

CALENDAR

TERM 1 2015

Week 6 March

Monday 2 nd	Homework Club Bankstown PSSA District Swimming Carnival International Women's Day
Tuesday 3 rd	Life Education Commences (Healthy Harold)
Wednesday 4 th	Playgroup
Friday 6 th	PSSA Round 3

Week 7 March

Monday 9 th	Homework Club Life Education Ends
Wednesday 11 th	Playgroup
Thursday 12 th	P&C Afternoon Tea
Friday 13 th	PSSA Round 4

Week 8 March

Monday 16 th	Homework Club Annual General Meeting P&C
Wednesday 18 th	Playgroup
Friday 20 th	PSSA Round 5

Week 9 March

Monday 23 rd	Homework Club
Wednesday 25 th	Playgroup
Thursday 26 th	School Photo day
Friday 27 th	PSSA Round 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Yesterday was International Women's Day at Banksia Road. Officially it was Sunday 1st March. The event was coordinated by Marina Boutros (Community Hub Coordinator) and AnneMaree O'Neil (Benevolent Society). It was a fantastic turn out with 82 community members attending.



P & C AFTERNOON TEA FOR NEW PARENTS

On Thursday 12th March, the P & C will host an afternoon tea for new parents. This will occur in the library. This is an opportunity to:

- Hear about the ways the P & C contributes to our school
- Build networks with other parents
- Learn about the ways you can support your child's learning

More information will be given next week.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Our Homework Club is up and running with approximately 40 students attending every Monday afternoon (3 – 4pm). It is also great to see many parents attending and taking the opportunity to talk with our teachers about current teaching methods. All students attending the Homework Club **require permission** from their parent / guardian.



Visit the Banksia Road PS 2015 Facebook sight for more pictures.

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

We are asking if parent/guardians have not done so as yet to pay the Back to School Requirements for 2015 for their children.

Classes are beginning to start using their textbooks in class and we urge parents to pay in part payments at least so that their children do not miss out on valuable learning. If you have lost your form please come and see our Office Staff.

PSSA Round 3, 6th MARCH 2015

Sport	Opponent	Venue
Girls Cricket	Skills Development	Graf Park George St. Yagoona
Boys Cricket	Bankstown North	Allum Park Maiden St. Greenacre
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	Malek Fahd	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Senior Boys/Girls Basketball	Condell Park	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Boys T-Ball/Softball	Bankstown West	Middleton Park Smith Rd. Yagoona Diamond 2
Girls T-Ball/Softball	Malek Fahd	O'Neill Park Cooper Rd. Yagoona Diamond 6

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 Bouncer's Auditions

Try outs for our Primary hip hop dance group the **Banksia Bouncers** will commence **Wednesday 11th of March** from **3.15- 4.00**. In order to give everyone a fair chance to learn and practice the routine the auditions will run over 4 Wednesdays. The final session is on 1st of April will be when the Bouncers are selected. Students wishing to audition should complete the note below including a parent signature and bring it with them on the first Wednesday.

Dancers who are selected to be part of the Banksia Bouncers will continue their rehearsals on **Monday afternoons in Term 2** (from 3.15 to 4.30) and will perform at a variety of events including at a night time festival in Term 4. For more information please see Miss Webster.

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ from class _____ to audition for the Banksia Bouncers Primary dance group on 4 consecutive Wednesdays starting from 11.3.15. I understand that my child will be at school until 4.30 on these 4 Wednesdays.

Parent Name _____ Parent signature _____ Date _____



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:

Don't miss out on this great program: Register now for "Building Bullying Shields" - Call Marina now on 0422 122 410. Limited Spaces- so, be quick



Has your child experienced some kind of Bullying?

**Want to learn how you can help them?
Then come to**

Building Bullying Shields

A free, three-week course that gives parents an insight into bullying behaviour and provides skills to build resilience in their children. The course helps parents work with their children to improve their own protective strategies and responses to bullying behaviour.

18th March 9.30am - 11.30am

25th March 9.30am - 11.30am

1st April 9.30am - 11.30am

**Address - Banksia Road Public, in the Community Hub
65 Banksia Road, Greenacre**

Community Hub Contact - Marina 0422 122 410

Creating Links Contact - Ibrahim 0406 386 932

Childcare Provided

Cooking Classes

Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub would like to thank **Darwich Meat (Greenacre)** for their donations of fresh halal meat to the Cooking Classes!

Free Cooking Class

Please note the Cooking Class starting time has changed to **12:30pm** and finishes at **2:30pm**. Classes are held on Mondays in the Community Hub Room at Banksia Road Public School.

Join us in the Community hub Room for some cooking fun. Last week, Lama from the Arab Council showed us how to make her special vegetarian lasagne. It's a clever way to get the kids to eat more vegies. This week, AnneMaree from the Benevolent Society showed us her home-made special hamburgers.

Come along to the next cooking class on Monday 9 Feb at 12:30pm for some more creative ideas you can use in your kitchen. Don't forget Monday 2 March is International Women's Day in the school Hall!

Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

Circle of Security

This parenting program continues to engage parents who have indicated they are benefitting and enjoying these sessions. We look forward to more productive times at the school hub with you next week.

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.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY @ BRPS!

International Women's Day was held at Banksia Rd Public School on Monday 2 March 2015. A fun day packed with helpful information for women. An event by women for women where participants were able to meet, connect, learn and have fun!

Rachel guided many women who joined in to belly dance, while some had a go at Tai Chi. BreastScreen gave out showbags and Legal Aid presented some useful information. Dress For Success, an organisation that originated in New York (assist women with business attire for job interviews) also presented and provided participants with their contact details.



Why make music with your child?

Music is a fantastic way for children and parents to experience fun and enjoyable times together.

Dancing, singing, playing percussion instruments, and relaxing to music are great for stimulating your child's development. And the benefits are even greater when you share these activities together!

Sing & Grow

A one-off session within "Playgroup" at
Banksia Rd Public School
Wed 11th March 9.30am

Address - Banksia Road Public School, in the hall
65 Banksia Road, Greenacre
Community Hub Contact - Marina 0422 122 410

