

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 17 March 2015

CALENDAR

TERM 1 2015

Week 8 March

Monday 16th	Homework Club Annual General Meeting P&C
Wednesday 18 th	Playgroup
Thursday 19 th	World's Greatest Shave Information Session for Year6 parents Re: High School Enrolment
Friday 20th	PSSA Round 5

Week 9 March

Monday 23rd	Homework Club
Tuesday 24 th	Harmony Day
Wednesday 25 th	Playgroup
Thursday 26 th	School Photo day
Friday 27th	PSSA Round 6

Week 10 March/April

Monday 30th	Homework Club
Tuesday 31 st	Easter Hat Parade K-2
Wednesday 1st	Playgroup
Thursday 2nd	Good As Gold Day Last day for Term 1

TERM 2 2015

Week 1 April

Tuesday 21 st	Students Return to School
Wednesday 22nd	Playgroup

Notes Home: Good As Gold Day Excursion Note

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P & C

At Banksia Road we have a vibrant and hardworking P&C who are a strong support for our students and school. We cannot thank them enough for the great work they do. Congratulations to our new P&C executive elected at last night's AGM. The newly elected volunteers are:

President: Bassam Elakhras

Vice President: Sue Samad

Secretary: Salma Wehbe/Harris and Manal Ayoubi

Treasurer: Kylie Elakhras and Nathalie El-Jammal

Fundraising: Mary Veleski

Uniform: Kylie Elakhras, Suzanne Darwiche and Diana Tahan.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who support our school. We encourage all parents to become involved in the P&C and all school activities. We look forward to a great year ahead.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please use the office telephone in case of emergency only.

All matters such as reason for absence, change in routine etc. can be put in writing and sent to the class teacher. Please only call the office if your child will be absent on the day of an **excursion**.

The best way to communicate with a teacher or other member of staff is via a note sent with your child or an email to the school office address. Please use your classroom teacher as the initial point of contact if you have any questions or concerns.

ATTENDANCE

Holidays taken outside of school vacation periods will now be included in student absences. A Certificate of exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT PROCESS

This Thursday afternoon, we will have an information session for parents regarding the enrolment process for High School 2016. This will be held in the library from 3:15 till 3:45pm.

HARMONY DAY

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 24th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Bring in your plate of food and join us for the feast (see the attached note for more information).

THE SCHOOL APP

Last Friday, PSSA was cancelled due to inclement weather. Money paid will carry over to the next round. A notification was sent out on our school app to all parents. Instructions to download the app are as follows:

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: banksiardps

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

ASPIRE Program

On Friday 13 March, Mr Perrett, Ms Webster and Mrs Boutros (Community Hub) accompanied 21 students to the Navy base on Garden Island to meet the Navy Captain Mona Shindy. This was part of the Aspire program and organised by the Lebanese Muslim Association, Mr Perrett and the community hub. We explored the Navy ship and listened to Lieutenants and the Captain talk about their experiences in the Navy, what happens on Garden Island, ship maintenance and dock operation. Some students were lucky to swivel in the captain and navigator's chairs. After a fun, informative and adventurous day, we all went home with a Navy showbag



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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank Sabbagh Patisserie at Greenacre for their kind donation of sweets to the P&C Parents Afternoon Tea last Thursday.

Thank You

PSSA Round 5, 20th MARCH 2015

Sport	Opponent	Venue
Girls Cricket	Skills Development	Graf Park George St. Yagoona
Boys Cricket	Berala	Jim Ring Reserve
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	Wattawa Heights	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Senior Boys/Girls Basketball	Bankstown	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 1
Boys T-Ball/Softball	Chullora	Middleton Park Smith Rd. Yagoona Diamond 2
Girls T-Ball/Softball	Bankstown	O'Neill Park Cooper Rd. Yagoona Diamond 6



HARMONY DAY 2015

Tuesday 24th March 2015

On Tuesday the 24th of March we will be celebrating Harmony day at BRPS. We request that each child bring in a plate of food to share from their cultural cuisine. Students can dress up in their cultural costumes or wear orange clothes and closed in shoes only (runners/sports shoes). Please send the food in before school starts to the staffroom in **disposable** containers if possible, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please also write if the food is Halal or contains nuts / traces of nuts or ingredients that children may be allergic to. Parents are welcome to attend and celebrate Harmony Day at BRPS, starting from 11:15-12:15p.m.



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is coordinated by P&C Volunteers and is open Monday and Friday morning from 8:45am until 9:10am. If you require to purchase uniforms for your child please do so during that time.

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:

Free Cooking Class

Classes are held on Mondays in the Community Hub Room at BRPS. Classes Start **12:30pm** and finish at **2:30pm**.

Come along to the next cooking class next **Monday 23 March**. We will start **an hour earlier at 11:30am**. A couple of mothers have volunteered their time to prepare a plate each of finger food which will be served the following day (Tuesday 24 March) in celebration of **Harmony day**.

Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

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



THE PARENT'S GUIDE TO **BULLYING**

The truth about bullying, how it effects your child, and what you can do to help



Sing & Grow

Sing & Grow was held at Banksia Rd School during last week's playgroup. It was a definite success attracting and engaging 32 children plus 22 parents. Sing & Grow a community-driven music therapy session used music as a tool to create fun, bonding as well as confidence-building among parents and their children. The children loved the session and showed their joy and appreciation by hugging Lisa, Sing & Grow's music therapist at the end of the session.

