

CALENDAR

TERM 2 2015

Week 3 May

Monday 4 th	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 5 th	Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 6 th	Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am
Thursday 7 th	Mother's Day Stall

Week 4 May

Monday 11 th	Homework Club 3-4pm Stewart House bags Due
Tuesday 12 th	Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues NAPLAN Language conventions and writing
Wednesday 13 th	Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN Numeracy

Week 5 May

Monday 18 th	Homework Club 3-4pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 19 th	Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 20 th	Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am

Week 6 May

Monday 25 th	Homework Club 3-4pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 26 th	Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 27 th	Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am

Notes Home: Stewart House Clothing collection bags

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CROSS COUNTRY

We were able to utilise our abundant grass spaces to hold our Cross Country Carnival on site last Wednesday. The rain clouds subsided just long enough to allow the completion. Thanks to Mrs Mohamad Ali who coordinated a smoothly run carnival and Miss Papadopoulos who was the mc on the microphone. It was also great to see the parents cheering and supporting this event. All students sung war cries with gusto and ran competitively. The first six students in each age race will now represent Banksia Road at the District Carnival on Friday the 22nd May (this is a non PSSA week). Start training.



The winners of each race!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget to spoil Mums this Sunday. The Mother's Day Stall will be open this Thursday, Gifts range from \$2 to \$8.

NAPLAN

Next week is NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students which will occur in the morning:

Tuesday: Language conventions and writing
 Wednesday: Reading
 Thursday: Numeracy

All students in Years 3 and 5 have been doing practice tests. They are ready!

NAPLAN is designed to be used as a diagnostic test allowing schools to analyse whole school trends and develop specific targets. The best advice for making sure your child is ready each day is to make sure they get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast and just relax.

Hamish Woudsma
 Principal

PSSA Round 2, 8th May 2015

PSSA Winter season continues this Friday for soccer, rugby league and netball. Children who have trialed and been selected for the teams have already received notes for permission to attend and code of conduct. A reminder that weekly payment is to be paid by Thursday or the EARLY BIRD offer ends this Friday 8th May!

Sport	Opponent	Venue
Girls Soccer Junior/Seniors	Wattawa Heights	Gosling Park Greenacre
Rugby League	BYE	BYE
Boys Soccer	Bankstown	Jim Ring Reserve Birrong Field 4
Netball Juniors & Seniors	Bankstown	Deverall Park Court 13 & 16

P & C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – Thursday 7th May

A reminder that the P & C are holding the Mother's Day stall this Thursday during school hours. All children will be going to the stall at an allocated time with their class to choose and buy their Mother's day gift.

Gifts will be priced between \$2 and \$8.

Please remember to send money with your child on this day.

All money raised from the stall is going towards buying more iPads for the school to help our children in their learning.

HELPERS WANTED

We are always on the lookout for more helpers, so if you would like to help out at the Mother's Day stall next Thursday, your time would be really valued and appreciated.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please leave your name and phone number at the school office and Mary from the P & C will contact you.

The P & C Thank You in advance for your support.

BANKSIA BOUNCERS UPDATE

Rehearsals for Banksia Bouncers will resume on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15- 4.30 this week. Later in the term rehearsals will be moved to Monday afternoons and families will be notified in advance of this change. All performers should bring their jogging shoes in their school bags for rehearsals.

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 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



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, ongoing support through regular donations of stationery and craft supplies. These resources help support our playgroup and Banksia STAR program that is held in our school hall every Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30, as well as our craft club. For all your school and office needs please go to Office works Greenacre.

SCHOOL BANKING

If children wish to do school banking parents must go to their local branch to open up an account.

Bankstown Fire Brigade @ Playgroup

Last Wednesday 29 April, Bankstown Fire Brigade visited BRPS Playgroup. What a fun day it was! Children were taught safety tips in case of a fire. The firefighters allowed the children to climb into the fire truck while being supervised. Thank you to all the mums and kids who joined us for a wonderful session. **A big thank you to Bankstown Fire Brigade!**



The Homework Club

Please note the Homework Club starts at 3pm on Mondays and finishes at 4pm. Please collect your children and sign off at the school Library. We can no longer meet you with your children at the school gates. 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.

We now have approximately 70 students registered with the Homework Club. As the Homework Club continues to grow, we are in need of some help to tutor students. Therefore, we are calling for any parents who can volunteer in tutoring students at the Homework Club. If you feel you can help with English and Maths, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 to register your interest.



Welcome to **BRPS community hub** a place to connect, share and learn. This term, we are running and partnering on a variety of programs with a focus on education, wellbeing and health. Have a look at the hub agenda in Term 2:

Due to the Cup Cake Decorating workshop taking place next Monday 11 May in place of the Cooking Class, the Cooking classes will resume Monday 18 May at 1:00pm. Please join us and gain some new ideas on what to cook for your family.

Call Marina to book on: 0422 122 410.

The Cup Cake Decorating Workshop is fully booked. Thank you for showing an interest in this creative workshop!



Cooks River Outing

Banksia Rd Public School celebrated Earth Day with a Cooks River outing!

Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub in partnership with *Ethnic Communities Council* took the **Cooking Class** participants on a day out to Cooks River **on Monday 27 April**. Thank you to the parents and children who joined us on this meaningful trip. We visited the Cup & Saucer Park in Canterbury where our guest speaker Peter talked about Cooks River and the environment. We learnt about the endangered species such as crabs whose habitat has become a hazard to their lives due to the continual littering by humans. We learnt that even the litter from the Bankstown area and faraway places are washed up and end up in the Cooks River. So next time we are tempted to litter, we need to stop and remember what it will do to these creatures and the environment. We then hopped back on the bus and went to the Gough Whitlam Park in Earlwood-a lovely spot near the café and playground, where Peter continued his environmental talk. It was reassuring to see how native trees and plants have been planted along the river to revive the river, its species and surroundings. We then had a Lebanese lunch alfresco, kids played and we all connected with nature (something we can all do more of).

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 class.

Bellydance Classes on Mondays

Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub has partnered with Greenacre Neighbourhood Centre and the Benevolent Society to bring you bellydance classes on Mondays. The 1 hour classes will begin on Monday 4 May at 11am in the school hall. Please bring a gold coin donation. Free childcare is provided.



BELLYDANCE Class

Starts Monday 4 May 2015

Ladies Only

- ❖ Mondays: 4 May – 22 June
- ❖ Gold Coin donation
- ❖ Bring towel & bottle of water

Get fit the fun way!

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Enquiries: Marina 022 322 430

Where: Banksia Rd Public School (65 Banksia Rd, Greenacre) School Hall

Free Childcare!

Logos: benevolent, Community Hub, Greenacre Community, Banksia Rd Public School

Exercise Classes for Women



Get ready for Spring!

Come and join our weekly health and fitness classes with Pilates, Tai chi, Strength and Cardiovascular Training.

When: Every Wednesday
22 April to 10 June 2015

Time: 1.45pm – 2.45pm

Where: Banksia Rd Public School - School Hall,
65 Banksia Rd, Greenacre

Cost: Free

Who: All women – mothers, sisters, aunties, grandmothers, friends

Trainer: Robyn Suttor of Family Fit

Email or phone AnneMaree for more information or just meet us in the school hall every Wednesday.



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Arabic Group Coffee Club

on Fridays starts
Friday 1 May

2pm - 3pm

❖ دعوة لفنجان قهوة

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* إذا كنت منزعجة من شيء في المدرسة .

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القهوة والتكلم .

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للافسار الرجاء الذهاب الى مكتب ادارة المدرسة

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

15-21 MAY 2015

STRONGER FAMILIES STRONGER COMMUNITIES

ALCOHOL
FREE ZONE

Saturday 23 May 2015
11am to 2pm
Community Place, Greenacre
near Greenacre Library

Children come and meet
Rocky the Mascot and Bongo!!

Lots of Activities
Jumping Castle, animal farm, family BBQ, Cake stall
face painting, Henna Tattoo, sports, etc

Mobile Muster
(bring your old
mobile telephones and
accessories for recycling)



For more information please contact
the Greenacre Area Community Centre 9750 7982.



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