

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 29 March 2016

CALENDAR

TERM 1 2016

Week 10 March

Monday 28 th	Easter Monday (No School)
Tuesday 29 th	KNOW Waste Program
Wednesday 30 th	Playgroup Harmony Day
Thursday 31 st	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm '6G Item'
Friday 18 th	PSSA Summer Sport Round 6

Week 11 April

Monday 4 th	No Homework Club
Wednesday 6 th	Playgroup
Thursday 7 th	Good As Gold Day
Friday 8 th	Anzac Day Service Last Day of Term 1 School Resumes Term 2 Wednesday 27th April

Week 1 TERM 2 April

Monday 25 th	ANZAC DAY- No School
Tuesday 26 th	Staff Development Day No School for students
Wednesday 27 th	School Resumes Term 2 Playgroup

Week 2 May

Monday 2 nd	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Athletics Program Commences All children are to wear sports uniform
Wednesday 4 th	Playgroup
Thursday 5 th	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm '3/4N Item'
Friday 6 th	PSSA Winter Sport Round 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HARMONY DAY – 30th MARCH

Tomorrow, 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.



P & C MEETING

All positions have been filled as per the P & C AGM last week:

President: Bassam Elakhras
Vice President: Rukhshanda Zaman
Treasurers: Kylie Elakhras & Mary Veleski
Secretary: Manal Ayoubi
Fundraising Coordinators: Mary Veleski, Kim Haddad, Fatima El-Helou, Dania Jumah, Fatmeh Ghazzawi, Rukhshanda Zaman
Uniform: Kylie Elakhras, Dania Jumah

Thank-you to all those who contributed to the successful fundraising events last week, we raised \$631 from the Easter Raffle and the \$1 606 at the Welcome Disco.

PARENT WORKSHOP – SPEECH THERAPIST

Monday 4th April is our next parent workshop (9:30am – 10.15am). We are inviting all parents, particularly those who would like to hear about strategies for developing students' expressive and receptive speech. Our resident speech therapist, Nada Karnib will lead the discussion.

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to all parents to please use the pathway when entering and exiting the school grounds. The car park gates will be closed at 8:45am and from 3pm.

VARIATION TO TERM 4 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As you may be aware, the last two days of each year are called School Development Days (SDDs). These are pupil free days for the purpose of professional learning for staff. This year the SDDs are scheduled for Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th. While these days are crucial for staff development, they are not always at an optimal time of year to put learning into practice. We have had approval from the Director to complete 4 x 3 hour training sessions after school throughout the year in lieu of the last two SDDs. We have done this in order to access professional learning at a more advantageous time of the year so we can immediately implement our school planning priorities.

As a result of this variation to the SDDs, there will be no teaching staff at school on Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December. However, the front office will be open with all administrative staff at school. While these are pupil free days anyway, we are required to inform our community as part of the consultation process. I'd like to thank our staff and P & C who are in full support of this initiative to achieve the best results for our children

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Requirements

As part of the School requirements Athletics and Gymnastics sporting programs were included to be paid. If you have not paid these school requirements your child will unfortunately miss out on participating in these programs. School requirements are now overdue. Children are now using their textbooks in class and for homework. If you are having difficulty paying please come up and see the Office to make payment arrangements.

Attention Parents of Year 6 Students

Year 7 2017 Expression of Interest forms are due now. Please return your form to the school Office immediately and please ensure that they are correctly completed to avoid any delays.

Overseas Travel

If you are intending to travel overseas with your children during the school term you will need to come to the Office to fill out an Application for Extended Leave-Travel form. Your application will be given to Mr Woudsma with a copy of your airline tickets to be documented and you will be given a copy with the school stamp to take with you overseas. It is a legal requirement that you advise the school of any leave your child is to have.

School Banking

Due to the short week last week school banking will be processed this Thursday 31st March. Please do not come to the office this week to ask for your bank books as they have not been processed as yet.



Come along and familiarise yourself with **BRPS community hub** and make new friends by joining one of our courses or workshops. The community hub is here to listen to your needs or suggestions and can offer you help in Arabic and English. We can help you with settlement information and offer support for families. A timetable for what is on in the Hub will appear on our website

PLAYGROUP

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

Everybody is welcome to attend.

For parents who are interested the School Banking Officer will be attending playgroup to

Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop



PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

Banksia Road had over 220 students participate in the Premier Reading Challenge in 2015. This year we would like to encourage even more children and families to be involved. The challenge runs until August which gives students plenty of time to get reading! To participate in the challenge students in years 3-6 need to read 20 books- 15 of which need to be on the Premier Reading Challenge booklist.

Students in K-2 need to read 30 books- (25 from PRC list) but this can include books read with a parent, teacher or older reader. K-2 will be reading lots of PRC books in class and all K-2 students will complete the challenge within school time. Additional reading at home would of course be beneficial.

We have lots of PRC books for each stage in the library and public libraries such as Greenacre library also have PRC books. We would like parents to encourage reading at home. Students in years 3-6 should start reading now to avoid a rush to get books finished later in the year. Good luck and start reading now! Students in years 3-6 can complete their reading record online through the Premier Reading Challenge website. Their username and password for this site is the same as their username and password to log onto school computers.



Reading Club

We are running our popular Reading Club again this year. Reading Club is open to students in years 3-6 and involves members reading a selected book (supplied by the school) at home. Early next week we will have a Reading Club meeting where we enjoy some food and discuss the book with Miss Webster. Reading Club is a great way to enjoy reading while being able to share books with others. Reading Club reading can of course count towards the Premier Reading Challenge.

PSSA Timetable

All students involved please be advised that if you are paying weekly payment is due Thursday morning before 9.30am.

PSSA ROUND 6- 1st April 2016

SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Cricket	Skills Development	Graf Park George St. Yagoona
Boys Cricket	Berala	Allum Park Maiden Street Greenacre
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	Bankstown	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 6
Senior Boys/ Girls Basketball	Georges Hall	Basketball Stadium Condell Park Court 2
Boys T-Ball/Softball	Bankstown West	Middleton Park Yagoona
Girls T-Ball/Softball	Bankstown North	O'Neill Park Cooper Rd. Yagoona Diamond 4

Sandra Malone

Dance Centre

Bring along your friends and join in the fun.

First Lesson is FREE!

GREENACRE YMCA AND PANANIA

CLASSES IN JAZZ, ACROBATICS,
TAP, BALLET, DRAMA, HIPHOP, MODERN
AND MUSICAL THEATRE

Performance Opportunities at:
The Sydney Royal Easter Show
Ferragosta
Burwood Fair
Annual Concert
And more!



All Enquiries Welcome

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Sandra Malone Dance Centre will be commencing at Banksia Road Public School from Wednesday 30th March 2016.