

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



Tuesday, 2 May 2017

CALENDAR

Week 2 2017

May

Wednesday 3 rd	Playgroup
Thursday 4 th	K – 2 Assembly (Yr 2 SRC leaders to coordinate). Bronze awards to be presented.
Friday 5 th	PSSA Rd 1 - Winter

Week 3 2017

May

Monday 8 th	Homework Club
Tuesday 9 th	NAPLAN
Wednesday 10 th	Playgroup Last day Stewart House Bags NAPLAN
Thursday 11 th	3 – 6 Assembly (Yr 6 SRC leaders to coordinate). Bronze awards to be presented. NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall
Friday 12 th	PSSA Rd 2 – Winter

Week 4 2017

May

Monday 15 th	Homework Club
Wednesday 17 th	Playgroup
Thursday 18 th	Yr 3 to 6 Cross Country K-2 Assembly (1F Item)
Friday 19 th	Walk Safely to School Day PSSA Rd 3 - Winter

Week 5 2017

May

Monday 22 nd	Homework Club
Tuesday 23 rd	Crazy Hair Day (Gold Coin Donation)
Wednesday 24 th	Playgroup
Thursday 25 th	3 – 6 Assembly (4/5G Assembly Item)
Friday 26 th	PSSA Rd 4 - Winter

ASSEMBLIES TERM 2 - Thursdays

Week 6 (K - 2 Assembly – 1J Item)

Week 7 (3 – 6 Assembly – 5E Item)

Week 8 (K - 2 Assembly – KL Item)

Week 9 (3 – 6 Assembly – 4H Item)

Week 10 – Good as Gold Day

TRAFFIC ON BANKSIA ROAD

Our current trial of K – 2 starting at 9am and finishing at 2:45pm will finish on Friday 12th May. Data shows 50 to 70 students are leaving before 3pm which is definitely **reducing** the traffic congestion on Banksia Road during home time.

I am seeking feedback from parents; please inform your child's teacher or myself if you are in favour or if you have further suggestions.

I ask that parents picking up K – 2 students only are permitted to park for 2 minutes in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone between 2:45 and 3pm. Year 3 to 6 parents may use this zone from 3pm.

We are liaising with council to increase the number of 'Kiss and Drop' spaces to further reduce traffic congestion on Banksia Road.

I recommend that parents park their car and walk to and from school during home time, even if this means walking further. This will minimise traffic gridlock and is a good opportunity to discuss road safety with your child.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Next Thursday 11th May our P & C are coordinating a Mother's Day Stall. Gifts range from \$2 to \$10. Any parents who can volunteer please see Mrs. Dania Jumah (Fundraising coordinator)

NAPLAN (9th, 10th & 11th May)

Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete NAPLAN next week. We encourage parents not to make a big deal about NAPLAN, all we ask is for students to do their

best. As a school, we don't scrutinise individual results, rather, we look at trends for the whole cohort to inform future teaching.

CARPARK FOR STAFF & DELIVERIES ONLY

The staff carpark on Banksia and Boronia Road is for staff and deliveries only (unless authorised by the principal).

As our numbers have increased, we now have approximately 50 staff meaning our carpark is at capacity.

During the day, teachers attending courses and meetings often find their car parked in.

In the mornings and afternoons during Musical and Bouncers rehearsals, it is becoming increasingly difficult and unsafe for cars to manoeuvre around the narrow spaces. This also compromises the safety of children.

Please use street parking and walk into the school **via the pathway** (not the carpark).

EARLY ARRIVALS AND LATE LEAVERS

Parents are reminded that the morning teacher on duty starts at 8:45am, students arriving before this time are unsupervised and asked to sit in the primary cola. I am documenting the arrival time of students as in some cases it is before 8:30am which is compromising their safety.

The same goes for the afternoon where some students are not picked up till after 3:20pm. I will be contacting parents and if necessary, sending official letters where student safety is compromised on numerous occasions.

2018 YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Included in this newsletter is information regarding the Opportunity Class Placement Test which will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017. Applications close on **Friday 12 May 2017** and no late applications will be accepted.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING

Banking will begin this Thursday 4th May, 2017. Commonwealth Bank have introduced the CommBank Youth app which can be downloaded now. Features include checking your balance, seeing deposit history and tracking tokens. For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

MEDICAL ACTION PLAN

If your child has a Medical Condition, please send in an updated Medical Action Plan to the school office as soon as possible.

BRONZE AWARDEES

Congratulations to Hajer in 5B who was the 1st recipient.

The following awardees will receive their award at K-2 Assembly this Thursday. Congratulations!

Alynn	KM
Ashleigh	KM
Bakr	KM
Karim	KM
Syed	KM
Jibril	KS
Jana	1F
Muhammad Ghazi	1F
Hassan	1J
Mardhiyyah	1J
Jana	2S
Taha	2S
Yusuf	2S

The following awardees will receive their award at 3-6 Assembly Thursday 11 May. Congratulations!

Ibrahim T	3A
Sarah	3A
Audrey	3G
Muhammad	3G
Noah	3G
Sarah	3G
Andrew	3T
Lamees	3T
Adam	6A
Zackaria	6A
Daniel	6P
Hassan	6P
Jennan	6P
Moustafa	6P
Razan	6P

PSSA

Rugby League V Malek Fahed – Roberts Pk, Greenacre
Netball V Bankstown – Deverall Park, Condell Park
Girls Soccer V Wattawa Heights – Gosling Park

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2017**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2018

Yes ☐ No ☐

I have internet access and will be applying online

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OR

I do not have internet access and will use a public library to complete the application

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Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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THE CITY OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL SAFETY



You need to take extra care and time when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk

Safety tips for drivers around school zones.

- * Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
- * Never double park.
- * Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- * Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing
- * Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
- * Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- * Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.

Parking and Traffic Rules - Choosing Safety over Convenience



No Stopping

What does it mean?

You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes



No Parking

What does it mean?

You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children



Bus Zone

What does it mean?

You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Other Traffic Rules

Pedestrian Crossings including Children's Crossings

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Why is it there?

To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Footpaths & Nature Strips

You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?

You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Intersections

You must not stop within 10 Metres of an (unsignalised) intersection

Why is it there?

To ensure that there is a clear view of vehicles and children crossing the road at the intersection.

Double Parking

You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there?

Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Driveways

You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended