

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Wednesday, 23 November 2016

CALENDAR

Week 7

November

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| Monday 21 st | Swim scheme commences Homework Club |
| Wednesday 23 rd | Final scripture class |
| Thursday 24 th | Bunnies final session |

Week 8

November/December

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| Monday 28 th | Swim scheme continues Final Homework Club session |
| Tuesday 29 th | 2017 Captain Speeches |
| Wednesday 30 th | Last Book Club orders |
| Thursday 1 st | K – 6 Assembly (1F to host) |
| Friday 2 nd | Final day for swim scheme |

Week 9

December

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| Tuesday 6 th | Mount Lewis Infants Presentation day at Banksia Road |
| Wednesday 7 th | BRPS Presentation Day |
| Thursday 8 th | P & C End of Year Fundraiser – Disco and Mufti Day |
| Friday 9 th | Year 6 Canberra excursion |

Week 10

December

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| Monday 12 th | Good as Gold luncheon with Mr Woudsma |
| Tuesday 13 th | Year 6 Farewell |
| Wednesday 14 th | Good as Gold Day 'Summer Fun Day' |
| Friday 16 th | Last day for 2016 |

Dates to Remember

- Friday 27th **January 2017** is a pupil free day although the Uniform Shop will be open from 9am to 11am.
- Monday 30th January - Students in Year 1 to 6 return; Kindergarten will be involved in Best Start assessment from Monday 30th till Wednesday 1st February and will officially start on Thursday 2nd February.

Please note:

Full school uniform is expected on return to school, including black leather shoes.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOOD AS GOLD LUNCHEON

Monday the 12th December will be the Good as Gold luncheon with myself. Parents of the students involved (who have achieved 30 awards – Gold) will be invited. The last day to hand in awards is Friday 2nd December.

STAFFING

I would like to congratulate Mrs Capra on her promotion to Instructional Leader at Canley Vale PS starting next year (three year contract) and thank her for her contribution to Banksia Road for the last ten years.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Shipley and Mrs Christodoulos who will both take up three year contracts as Instructional Leaders at Banksia Road.

We welcome the return of Mrs Thurlow as our office manager next year. She will bring a wealth of knowledge after working on the LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform) deployment team.

As our school grows, we will continue to attract outstanding teachers who buy into our hard working ethos and positive school culture.

FEEDBACK PLEASE

REGARDING PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC

I am consulting with parents and teachers and will keep a tally of those in favour and those against. Below is a model we are **proposing** for a trial in Term 1 next year (after Kindergarten is settled):

Students in Infants (K to 2) would start at 9:05am and finish at 2:50pm. Years 3 to 6 would continue to start at 9:15 and finish at 3pm. Lunch and fruit break times would not change.

We would have a teacher on duty from 8:30am and another starting at 8:45am. This would help accommodate working parents as many students are arriving earlier than 8:45am. Infants teachers would stay with their class from 2:50pm until they are picked up by a parent or older sibling. Currently, 55% of Infants students don't have an older sibling in primary (this doesn't include cousins). Therefore, this would mean approximately 100 students in Infants may leave at 2:50pm which would reduce the traffic on Banksia Road by 20%.

Please let me know your thoughts about this model or if you have an alternative to solve the traffic congestion.

SWIM SCHEME (Yr 2 to 6)

This year we are taking 4 groups of 60 students (as opposed to last year where we took 3 groups of 60). I apologise if your child missed out, however, it is beyond our control (we are allocated 4 groups only by the department). The note stated that there are limited places.

Students not attending the swim scheme are expected to attend school as lessons will continue.



P & C END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER

In consultation with the P & C I have decided to try a daytime disco to see if more students attend. I would like to thank the P & C for volunteering many hours of their time to coordinate this event. All money raised will go toward the upgrade to the Boronia Road entrance.

The event will be held on **Thursday 8th December**. This is a **mufti day for all students** if they are attending the disco or not (no gold coin donation required).

A note went home last Tuesday and must be returned by Tuesday the 29th November.

Students have 3 options:

1. \$4 for a sausage on bread (with juice popper)
2. \$5 for the disco only
3. \$8 for both the sausage sizzle and disco



MERIT AWARDEES UP TO WEEKS ENDING 11th and 18th November 2016

Please note Gold Merit Award and Silver Merit Awards will be given out at Thursday K-6 assembly. Bronze Merit Awards will be given out at Monday morning assemblies.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their

Gold Award:

Sarah, Audrey 2J, Maryjane 3/4N, Israa, Zunaira, Zeinab 3F, Declan 5/6C, Amy 5/6H, Iman, Adeel, Israa, Razan 5P, Luqman KG, Zain KW

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their

Silver Award:

Sajid, Aaiza, Layla 1E, Adam 1F, Soumaya 1P, Khaled 2C, Ameena, Aisha, Esilome 2J, Jad, Prabhleen 3/4N, Ayah, Oshae 3B, Janah, Karim 5/6C, Ali, Aidan 5P, Christian, Vivienne 6G, Micheal KG, Ibrahim, Youssef, Ali, Adam KL, Omar, Aaliyah, Hemani KM, Arienne KW

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their

Bronze Award:

Seth 1F, Ali, Muhammad, Hamze, Tala 2J, Abdullah 3B, Hussein 3F, Zahra, Layla 4P, Jalal, Alexander, Nabil 5/6C, Charbel, Dimitri 5/6H, Anwar 5P, Elyssa, Elissa 6G



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held in the School Hall at 9.30-11.30 every Wednesday morning for all preschoolers.

Everybody is welcome to attend. **Final session** for 2016 will be **Wednesday 14th December**.

Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop





Banksia Rd. Public School Canteen

“Christmas Special”

Thursday 1st of December (Lunch only)

“Party Pack Special”



mini pie (1), mini sausage roll (1)
hashbrown (1) and chicken nugget (3)



(with Apple juice or Orange juice)



(with FREE pinkfrosting lolly)



\$6.00

Please complete the slip below and return to the School Canteen by Wednesday 30th of November to ensure you don't miss out

“Christmas Special”

NAME:

CLASS:

JUICE:



Sauce: Barbecue Tomato



Please advise of any allergies which relate to the special.

