

# Banksia Bulletin

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## CALENDAR

### Week 6 2017

### August

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Parade Playgroup
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Assembly (KN item)

### Week 7 2017

### August

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Homework Club Yr 3-6 Camp to Narrabeen
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3-6 Camp to Narrabeen
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup Yr 3-6 Camp to Narrabeen
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 3-6 Assembly (3G item)

### Week 8 2017

### September

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Homework Club P&C Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Assembly (1/2P item)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Summer Round 7

### Week 9 2017

### September

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Homework Club Musical Rehearsal
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3-6 Assembly (6A item) Public Speaking
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Summer Round 8

### Future Dates:

- Jersey Day/Cake Stall – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Good as Gold Day – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September

## BOOK WEEK

This week is Book Week. The library will be having its annual **Book Fair** where students and parents have the opportunity to purchase books at very cheap prices. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for Banksia Road families to add to their home libraries the Book Fair raises funds for our library. We think that's a win-win! The other major event is the **Book Parade** tomorrow, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and enter the parade.



## TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEY

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please contact the school by the 25th August 2017.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

### PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

We are also asking **all parents** to provide feedback through the Partners in Learning survey via the link below.

This data is critical in establishing school targets and directions. It only takes about 20 minutes.

The survey can be accessed at:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/brps2017>

### NAPLAN

Our Years 3 and 5 students received their Naplan results this week. Our school's results indicate strong average growth in both literacy and numeracy, which is very encouraging and a strong endorsement of our programs and practices. More details will be made available in our next newsletter and at our next P&C meeting.

### PARKING AFTER SCHOOL

**Please observe the No Parking zones** when picking up your children at the end of the day. These are 2 minutes zones at that time. No 3-6 parents should be in these spaces before 3pm. K-2 parents need access between 2:45 and 3pm. We are currently negotiating with council to extend the zone by two more spaces. Thank you for your co-operation.

### EXCURSION PAYMENT- Reminder

Please be aware of the due dates when paying for excursions. We encourage parents to use the POP (Parent Online Payment) on our website as opposed to paying over the phone with a credit card. Be aware that electronic fund payments need to be submitted 48 hours before the due date to allow processing which occurs at DoE head office.

### ALADDIN MUSICAL FUNDRAISING

Many of our local businesses are donating items to support our musical. Each morning before school tickets are being sold in the playground outside the office to go into the draw to win some fabulous prizes. We are grateful to Ablas Patisserie, Greenacre for providing 6kg of their tasty sweets as prizes for this week. Winners for these will be drawn at the Monday morning assembly of Week 7. Tickets are \$2 and all profits will go towards the musical. Thank you for your support. Thank you again to Darwich Meats for their donation last week. We really are fortunate to have such wonderful supporters of our school.

### GOLD AWARDEES

Congratulations to Iman and Razan in 6P. They will receive their award at the 3-6 Assembly on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### SILVER AWARDEES

Congratulations to Maryam KS and Jana 2S. They will receive their award at the K-2 Assembly this Thursday.

Congratulations to Aminah 4/5G; Amour, Hajer 5B; and Prabhleen 5E. They received their award at the 3-6 Assembly last Thursday. The following students will receive their award at the 3-6 Assembly on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Hasan and Taj 5B; Adam Ela, Adam H and Jennan 6P.

### BRONZE AWARDEES

Bronze awards are presented at the Monday morning assemblies. Congratulations to the following recipients: Rami KL; Tala KM; Jad KN; Marwan KS; Rihanna 1/2P; Ahmed, Malek, Youssef, Zain 1F; Dimitrios, Isaac, Miryam, Sunya, Tuka 1J; Junaid 2F; Emmanuel, Layla, Noah 2H; Aaiza 2S; Allee 3A; Ameena 3G; Siryne 3T; Mehdi 4H; Adam J, Harmony 4/5G; Wahib 4S; Jamal, Jana, Lisa-Georgette, Mohamed, Nour, Shadi, Zane 5B.

### 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.