for specific Year groups (ie; Year 5 excursion running late) and uploading the school newsletter. I apologise if parents have already deleted the app. Instructions for downloading the app are as follows:

### THE APP IS FREE!

The instructions are:

**Step 1:** Go to the app store or play store

**Step 2:** Search for Banksia Road Public School

**Step 3:** Open and install the App

**Username:** community

**Password:** banksiarpds

**Homework Club:-** The Homework Club starts next week (23<sup>rd</sup> February) from 3 – 4pm in the library. Our teachers coordinate the sessions along with our Community Hub Coordinator, Mrs Marina Boutros. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please indicate how your child(ren) will travel home upon completion at 4pm.

**Medical Information:-** We are updating student medical records. There has been a number of cases of students contracting threadworms which although not a serious threat to health, they spread very easily. Consult your chemist for treatment which consists of only one or two doses of medication.

There have also been cases of whooping cough (pertussis) within the school community. If your child has symptoms similar to those of a cold with a severe cough, please consult your doctor. Please keep the office updated with respect to immunisation records, asthma and anaphylaxis.

Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

### INTRODUCING OUR SUPPORT STAFF FOR 2015

Miss Webster	Library
Mrs. Wassef	Arabic
Miss Foo	STLA
Miss Lin	ESL
Mrs. Almir	ESL
Mrs. Zubairi	Learning Support
Miss Marangos	Learning Support
Mrs. Jackson	Reading Recovery
Mr Craft	Reading Recovery
Mrs Ibrahimovic	Learning Support

### SCRIPTURE TEACHER NEEDED

An Islamic Scripture teacher is needed for KW to instruct scripture on Wednesday afternoon. If you are available and would like to teach please contact Kylie on 0408 614 343.



## Banksia Road Primary School Playgroup



### School Transition & Readiness (STAR) Program

WHERE: Banksia Road Primary School  
65 Banksia Road, Greenacre 2190  
School Hall

WHEN: Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am during school terms

COST: Free

AGE: 0 - Pre-kindy (parents to accompany children)

MORNING TEA PROVIDED

Enquiries: school office (02 9707 3423)



Keep up-to-date with what's happening in our play group on our new FACEBOOK page (search for Banksia Road 2015).





## Greenacre Officeworks

Office Equipment Supplier

**Address:** 1/51 Roberts Road, Greenacre NSW 2190

**Phone:** (02) 8732 2300

Banksia Road Primary School would like to acknowledge and thank Greenacre Officeworks for their generous donation of stationery and craft supplies. These resources will support our playgroup and The Banksia STAR program that is held in our school hall every Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30

### 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**



Come along and familiarise yourself with BRPS *community hub* a place to connect, share and learn. This year, we are running a variety of programs that you can benefit from. Have a look at what's happening at the hub now.

**The first session of the *Circle of Security* was held last Tuesday 10 Feb at 9:30am in the hub room which attracted a large number of participants. The session was interactive, educational and very interesting according to parents who attended the session. The Circle of Security will be moving to the school hall as more space is needed to accommodate participants. We look forward to seeing you there.**

### 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.





### Free Cooking Class

Please note the Cooking Class starting time has changed from 1:00pm to **12:30pm** and finishes at **2:30pm**. Classes are held on Mondays in the Community Hub Room at BRPS.

Join us in the Community hub Room for some cooking fun. This week, Lama from the Arab Council showed us how to make her special vegetarian lasagne. A clever way to get the kids to eat more vegies and keep them healthy.

Come along to next week's cooking class on Monday 23 Feb at 12:30pm for some more creative ideas you can use in your kitchen.

Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410



### HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SESSION

If you haven't registered for the healthy lunchbox session, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 now to book your place.



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to put healthy treats in your kid's lunch.

This delicious **Blueberry + Banana bread recipe** is fruit-filled and tasty!

#### Ingredients

olive or canola oil spray  
3 ripe bananas, peeled  
¼ cup raw sugar (60g)  
½ cup reduced-fat milk  
2 eggs  
2 cups self-raising flour  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 cup frozen blueberries



#### Method

Preheat oven to 220°C and spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil - line base and sides with non-stick baking paper. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of mixture. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean from the middle.

#### Hint

When cool, slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months. Send to school as a healthy treat!

For more information visit

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or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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