

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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## CALENDAR

### Week 7 2017

### March

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 - 6 Assembly from 2:15pm – 6P Item
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Round 3

### Week 8 2017

### March

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am Homework Club
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	K - 2 Assembly from 2:15pm – 2F National Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Round 4 Healthy Harold Parent Session

### Week 9 2017

### March

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am Homework Club
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Playgroup School Photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 3 - 6 Assembly from 2:15pm – 6N Item
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Round 5

### Upcoming events:

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good as Gold Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Incursion play – 'Puss in Boots'
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day Ceremony

### COUNTRY SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

This week, I am on a study tour visiting many country schools around Bourke, Walgett and Dubbo. Mr Perrett will be relieving principal.

### COMMUNICATION AVENUES

If you are concerned or have an issue with your child please contact the classroom teacher. The next option is the Assistant Principal for your grade/stage:

Kindergarten	- Miss Lunn
Year 1	- Miss Williams
Year 2	- Mrs Christodoulos
Year 3	- Mrs Almir
Year 4, 5 & 6	- Mr Perrett

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is a strong focus of the school this year. It is vital that all students attend school each day if they are to fully develop their potential. Absences should only occur when a child is too sick to attend, or for another valid reason.

### ON SITE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

A number of parents have expressed a desire to have an onsite OOSH care. We are surveying parents to ascertain the level of interest.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QCCX7S>

### BOUNCERS AUDITIONS

Our Bouncers (Year 3 to 6 Dance) will begin auditions tomorrow during lunchtime and every Wednesday lunchtime for the remainder of the term. The squad will be selected by Week 9 and after school rehearsals will begin in Term 2 from 3:15 till 4:15pm.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

The envelopes were sent home last Tuesday. We ask that students bring their envelope **on the day** of photos.

### CANTEEN TENDER

An advertisement for the canteen tender will be published in the Torch newspaper tomorrow. The current license expires April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those who are interested may pick up a package from the office. The tender closes March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### App – SKOOLBAG

Our school now has purchased the Skoolbag iPhone and Android app to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are asking all parents to download our skoolbag school app. This app will be used to send newsletters, alerts and other important information. The App is free and there are no passwords. It is important that all parents utilise this app as it will be the most efficient way for sending alerts to all families.

Search for '**Banksia Rd Public School**' in the app store (Please ensure 'Rd' is not written as 'road'). Install on device.

### TRAFFIC ON BANKSIA ROAD

As you know with our school growing to 535 students we need to address the issue of traffic congestion on Banksia Road.

Last Friday was the last day for the 3:15pm optional pick up. This has been a 3 week trial where we averaged 15 to 17 students taking up the optional 3:15pm pick up. The traffic congestion on Banksia Road was marginally better. From this week, we go back to the normal 3pm pick up for the rest of the term.

Our plan is to trial another option starting at the beginning of Term 2, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and concluding on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> May. The way it works:

- Infants (K, 1 & 2) will start at 9am and finish at 2:45pm which is 15 minutes earlier than Primary. NB. Primary start and finish times will remain the same, 9:15am and 3pm respectively.
- We are hoping families will take up the 2:45pm departure time which should alleviate traffic congestion on Banksia Road at 3pm. The neighbouring private schools finish around 3:20pm which is another reason the earlier finish may reduce home time grid lock.
- If your child(ren) are in Infants and the 2:45pm pick up doesn't suit, your child can remain supervised until 3pm where they may meet up with older siblings or depart as normal.

Upon the conclusion of this trial we will report back the results and continue to consult regarding a long term solution.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself if you have another solution or to provide feedback.

### HEALTHY HAROLD

Healthy Harold visits Banksia Road this week. This covers many aspects of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

We invite you to a parent session on Friday afternoon from 2:15pm.

#### **PSSA Round 3 - 10 March 2017**

SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Cricket	Skills Development	Graf Park George Street Yagoona
Boys Cricket	Georges Hall	Allum Park Maiden Street Greenacre
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	To be advised	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Senior Boys/ Girls Basketball	To be advised	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Boys T-Ball/Softball	To be advised	Kinch Reserve Third Avenue Condell Park
Girls T-Ball/Softball	To be advised	O'Neill Park Cooper Road Yagoona

#### **PSSA Round 4 - 17 March 2017**

SPORT	OPPONENT	VENUE
Girls Cricket	Bass Hill	Graf Park George Street Yagoona
Boys Cricket	Malek Fahd	Allum Park Maiden Street Greenacre
Junior Boys/Girls Basketball	To be advised	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Senior Boys/ Girls Basketball	To be advised	Basketball Stadium Condell Park
Boys T-Ball/Softball	To be advised	Kinch Reserve Third Avenue Condell Park
Girls T-Ball/Softball	To be advised	O'Neill Park Cooper Road Yagoona