

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



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CALENDAR

Week 5 BOOK WEEK August

Tuesday 16 th	Gymnastics Program Continues
Wednesday 17 th	Book Parade
Thursday 18 th	Koomurri incursion – Indigenous Education
Friday 19 th	PSSA Winter Sport Semi Finals

Week 6 BOOK WEEK August

Monday 22 nd	HOMEWORK CLUB 3-4pm Myuna Bay - Yr 3 to 6 Camp
Tuesday 23 rd	Gymnastics Program Continues District Athletics
Thursday 25 th	K-6 Assembly – 2C Item
Friday 26 th	PSSA Winter Sport Finals

Week 7 BOOK WEEK August

Monday 29 th	HOMEWORK CLUB 3-4pm
Tuesday 30 th	Gymnastics Program Continues
Wednesday 31 st	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 1 st	Stage 2 Botany Bay excursion
Friday 2 nd	Spare week for finals (training for Summer Sport)

Dates to Remember

- K-2 Zoo / Aquarium – 6th September
- PSSA Summer Comp resumes 9th September
- Year 6 Fun Day – 15th September
- Kindergarten 2017 Information Night 20th September @ 6pm.
- Good as Gold day – 22nd September

Reminders Due

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

Please note that late payments will not be accepted.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BOOK WEEK

This is one of the highlights on our calendar. I look forward to seeing the creative 'Book Character' costumes. Parents and younger preschool aged children are encouraged to participate.



BOOK PARADE TOMORROW

We will not be handing out certificates to students during the public forum of the parade. Instead, each teacher will hand out 5 certificates (which count towards Bronze, Silver and Gold) when students return to class where it is less confronting for the students who don't win. The criteria for judging certificate winners:

- Creativity of costume
- Acting in character

ENROLMENTS ARE INVITED FOR 2017

We are currently taking enrolments for 2017. Our school population is growing and places are limited for students not in our area. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please come to the school and complete an enrolment form. Please let your friends and neighbours who have children starting school next year know that they need to come to the school to enrol. Please note, we are hosting a Kindergarten (2017) Information evening on the 8th September. We will also host an open classroom visit for parents who have children starting Kindergarten in 2017.

NAPLAN SUCCESS

NAPLAN results were released electronically to schools yesterday. Envelopes are expected to arrive later this week for distribution to parents.

One of the best indicators of success is the 'value added' or 'growth' from Year 3 to 5 and Year 5 to 7.

Below is a table which outlines Banksia Road PS 'growth' in relation to the state average over the last two years.

2015

(Average scaled growth in relation to the state average)

	Year 3 to 5	Year 5 to 7
Reading	+2.4	+8.4
Numeracy	+9.3	+9.6

2016

	Year 3 to 5	Year 5 to 7
Reading	+21.7	+5.6
Numeracy	+8.3	+14.1

All results for growth are positive indicating our growth is above the state average in all areas.

The growth in reading from Year 3 to 5 is unprecedented. The school has embarked in a two year initiative refining the way we teach reading. These results are very pleasing for the greater school community.

DEBATING TEAMS

We have created Banksia Road history. The Year 5 team Won 2 of their 4 debates which is a commendable result.

The Year 6 team have won through to the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge. In South West Sydney, there are 84 schools involved in debating, there are 13 zones, one of which we have won. An outstanding

achievement. We now move into the SWS quarter finals.



Hamish Woudsma
Principal

MERIT AWARDEES UP TO 12th AUGUST 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:

Youssef KW, Audrey 2J, Meleseini 3/4N, Hajer 3/4N, Yusuf 3/4N, Elias 3B

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Award:

Haris KL, Khaled KL, Fatme KL, Youssef KL, Ali KL, Sahar KL, Grace 1E, Celyne 1E, Aaiza 1E, Stella 1E, Mohammad 1E, Lyne 1F, Mia 1F, Syed Nazeer Mohsin 1F, Adnaan 2C, Muhammad 2J, Cadence 3/4N, Farah 3B, Adam 3B, Amneh 3B, Rihanna 3B, Rikaya 3F, Saashah 3F, Hamzy 3F, Hana 4P, Malaak KL, Ali KM, Jackson 1P, Ahmed 2C, Jad 3/4N, Zidane 3B, Mariam 3T, Declan 5/6C, Mustafa 5P, Soni 6G.

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



BOOK WEEK

Books can be purchased in the library all week from 8:30 till 9:15am and 3:00 till 3:30pm (also during lunch time).

Book Parade- Wednesday 17th 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.



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 – SEMI FINALS (19TH August)

Junior Girls Soccer vs Georges Hall @ Kinch reserve

Senior Boys Soccer vs Georges Hall @ The Crest

UPGRADES TO OUR SCHOOL

Many classrooms have been painted and some have new furniture.



Art murals to brighten up our school.



Our office foyer has been freshly painted with a new trophy cabinet.

