

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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## CALENDAR

### Week 6

May / June

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO</b> 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

### Week 8

June

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	No School PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm '3T Item'
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 6

### Week 9

June

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent workshop for Parent/Teacher Interview online booking System 9.30 am  Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Playgroup
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 7

### Week 10

June/July

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	NO Homework Club
Tuesday 28 <sup>st</sup>	Athletics Program
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Good As Gold Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 8

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### EXCURSIONS

Congratulations to all the students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 for being outstanding representatives of Banksia Road PS last week. We received a glowing report from both Belgenny Farm and Taronga Zoo.



### DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the students who competed in the District Cross Country last Friday. Mr. Perret was the convener of this carnival. The two students who will represent our school at the Regional level are Zayde and Iman.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are reminded about wearing full school uniform. This includes jackets and jumpers. Our Uniform Shop is open Monday and Friday mornings.

### PARENT SUGGESTION BOX

We are yet to receive any feedback which may mean we are doing a great job. If so, let us know as we rarely receive positive feedback.

Another way to provide feedback is the 'Partners in Learning' survey which will occur later in the year.

### DEBATING

Yesterday our two debating teams debated against each other in Round One of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic being, 'We should ban tests in all primary schools.' Both teams projected strong arguments and a clear team line. We look forward to hosting Round 2 next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June where our two teams will debate against other schools.



### POP (Parent Online Payment)

Yesterday we held a workshop regarding the new POP. The instructions are below:

**Parent On Line Payment (POP)** can be accessed by selecting the '\$ Make a Payment' tab from the front page of the school's website at [banksi-ard-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://banksi-ard-p.school.nsw.edu.au). Items that can be paid for include the School Resource Package, School Contributions, excursions and PSSA fees. There is also a category 'Other' which covers items not listed under the previous headings. The 'Other' Category can be used to make complete payments of all outstanding fees to the school.

When you access the '\$ Make a Payment' tab you must enter all fields marked with a green asterisk as well as enter the following

- The students name, and
- Class and
- Students date of birth

These details will need to be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment hosted by Westpac to ensure that your Credit/Debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before payment is processed.

Details of the payments are passed on to the school daily, where they will be receipted against your child's account. Please be aware that it can take up to 3 days for the payment to arrive at the school (depending on the time of day you make the payment, and/or over weekends). Please allow for this delay when making payments to ensure payments reach the school by their due date.

Please be advised that permission notes are still required by the school and your receipt number issued by Westpac, **MUST** be written on the permission note/payment envelope for it to be processed by the school. Permission notes can be placed in the Payment Box at the school office.

We anticipate that this new method of payment will be more convenient for parents as we move across to our new finance system.

For questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting the School Office.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will host another parent workshop on **Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> June**. The focus being, use of an online parent teacher interview booking system called School Interviews.com. School reports will be distributed to families on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will have parent teacher (and student) interviews after the holidays from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and throughout that week.

Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

### MERIT AWARDEES UP TO 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Award: These will be distributed on Monday morning (6<sup>th</sup> June).

Keira KG, Madina, Jana, Ayah KM, Miryam KG  
Mohamad, Ahmed and Arianne KW, Elias 3B,  
Daliya and Salsabeel 5/6C, Noor and Morgan 5/6H  
Yara, Israa, Jameela, Adeel and Razan 5P.

Mahmood, Loujane and Luqman KG, Ibrahim KL  
Ahmad and Hemani KM, Yasmin and Youssef KW  
Mohammed 1E, Joe 2J, Hajer, Daniel and  
Adam 3/4N, Nour 3F and Salahudeen 3T.

Please note Bronze Merit Awards will be given out at Monday morning assemblies from now on.



### READING CLUB

Reading Club is a group that is organised by Miss Webster to encourage reading for pleasure. Students in years 3-6 choose to be part of Reading Club by reading the set novel for that grade. Our Reading Club parties have started with Year 4 this week. Please check the table below for the day of your child's party and provide some finger food for them to bring in that day. To help ensure the continued viability of Reading Club, please ensure that all Reading Club novels are returned by the party date.

Grade	Novel	Party Date
Year 4	Going for Broke	Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> June - 2.15 pm
Year 5	The Whipping Boy	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> June- 2.15 pm
Year 6	A Bad Beginning	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> June- 2.15 pm
Year 3	Bob the Builder and the Elves	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> of June- 2.15 pm



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

**There will be NO Playgroup the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

### **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 3rd June 2016**

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

#### **PSSA ROUND 5- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Soccer	Greenacre	Kinch Reserve Condell Park
Boys Soccer	Chester Hill	The Crest Carysfield Rd Bass Hill Field 3
Rugby League	Condell Park	Roberts Park Waterloo Road Greenacre
Netball	Birrong	Deverall Park Yanderra Street Condell Park Court 5/8

#### **University of NSW Maths and English Competitions**

This year students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the UNSW Maths and English competitions. The cost of each competition is **\$8.80**. Should you wish your child to participate, the **closing date for entries is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

Please be reminded that the performance of our Year 6 students in both of these competitions contributes to the Dux award at the end of the year.

You will need to complete the slip below and return it, along with the entry fee to the school office **no later than Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

Mr Perrett  
Assistant Principal

I would like my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
class/es \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the:

**English competition: Yes /No**

**Maths competition: Yes/No**

Please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee.

Parent/ Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_