

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 7 February 2017

CALENDAR

Week 3 2017

February

Monday 6 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am
Wednesday 8 th	Playgroup commences
Thursday 9 th	Yr 3 - 6 Assembly from 2:15pm Captains and prefects will lead
Friday 10 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am

Week 4 2017

February

Monday 13 th	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am
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 8.45 til 9.15am

Week 4 2017

February

Monday 20 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am Homework Club Starts P & C AGM from 7pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Swimming Carnival Playgroup
Thursday 23 rd	Yr 3 - 6 Assembly from 2:15pm
Friday 24 th	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Rd 1

Notes Home:

Back to school requirements
Swimming Carnival

Upcoming events:

Tuesday 14 th March	District Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The newsletter is available electronically every fortnight. The next edition will be week 5. Hard copies are available in the office foyer.

BANKSIA ROAD FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook. If you can't make it up to the school, we will bring the school to you. We always upload assembly award winners, class items, special occasions and student work.

If you would not like you son or daughter to be photographed for our school Facebook page, please advise the office.



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WELCOME TO 2017

There are **22** classes this year (543 students).

Early Stage 1 (Veronica Lunn Relieving Assistant Principal & Rebecca Delpech – Assistant Principal)

KM: Miss Angela McCoy
KS: Miss Shona McMillan
KN: Miss Michelle Ngo
KL: Miss Veronica Lunn

Year 1 (Lana Williams – Relieving Assistant Principal)

1/2P: Miss Despina Papadopoulos
1F: Miss Jade Foo
1J: Mrs Val Jackson

Year 2 (Mrs Sandra Christodoulos-Assistant Principal)

2H: Mrs Carolyn Hancock
2F: Mrs Sonja Feil
2S: Miss Heidi StLeon

Stage 2 (Mrs Bahia Almir – Relieving Assistant Principal)

3T: Mrs Rayan Tleis
3G: Mrs Daniella Galayini
3A: Miss Angela Garvey
4S: Miss Danielle Spyros
4K: Mrs Yasmin Khassouk
4H: Miss Gehan Haidar

Stage 3 (Mr Brian Perrett-Assistant Principal)

4/5H: Mr George Harris (Mrs Aysha Chalabi till 24th Feb)
5B: Mrs Kerry Bozzi
5E: Mrs Sana El-Chahal

6P: Mrs Diana Potrus
6N: Mr Nasser Attia
6A: Mrs Nisrine Arabi

Instructional Leaders

K – 3 Mrs Melinda Shipley & Mrs Sandra Christodoulos
Yr 4 to 6 Mrs Bahia Almir

Learning and Support teachers

K/1 Miss Lana Williams
Yr 2/3 Mrs Zena Etri
Yr 4/6 Mrs Bahia Almir

Community Language (Arabic)

Mrs Suzanne Wassef

Support Staff

Mr Paul Craft (Library)
Miss Dianne Marangos
Mrs Nancy Hallal (ESL)
Mrs Jackie Obaid
Ms Seba Ayache (ESL)
Mrs Jen Lin (ESL)
Miss Suzi Thorne (Reading Recovery)
Mrs Rebecca Delpech
Mrs Denise Collucio
Mr Frank Virgara School Counsellor (Thursday and every 2nd Monday)
Mrs Nicole Statham School Counsellor (every 2nd Wednesday)

School Ancillary Support Staff

Mrs Celine Thurlow - School Admin Manager
Mrs Rhonda Khayat
Mrs Maureen McGowan
Mrs Zena Taleb
Mr Simon Nakad (General Assistant)

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Eva Sechos
Mrs Elham Ayoubi
Mrs Mona Moussa
Mrs Lyn DeWildt
Mrs Nikki Katsionis

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 three weeks (till Friday 3rd March) and we'll inform you about the results.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENT

The note for back to school requirements is going home today. These fees are essential for your child as they include; textbooks, online subscriptions (Mathletics and Reading Eggs) and school magazines for primary. It also includes our Ball Skills (Term 2) and Gymnastics (Term 3) programs.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Wednesday 22nd February

Due to the closure of Greenacre Pool we have been lucky to secure Birrong Aquatic Centre. We have only been given 2 hours (12:30 till 2:30pm). This year, due to restrictions, we will only be taking students who will be competing in the 50 metre races. These students need to be confident, strong swimmers. See Miss Garvey if you have any questions.

UPGRADES

This week you will notice further improvements around our school. We are upgrading the entrance to Boronia Road to improve the safety and curb appeal. We are also redirecting the pathway and installing fencing around our carparks to ensure students are safe.

FLASHING LIGHTS ON BANKSIA ROAD

Today the Roads and Maritime Services are installing flashing lights for our school zone.

AWARD STRUCTURE

10 merits = Bronze Award
20 merits = Silver Award
30 merits = Gold award and lunch with the principal
40 merits = Medallion (presented on Presentation Day)

Merits include Good as Gold assembly awards, Super 6 awards, class merit award and library awards.

NB. Merit awards are given to students for effort and application towards learning.

We telephone all parents of students receiving a Silver or Gold award so they can enjoy the moment at the Thursday afternoon assembly. Where possible, we also notify parents whose child is receiving a Bronze award.

MEET THE TEACHER

Tuesday 14th February in the library
2:15pm - Kindergarten
3:15pm - Year 1 and 2
4pm - Year 3 and 4
4:45pm - Year 5 and 6

This is an opportunity to find out about grade expectations, excursions and units of work. You will also meet your child's class teacher and view the classroom.

2017 CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

Captains

Adam Elakhras & Jameela Haddad

Vice Captains

Aidan El Assad & Iman Doureih

Prefects

Morgan Veleski, Jibreel Abdallah

Arielle Taulapapa, Israa Elsaid

Hamish Woudsma

Principal



A project by:



Dear Muslim Parents and Caregivers,

Did you know that all children in NSW Public Schools are entitled to a session of religious education every week? However, unfortunately not all Muslim children in **Banksia Road Public School** are receiving scripture due to a shortage of Muslim scripture teachers. These children are currently missing out on this invaluable opportunity to learn about the beauty of their faith.

Are you interested in filling this position? Scripture lessons are held on once a week **every Wednesday From 2:15-3:00pm**. All information and materials are provided by the Islamic Special Religious Education (ISRE) body of the Islamic Council of NSW. It's easier than you think and is also extremely rewarding!!

In just ½ hour per week, YOU can make a big difference to the Betterment of our children.

Show our children how important Islam is to you and how vital it is for the development of our community. Your time and help will be greatly appreciated and immensely rewarding!

Please feel free to contact us on 9708 0880 (Mon-Fri 9:30am-2:30pm), or email info@isre.org.au for further details or interest.

Ready, Set, Go! Making Good Food Choices



Red - Occasionally

These foods will only be offered on one or two occasions per term.

Amber - Select carefully.

Try not to let these food dominate your choices.

Green - Go, Go, Go

We encourage and promote these foods. These are the best choices.



Banksia Rd. Primary School Canteen Menu



Hot Food (Green/Amber)

Vegetable fried rice	\$4.00
Chicken breast nuggets	\$3.50
Low fat meat pie w/ sauce	\$3.50
98 % fat free noodle cup	\$2.50
Pizza singles	\$3.00
Chicken fillet burger	\$4.00
Fish fillet burger	\$4.00
Fish fingers w/ sauce	\$3.50
Beef Hotdog	\$3.00
Vegetable spring roll	\$3.00



Sandwiches (Green)

Baked beans or Spaghetti	\$2.00
Honey, Jam or Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese w/ tomato	\$3.00
Leg Ham	\$3.00
Leg Ham with Cheese	\$3.50
Egg, mayo and lettuce	\$3.00
Tuna, mayo and lettuce	\$3.00
Chicken, mayo and lettuce	\$3.50
Chicken schnitzel	\$4.00
Salad w/ cheese	\$3.50



Snacks/Recess (Green/Amber)

Choco chip cookie	\$1.00
Salt reduced popcorn	\$1.00
Red rock deli chips	\$1.50
Rice sticks chips	\$1.00
Fruit salad	\$2.00
Custard cups	\$1.00
Seasonal fruits	0.80c
Jelly cups	0.70c
Muffins	0.50c
Mini pie	\$1.00
Hash brown	\$1.00
Vegetable sticks w/ hummus dip	\$1.00
Fruit cup	\$1.00
Fruit skewers	\$1.00
Garlic bread	0.50c



Drinks (Green)

Plain water	\$1.50
Big M Milk	\$2.00
(chocolate, strawberry)	
100% Juice (Apple/Orange)	\$1.00

Please note that tomato sauce portion costs

30cents

All food is grilled and
oven baked.

Also HALAL meat



Fresh Salad Box (Green)

Plain Salad (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, french dressing)	\$4.00
Tabouleh (parsley, tomato, onion) (only THURSDAY)	\$4.00
Chicken Salad (tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, french dressing)	\$5.00
Egg Salad (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, french dressing)	\$4.50
Tuna Salad (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, french dressing)	\$4.50
Chicken or Egg Caesar (tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, croutons, bacon)	\$6.00

Frozen Treats (summer only)

Ice Cream	\$1.50
100% Frozen juice cup	\$1.00
Slurpee	\$2.00
Ice blocks	\$1.00

DAILY

SPECIALS

Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread

~ \$ 5.00

Monday

~ (Homemade spaghetti served with bolognese sauce made from lean minced meat, succulent tomatoes and herbs to taste served with garlic bread)

Chicken Burrito Wrap

~ \$ 5.00

Tuesday

~ (Chicken breast strips, cooked with burrito seasoning, corn and mexican salsa wrapped with lebanese or tortilla bread)

Potato Wedges

~ \$ 5.00

Wednesday

~ (Lightly seasoned potato wedges baked and served with light sour cream and sweet chili sauce)

Kebeh Wrap

~ \$ 5.00

Thursday

~ (Lean minced meat and crushed wheat patties filled with tabouli and spices to taste wrapped with lebanese bread)

Beef Lasagna with garlic bread

~ \$ 5.00

Friday

~ (Lean beef cooked into a tomato sauce and then baked in between layers of pasta sheets and topped w/ low fat shredded cheese served with garlic bread)