

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 18 August 2015

CALENDAR

TERM 3 2015

Week 6 August

Wednesday 19th Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am

Friday 21st PSSA Semi Finals

Week 7 BOOK WEEK August

Monday 24th Homework Club 3pm-4pm

Tuesday 25th District Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 26th Book Parade **9.20am**

Matilda Excursion

Payment due Stage 3
Excursion

Friday 28th PSSA Finals

Payment due Kindy, Yr 1 & 2
Excursion

Week 8 August/September

Monday 31st Homework Club 3pm-4pm

Yr 5/6 Excursion

Tuesday 1st Kindergarten, Year 1&2
Excursion

Wednesday 2nd Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am

Thursday 3rd Father's Day Stall

Friday 4th PSSA Summer Round 7

Week 9 September

Monday 7th Homework Club 3pm-4pm

Tuesday 8th Year 6 Fun Day

Wednesday 9th Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am

CAMP

Thursday 10th CAMP

Friday 11th CAMP

NOTES HOME: Stage 3: Excursion Auburn

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SPORTS FOR KIDS

In partnership with Greenacre PS and Soccer Joeys, we are conducting a sports program for selected students which are designed to encourage and instill a lifetime commitment to physical exercise and team sports.

MRS ALMIR

Mrs Almir has taken up a relieving position working in District Office for the remainder of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for her and we all wish her the best. Mrs Chalabi will fill her position as ESL teacher. I am taking long service leave for the last four weeks of this term. Mrs Christodoulos will relieve for me.

ENROLMENTS ARE INVITED FOR 2016

We are currently taking enrolments for 2016. Our school population is growing and places are limited for students not in our area. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please come to the school and complete an enrolment form. Please let your friends and neighbours who have children starting school next year know that they need to come to the school to enrol.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER

We are considering the option of moving to an electronic newsletter. This would not only save the environment but also save money allowing us to purchase other resources to support our students learning. This would mean parents could access the newsletter four ways

1. Through our school app
2. Through the link on our school Facebook site
3. Via the school website
4. We can send the newsletter each week via email. Please inform the office of your current email address. It may be easiest if you email the school at banksiard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We would also keep a number of hard copies in the office foyer.

I appreciate the feedback from some parents thus far. There has been a suggestion that we move from weekly to fortnightly newsletters. All feedback is valued.

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

MERIT AWARD AWARDEES 14th AUGUST 2015

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards:

Ghith KL, Mohammed and Sajid KW, Abdulrahman and Soraya 1T, Adeem 2C, Ahmad and Zakia 3G, Daniella and Annabella 3N, Rachael, Rakia and Israa 4P, Aycha 5F, Siraj 6H, Adriana and Zahraa 6P.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:

Nai KW

Congratulations to our first Gold Award recipient
Adam 3N

PSSA ROUND, 21st AUGUST

All PSSA teams will be advised prior to Friday if they have made the finals for their sport. If so payment is due Thursday morning.

Senior Rugby League report

Last Friday, the senior rugby league team travelled to Steve Folks Reserve in hope of snatching their first win against Berala. However, a lack of punch in attack and defence resulted in the boys losing the match 32-0.

Well done to both Hamzah and Siraj who both played above their size and shared man of the match honours.

Well done to all players for their effort and dedication throughout the season, and to Mr Perret and Mr Harris for their guidance.

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.

Nurse's visit -Playgroup:

Sara, a clinical nurse for women's health is coming to Playgroup on **Wednesday 19 Aug**. Mothers, come along and discuss with Sara, any health related issues you may have.

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

BOOK WEEK- NEXT WEEK!

The whole of Banksia Road Public School will be celebrating Book Week next week. The major event will be a **Book Parade** on Wednesday 26th of August at **9.20am** in front of the K-2 block. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and enter the parade for the chance to win great prizes. There will be a book prize for the best character in each class as well as a prize for the best dressed in school. We also have a preschooler's section to allow younger brothers and sisters a chance to participate in the fun. We are asking that children bring either a sign with the title of their book or the book itself which their character is from, so we can all appreciate fully their literary efforts. Students can come to school in the fancy dress as the parade will be first thing in the morning. Parents, preschoolers and visitors are encouraged to watch and participate.



The library will be having its annual **Book Fair** where students and parents have the opportunity to purchase books at very cheap prices. Classes will have an opportunity to view the books and write their wish list with their class. The Book Fair will also be open before school from 8.45, lunch time and after school until 3.30 from Monday through to Thursday for parents and students to view or purchase books. All books are sold on a first come, first served basis and unfortunately we cannot hold books. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to buy ahead for birthday or other presents as most books are priced between \$1 and \$6, a fraction of their RRP. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for Banksia Road families to add to their home libraries the Book Fair raises funds for our school library.

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

This is a reminder to all students in Years 3-6 that you are responsible for entering online your reading records in order to qualify for a PRC certificate. All 20 books must be entered by the 28th of August in order to qualify for a PRC certificate. Students complete their records via the PRC link in their student portal. Students in K-2 have had their reading records entered already and will receive their certificates at the end of 4th term. Miss Webster is happy to help those who need assistance completing their PRC reading log.



P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Thursday 3rd September Week 8. Gifts will be priced from \$2-\$8. Stay tuned for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform shop is having a clearance sale on the sports jacket now only \$30.

The Uniform shop is ONLY open Monday and Friday mornings from 9am until about 9.15 am.

SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED

Islamic Scripture teachers are needed for Wednesday 2.15pm-3.00pm.

Please contact Kylie on 0408 614 343 if you are available.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Well done to all the Homework Club stars who through their determination and motivation are joining in the Homework Club sessions. We would like you to come along again next Monday at 3pm. Keep up the good work and together let's make term 3 a productive one for you.

Parents, please collect your children and sign off at the school Library. It helps to be on time ☺ 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.

Parents, if you are interested in tutoring and feel you can help with English and Maths, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 to register your interest.



Welcome back to Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub! Join us in Term 3 for a variety of activities and programs. The hub is a place to connect, share and learn and is open to all local families!

Community Kitchen: "Clever Cookie"

Banksia Rd Public School Community hub would like to **thank** the following for their generous contributions:

- Darwich Meats Greenacre
- Muntaha's Helping Hand
- Ethnic Communities Council
- Arab Council

Come along to the cooking classes next Monday 24th August at 12pm in the school hub room/kitchen. The cooking classes "Clever Cookie" are being filmed to create an educational DVD. We will also be talking about environmental factors such as biodiversity and recycling. There will be field trips and other exciting activities added to the Community Kitchen program "Clever Cookie". Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

Arabic and Bilingual Storytime:

The Community hub brings Arabic and Bilingual storytime to Playgroup. These short sessions start in **Playgroup Wednesday 19 August (Playgroup hours: 9:30am – 11:30am).**

Please note: Due to the school sports carnival being held on Tuesday 11 August the last session of 123 Magic has been moved to Tuesday 25 August .

Attention all parents involved in Sports4Kids: Please attend Building Bully Shields which starts Tuesday 18 Aug. This is an important component of the Sports4Kids program. Other parents also welcome to register.

The poster features three circular icons at the top: a 'no bullying' sign, a 'bullying' sign with a red 'X' over it, and a red octagonal 'STOP Bullying' sign. Below these, the text asks: 'Has your child experienced some kind of Bullying? Want to learn how you can help them? Then come to Building Bullying Shields'. It describes a free, three-week course for parents. The dates and times are: Tuesday 18th August 2015 12.30pm-2.30pm, Tuesday 25th August 2015 12.30pm-2.30pm, and Tuesday 1st September 2015 12.30pm-2.30pm. The address is Banksia Rd Public School Greenacre, 66 Banksia Rd Greenacre, Community hub Room. Contact information for Marina (0422 122 410) and Edgee (8713 7700) is provided. It also mentions 'Childcare Provided - Limited spaces - booking essential!'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two children and the title 'THE PARENT'S GUIDE TO BULLYING' with the subtitle 'The truth about bullying, how it affects your child, and what you can do to help'. Logos for 'Banksstown Sports' and 'Creating LINKS' are at the bottom.

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.

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Banksstown Sports
Creating LINKS
"Communities for the future"

Cooks River Day Out

Saturday 22 August, 2015
11am-3pm
Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

The Cooks River is changing – wetlands are being restored, the riverbank is being naturalised, fish are returning, and the bird life is abundant.

Celebrate the Cooks River!

- Enjoy natural and cultural hands-on activities
- Meet the people who have been helping the River
- Discover how the River is improving
- Explore the local area on a walking or cycling tour

**Free, fun and family-friendly.
Bring your kids, bring your friends.**

Program times & tour registration at cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au



cooksriver.org.au [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CooksRiverAlliance) [@Cooks_River](https://www.instagram.com/cooks_river) [@cooks_river](https://www.twitter.com/cooks_river) [#CooksRiverDayOut](https://www.youtube.com/CooksRiverDayOut)

This project is jointly funded through Cooks River Alliance and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme



Bring your bike and helmet and join us for a morning of cycling through Mirambeena Regional Park and the Fairfield LGA!

WHEEL OUT WEST

**SATURDAY
12 SEPTEMBER 2015
FROM 9AM - 1PM**

Meet at Garrison Point, Henry Lawson Drive, Off Beatty Parade, Georges Hall

Wheel Out West is a partnership event between Bankstown City Council and Fairfield City Council, and is supported by local cycling groups and organisations.

- There's something for everyone on the day including:
- A Cycle Skills Workshop for beginners at 9am;
 - A Short Ride (approx 7kms) for beginners and families at 10am; and
 - A Long Ride (approx 25kms) for advanced riders at 10.30am.

It's free to participate. Participants **MUST** pre-register at www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/wheeloutwest

For more information contact Bankstown City Council's Recreation Officer on 9707 9999.

