

Banksia Bulletin

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Tuesday, 21 March 2017

CALENDAR

Week 9 2017

March

Wednesday 22 nd	No Playgroup School Photos
Thursday 23 rd	Yr 3 - 6 Assembly from 2:15pm – 6N Item
Friday 24 th	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Round 5

Week 10 2017

March

Monday 27 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am Homework Club
Wednesday 29 th	Playgroup
Thursday 30 th	Good as Gold excursion
Friday 31 st	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am PSSA Round 6

Week 11 2017

April

Monday 3 rd April	Uniform Shop 8.45 til 9.15am No Homework Club
Wednesday 5 th	K-2 Easter Hat parade (playgroup to join)
Thursday 6 th	No Assembly 'Puss in Boots: Pet Detective (incursion)
Friday 7 th	Uniform Shop 8:45 til 9:15am Anzac Day Ceremony Horrible Harriet at the Opera House, Year 2 excursion. PSSA Winter Trials Last day Term 1

Please note:

The Playgroup and Musical practice are cancelled tomorrow due to School Photographs.

Also, the cut off for payment of 'Good as Gold' and 'Puss in Boots' is this **Friday 24th March**.

Students return
NAPLAN

Wednesday 26th April
Tue 9th till Thu 11th May

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is always a major highlight on the school calendar. Today was no exception as it was a day of celebration for everyone who calls Australia home. Thank you to the many parents who contributed to the banquet.



Upcoming events:

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



PARENT HELPERS

We are always looking for parent helpers. If you can spare 30 minutes or more, please contact your child's class teacher.

GOOD AS GOLD EXCURSION

Students who are eligible (no more than 1 thinking room) are invited to the Good as Gold excursion at Blaxland Park, Newington on Thursday 30th March. The cost is only \$5 (subsidised by the school). Both the money and permission note needs to be returned by Friday 24th March. Buses will be booked based on the numbers and money will NOT be accepted after 24th March.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Last Friday students received raffle tickets which may be sold to friends and family (50c each and 3 for \$1). All tickets and money to be returned to the school office by Monday 3rd April. We are asking for Easter egg donations to be brought to the Uniform Shop each morning up until Friday 31st March. Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 5th April. I would like to thank the P & C fundraising committee for their hard work.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – currently 96.15%

I am pleased to report as of last week we have 280 students with 100% attendance. Our attendance rate so far this year is 96.15% which is outstanding. Let's keep this going.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

When your child returns to school after being absent, it is important to hand in an absence note to the class teacher stating a reason and how many days away.

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. The survey closes at the end of this week.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS TOMORROW

Students are to wear full school Summer uniform. Students also need to bring their envelopes and hand them directly to the company, 'The School Photographer.'

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.

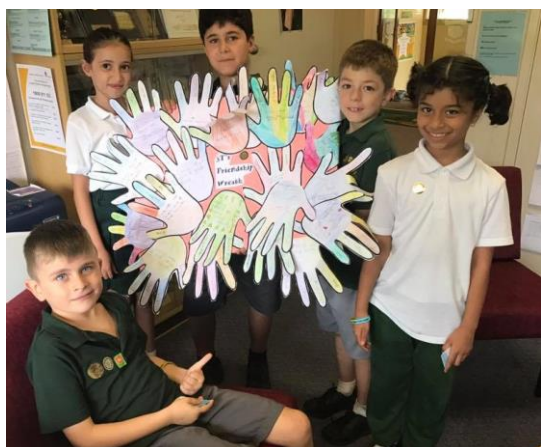
Search for '**Banksia Rd Public School**' in the app store (Please ensure 'Rd' is not written as 'road'). Install on device.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thursday is school banking day. If you would like your child to join the school banking program, open a dollarmite account at Commonwealth Bank.

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Last week we celebrated National Anti-Bullying Day. Students were involved in lessons about types of bullying and discussed strategies. We introduced the 'Bullying Referral Form' which empowers students to speak out if they are bullied. See below.



BULLYING IS NOT TOLERATED AT BANKSIA ROAD PS

Bullying behaviour can be:

1. **Verbal** eg; name calling, teasing, abuse, put downs, sarcasm, insults and or threats.
2. **Physical** eg; hitting, punching, kicking, scratching and or tripping.
3. **Social** eg; ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating and or making inappropriate gestures.
4. **Psychological** eg; spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones and or social media.

Three main groups are usually involved:

1. The targeted person (**the victim**)
2. The perpetrator (**the bully**) and the colluder (**bystander**). Colluders are usually friends or supporters of the bully. These students may or may not give verbal support, but they will add to the imbalance of power. We encourage bystanders to seek help from a teacher.

IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful, and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.
 When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.
 When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset, that's **BULLYING**.

Bullying Referral Form – Give to your teacher



Bullying during: ☐ Class ☐ Other _____ eg; canteen.

Student name: _____ (Victim) Class: _____

Student name: _____ (Bully) Class: _____

Student name: _____ (Witness) Class: _____

Incident Details:

Have told a teacher? Yes / No _____ Has the student done this before? Yes / No _____

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PSSA Round 5 - 24 March 2017

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OPPONENT

VENUE