

# Banksia Bulletin

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## CALENDAR

### Week 3 EDUCATION WEEK August

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	HOMEWORK CLUB 3-4pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gymnastics Program Continues
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classrooms & Assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 11

### Week 4 August

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Carnival <u>NO HOMEWORK CLUB</u> 3-4pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics Program Continues
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly (1E hosting)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Round 12

### Week 5 BOOK WEEK August

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	HOMEWORK CLUB 3-4pm P & C meeting
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics Program Continues
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Parade
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Koomuri incursion – Indigenous Education
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Winter Sport Semi Final Round

## Dates to Remember

- Education Week Open Day 4<sup>th</sup> August
- Athletics Carnival 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Book Fair 17<sup>th</sup> August
- Yr 3 to 6 Camp – Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten 2017 Information Night 8th September

## Reminders Due

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Aquarium and Wildlife Excursion. Money and permission note due back by 9.30am Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- Year 3 and 4 Botany Bay Excursion. Money and permission note due back by 9.30am Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**Please note that late payments will not be accepted.**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### EDUCATION WEEK

#### OPEN DAY – THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> August

Welcome to Education Week. The theme: 'Shared Stories' is an opportunity to reflect on the recent history of our school which we'll do at a special assembly. A few of our senior students will recall some of their memories of Banksia Road. There will also be special performances from our dance and choir groups.

#### Open Day schedule:

9:30am	Special Assembly
10:15am	Open Classrooms
11:15am	Lunch (all parents are welcome to stay)

#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – 8<sup>th</sup> August (No Homework Club on this day)

Payment for the Athletics Carnival closed today. The carnival is at the Crest, Bankstown on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome. As a result of the carnival being on Monday, there will be **NO HOMEWORK CLUB on this day.**

## PARENT SUGGESTION BOX

Thank you for your feedback. The following suggestions were made.

- Installing a zebra crossing on Boronia Road.

We have spoken to the RTA, now RMA for many years without any success. What I can tell you is we have approval to make the entrance on Boronia safer with a pathway entering the school near the electronic sign. The pathway will be safer and on site fencing will ensure students are safe. This will be similar at the Banksia Road entrance and surrounding carpark.

- More bubblers in the Infants playground

We have approval for the installation of two rows of five bubblers in the Infants Cola.

- More awards for students, which go towards Bronze, Silver, Gold etc.

Each class has their own separate award system. In 2014, students needed 60 awards for Bronze, 80 awards for Silver and 100 awards for Gold. In 2015 we consulted with students and parents and changed the award structure to 10 for Bronze, 20 for Silver and 30 for Gold.

The reason for the change being, some students didn't value the awards and many students received awards for merely compliance. Awards are now presented to students for high level application to learning and the achievement of personal best through intrinsic motivation. I am happy to have further discussions with any parents regarding a system which is suited to all 485 students.

In fact, the data shows there are more students who have achieved Bronze level this year (155) as opposed to the same time last year (137). We are still on track to have approximately 10% of the student population (48 students) receive Gold by the end of the year.

- More teachers on duty to address bullying

In the playground during lunchtime, there are up to 10 teachers on duty at a time. In addition to this, executive staff rove the playground and referee games. There is also a plethora of lunch time clubs and interest groups, more than any other school I have worked at.

The biggest issue is, students not informing teachers if there is an issue. I can assure you we have a zero tolerance for bullying.

### CHILD PROTECTION

In government schools, child protection education forms part of all students learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10. Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves. Strategies including saying 'no' if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss the content further or have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

### MERIT AWARDEES UP TO 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016

Please note Silver Merit Awards will be given out at Thursday K-6 assembly.  
Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Award:  
Mardhiyyah KM

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Award:  
Yahya and Husayn KG, Andrew 2C, Jad and Ahmad Y 2J, Sara 3B, Badar and Zakaria 3F, Zakareya 3T, Aya and Prableen 3/4N, Ayah 4P, Ali 5P, Janah 5/6C, Gebriel 5/6H and Brady 6G.

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



### BOOK WEEK

***These are just some of the ways we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 5 this term (15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August)***

**Book Parade-** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of August at 9.30. This is a favourite event in the Banksia Road PS calendar and involves students dressing up as their favourite book character. Parents and friends are welcome to come along. There is even a Preschooler's section for our little brothers and sisters. Be part of the fun and start planning your child's costume now!

**Book Fair-** For the whole of Week 5 our library will host a book fair that sells quality books at bargain prices. Everyone is welcome to come and view the Book Fair during Book Week- before or after school. 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 8.30am, lunch time and after school until 3.30 from Monday through to Friday 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 \$4 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)

The Premier Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage reading for pleasure. Our students in K-2 have been reading PRC books with their teachers and almost all classes have finished their 30 books to qualify their students for a PRC certificate. Students participating in PRC in years 3-6 need to finish their 20 books by the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.



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**



5/8/16 Rd 11 SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Soccer	Berala	Gosling Park Field 1
Boys Soccer	Bankstown West	The Crest 3 Craysfield Rd Bass Hill
Rugby League	Greenacre	Roberts Park Waterloo Rd Greenacre
Netball	Bass Hill A	Deverall Park Yanderra Street Condell Park Court 13/16

12/8/16 SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Soccer	Condell Park	Gosling 1
Boys Soccer	Berala	Jim Ring Reserve Woods Rd Birrong Birrong 3
Rugby League	Condell Park	Roberts Park Waterloo Road Greenacre
Netball	TBA	Deverall Park Yanderra Street Condell Park

## PSSA

### **PSSA Winter Timetable**

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

**Please note that Winter PSSA continues into Term 3. If you have paid the full amount in term 2 this was only for the Rounds in Term 2.**



### Merit Awards System

- 10 merits = Bronze Award
- 20 merits = Silver Award
- 30 merits = Gold Award & Morning Tea
- 40 merits = Medallion

- ❖ Merits include Good as Gold assembly awards, Super 6 awards, class merit award.
- ❖ NO MATHEMATICS and READING EGGS and BANKING AWARDS are to be included. Have another class system for these awards.
- ❖ Parents contacted for Student of the Month and Silver / Gold Awards

### Awards To Be Handed Out Per Week

Teacher	Awards Per Week
Kindergarten	7
Year 1	8
Year 2	9
Year 3-6	10
Specialist (RFF, EALD, LST)	10

### Award Steps At A Glance

Award Step	Class Population Achieving This Level	Example of Achievement Time Frame
10 Merits- Bronze	90-100%	By Term 2
20 Merits- Silver	50-70%	By Early Term 3
30 Merits- Gold & Morning Tea	10-15%	By Late Term 3 or early term 4.
40 Merits- Medallion	5 to 10%	By Mid to Late Term 4



