

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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## CALENDAR

### Week 4

May

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm '4Pltem'
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 3

### Week 5

May

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Program Belgenny Farm Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup Belgenny Farm Year 5 & 6
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Taronga Zoo Year 3 & 4
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	District Cross Country

### Week 6

May / June

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm '5/6C Item'
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 4

### Week 7

June

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 5

## NOTES HOME:

-Karate Leaflet

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### GOODBYE MRS PEENZ

Mrs Peenz is taking leave for an indefinite period due to family circumstances. On behalf of the Banksia Road PS community I wish her all the best and am sincerely thankful for her many contributions over the last two years. Class 4P will lead us in our K-6 assembly this Thursday.

### PARENT SUGGESTION BOX

At the previous P & C meeting we discussed the importance of seeking feedback from the parent community. The idea of a 'Parent Suggestion Box' was tabled and endorsed. The box is now in the office foyer, thanks to Fatmeh for designing and creating, it truly looks great.

We are always looking for ways to improve what we do and all feedback (positive and negative) is encouraged. You may wish to remain anonymous although if you write your name, one of our staff will follow up with you and provide more background information.

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank-you again to the P & C fundraising committee for organising the Mother's Day Stall, we grossed \$2 966 (a net profit of \$1 491). This money will go back to the school, for example; at our last meeting the P & C voted to provide each class with a 1L bottle of sunscreen.

### PSSA

We are lucky to have so many teachers willing to coach sport at a school (PSSA) and District level. We encourage parents to come along and support their child's team. The details of venues are on the next page.

### BRPS FACEBOOK PAGE



If you can't make it to Banksia Road PS, **we will bring Banksia Road to you!**

Follow our school and your child on our school Facebook site.

## BRPS APP



The school app is for communicating information for specific Year groups (ie; Year 5 excursion running late or PSSA Netball/Soccer running late) and uploading the school newsletter. Instructions for downloading the app are as follows:

### Instructions for downloading the app

**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

### LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform)

The Department of Education is implementing a new software system in all NSW Government Schools this year. This software encompasses all facets of the way schools operate and is the biggest change to the system since the 1980's when they introduced computers into school offices. It not only operates the finance systems, but student welfare, student management (enrolling, leaving and transfers), reporting and attendance systems as well. Our office staff will be undergoing intensive training during Term 3 and once again, Mrs Thurlow will leave BRPS temporarily to be part of the LMBR deployment team. LMBR will commence at the beginning of Term 4.

How will this affect our school?

\* Whilst we will still accept payments of cash, cheque and EFTPOS, we will be introducing a **'Parent Online Portal'** (POP) payment method. We will host a workshop on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am in the library. Instructions on how to use the POP system will be on our school website after the workshop.

\* Payments will need to be made well in advance as we will have to wait to draw cheques from a central database.

Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

### MERIT AWARDEES 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Award:

Zain KG, Talya , Adam, Isaac, Zain and Aayah KW,  
Mahmoud 1P, Nesreen 2C, Mouhamed , Amour,  
Annabella and Lan 4P, Emmasyn KG, Chad, Mohamad  
KM, Omar 2C, Sarah, Aisha, Esi i, Lamees and Mustafa 2J,  
Maryjane 3/4N, Sonya 3B and Zunaira 3F.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

This week, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate 'Walk Safely to School' Day.

This annual, national event encourages all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school.

Parents, guardians and community members are also encouraged to reinforce and model road safety messages by holding a child's hand whilst crossing a road with them, observing speed limits and parking rules as well as wearing seat belts at all times.

Please check out our school's FaceBook page for events.

Miss Marangos



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.

Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

*Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:*

### ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop

### PSSA Winter Timetable

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

### PSSA ROUND 4- Friday 20th May 2016

SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Soccer	Bankstown	Gosling Park Greenacre Field 1
Boys Soccer	Wattawa Heights	Jim Ring Reserve Woods Road Birrongo 5
Rugby League	Birrongo	Roberts Park Waterloo Road Greenacre
Netball	Bankstown Nth A	Deverall Park Yanderra Street Condell Park Court 13/16

### Friday 27th May 2016

**NO PSSA THIS WEEK DUE TO DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY.**