

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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CALENDAR

Week 2

February

Tuesday 31 st	Kindergarten Best Start (as allocated) Uniform Shop 9-9.30am
Wednesday 1 st	Kindergarten Best Start (as allocated) Uniform Shop 9-9.30am
Thursday 2 nd	First day for Kindergarten Kindergarten parents may join us in the hall for a morning tea from 9:15am. Uniform Shop 9-9.30am
Friday 3 rd	Sport Day for Yr 3 to 6 Uniform Shop 9-9.30am

Week 3 2017

February

Monday 6 th	Uniform Shop 9-9.30am
Wednesday 8 th	Playgroup commences
Thursday 9 th	Yr 3 to 6 Assembly from 2:15pm Captains and prefects will lead
Friday 10 th	Uniform Shop 9-9.30am

Week 4 2017

February

Monday 13 th	Uniform Shop 9-9.30am Homework Club Starts
Tuesday 14 th	Meet the teacher afternoon
Wednesday 15 th	Playgroup Scripture starts
Thursday 16 th	K - 2 Assembly from 2:15pm Captains and prefects will lead
Friday 17 th	Uniform Shop 9-9.30am

Notes Home:

Upcoming events:

Monday 20 th Feb	P & C AGM from 7pm
Friday 24 th Feb	Summer PSSA Round 1
Wednesday 22 nd Feb	Swimming carnival at Birrong
Tuesday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO 2017

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I'd like to give a special welcome to those children starting Kindergarten and to those who have come to us from other schools. We look forward to working with you and your families.

Kindergarten are involved in Best Start assessments for the first three days this week and are asked to come in on one of those days. Kindergarten officially starts this Thursday. Kindergarten parents are invited to a morning tea in the hall this Thursday from 9:15am.

Our fortnightly newsletter is accessed electronically via our school website or our school Facebook page. We are also looking at a new app which we will advise in the coming weeks

CLASS FORMATION

We will be in holding classes until we can finalise 2017 student enrolment numbers. This can take the whole week as we chase up students who may still be on holidays. It is best to count the total student enrolment accurately the first time rather than forming classes and then having to change them. As it currently looks, we will be forming classes sooner rather than later.

UNIFORM SHOP

I would like to thank the Uniform Shop volunteers (Kylie Elakhras and Dania Jumah) who were here in the holidays and are open every day this week. From next week the shop will be open Monday and Friday mornings. Our uniforms are sold at a heavily discounted price with all profits going back to the school.

It is important that all students wear the correct footwear to school. Students are required to wear closed leather shoes each day to school. Shoes need to be black leather. Sport shoes need to follow the same guidelines of sturdy supportive joggers and be predominantly white. The following are examples of shoes that meet the requirements for safety and school use.

The following styles of shoes ARE ACCEPTABLE



Students **must not wear** skate shoes, black soft ballet style shoes, dance shoes or similar fabric type shoes. Fluro

coloured shoes are not to be worn to school. If you are not sure what footwear is acceptable please contact the school before buying new shoes. A salesperson at a shoe shop will not necessarily give the correct information in terms of approved school styles. Please check with the school.

NEW STAFF – CLASS FORMATION

We welcome many new members to our 2017 school team: Miss Michelle Ngo, Mrs Seba Ayache, Mrs Carolyn Hancock, Mrs Sonja Feil, Miss Gehan Haidar, Mrs Sana El-Chahal, Mr Nasser Attia and Ms Jackie Obaid.

Mrs Norman, Mrs Delpech and Mrs Lin will be on maternity leave in the coming weeks.

I will include a full list of teachers and classes in next weeks newsletter.

TRAFFIC ON BANKSIA ROAD

Late last year I spoke to many parents regarding a solution to traffic congestion at home time on Banksia Road. Many of the solutions involved changing bell times in the morning which will be very disruptive to RFF (release from face to face) rosters and timetables. We may eventually need to go with this model.

Our first solution is the least disruptive to morning routines and timetables. All students attend school at the same bell times and finish at 3pm. Any students who are not picked up at 3pm will be supervised by a teacher in the hall. At 3:15pm these students will be walked up to the Banksia Road exit and dismissed. We are hoping this will alleviate the congestion at 3pm.

We will trial this strategy from Week 4 (13th February) for the remainder of Term 1.

Please talk to your child about the most convenient time for pick up (ie; 3pm or 3:15pm) and also inform your child's teacher.

If this solution is unsuccessful we will need to go to plan B which will involve changes to bell times for K-2 & 3-6.

THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

Our current enrolment numbers are approximately 533 which is an increase of 53 students from last year. Therefore, we have decided to separate our fortnightly assemblies into K-2 one week and Yr 3 to 6 the next. We will start on Thursday 9th February with Yr 3 to 6.

We will still have some K to 6 assemblies through the year for special occasions such as Education Week or Presentation Day.

Hamish Woudsma

Principal



Sandra Malone Dancers

*Classes held @ Banksia Road Public School on Wednesday's
& Saturday's!*

We offer classes in;

- Jazz
- Tap
- Ballet
- Contemporary
- Musical Theatre
- Acrobatics
- Cheerleading

FIRST LESSON FREE

Performance Opportunities at:

- Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Ferragosto
- Burwood Festival
- Annual Concert

For all enquiries contact 0419 483 108

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