

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

#### CALENDAR

Week 1 Term 4	2020	October
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<sup>h</sup> Scripture continue Uniform Shop proc orders Uniform Shop proc orders Year 3 to 6 school	ess
Week 2 Term 4	2020	October
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	STAR transition off site K – Year 6 morning Assembly under the Primary COLA	
Wednesday 21 <sup>s</sup>	y 21 <sup>st</sup> Scripture continues Uniform Shop process orders	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Uniform Shop proc orders Year 3 to 6 school	

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- K 6 Book Parade Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- 'Friendship Day' 5<sup>th</sup> November
- STAR (School Transition and Readiness) for Kindergarten on site – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Aquatopia excursion for Year 3 to 6 Good as Gold – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### **MORNING ROUTINE**

We go back to the usual morning routines with students sitting in the Primary Cola in the morning before school.

The Boronia Road gate will open at 8:30am and the first teacher on playground duty is 8:45am. Parents are not permitted on site unless it is an urgent meeting or essential to curriculum delivery.

#### **STAFFING CHANGES**

 Mrs Christodoulos was successful in gaining a DP IL (Instructional Leader) position at Merrylands PS starting this term and for all of 2021. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank Mrs Christodoulos for serving BRPS for a staggering 27 years. We wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Delpech will pick up the IL load with Year 2

and 3 until this position is officially advertised.

• Mrs Amorin is the most recent addition to the permanent staff at BRPS. The office are the backbone of our school and Mrs Amorin is no exception. Welcome to the team.

#### STAFF NEWS

Miss Powys and Miss Foo both got married last Saturday and Sunday. They will both be on their honeymoon and will return in Week 2. Mrs McCoy will step in as the Assistant Principal for Stage 2 during this period.

#### FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS: UNIFORM

Students are reminded to wear full school uniform which includes black leather shoes on non-sport days. Students must also wear a school hat when outside during playtime and at sport.



Joggers may be worn on sport days only which is Friday for Year 1 to 6 and Monday for K/1S, Tuesday for KA, Wednesday for KB and Friday for KF.

#### **COVID UPDATE**

I am pleased to advise the following events will go ahead (as it stands today):

- The Book Parade will occur on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Each stage will conduct their own parade. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. Unfortunately, parents are not permitted although we will take plenty of photographs for our school Facebook.
- Aquatopia has been booked for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November for Year 3 to 6 Good as Gold.
- Kindergarten transition will go ahead on and off site this term.
- The Year 6 Farewell has been booked for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Emporium.
- Camp may go ahead and we are in the process of trying to book.
- The League Stars before school workshops will go ahead (6 weeks) every Thursday morning 8 – 9am starting on 5<sup>th</sup> November
- We await further advice regarding Year 6 Funday.
- K Year 6 will assemble in the primary COLA on Monday morning where Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and Merit and PBL awards will be presented. This is for students only.

#### CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS YEAR 3 - this week

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.



#### 2022 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for students to attend a selective high school for Year 7 in 2022 must be completed and submitted online before Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. To apply please use the link below and further information at the end of the newsletter.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes

#### **ICAS ASSESSMENTS**

<u>English</u>

Yarah (Year 4) Najah (Year 4) Mardhiyyah (Year 4) Audrey (Year 6)	Credit Credit Credit Distinction
<u>Science</u> Audrey (Year 6)	Credit
Digital Technologies	

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#### BOOKWEEK – WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> October

We will celebrate Book Week in week 3 this term. A virtual Book Fair will take place in the library during the week and students will have the opportunity to purchase books online. Please see the information flyer at the end of the newsletter.

This year we will be holding a 'mini' book parade, students will parade for their teachers and stage peers only. Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please do not feel as though you have to purchase a ready-made costume as often, reused or recycled items make the best props and costumes.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION**

In government schools, child protection education forms part of all students' learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves. Strategies including saying 'no' if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible.

If you would like to discuss the content further or have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

#### LEAGUE STARS PROGRAM

During Term 4, the League Stars program will begin, offering non-contact Rugby League skills for students at Banksia Road Public School from 8am till 9am. There will be a total of 6 sessions starting from Week 4 on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Your child will participate in activities that will strengthen their unique skills, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them tackle challenges now and in the future. The cost of the program is \$75 and you can use your Active Kids voucher for the cost of the program.

To register, go to <u>www.leaguestars.com.au</u>, type the postcode 2190, click Banksia Road Public School and follow the instructions. If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact Mrs Ghosn.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

#### **ENROLMENTS ARE INVITED FOR 2021**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021. The DoE recently announced tighter procedures around out of area enrolments. Our school population is growing and places are limited for students not in our catchment area. If you, your friends or neighbours have children starting school next year, please contact the school office and complete a digital enrolment form.

Also, we have rolled out the new Online Enrolment System which provides flexibility for parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online <u>https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4</u> 217&catchmentLevel=primary

If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy can be downloaded from the Department's website <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-</u> education/public-schools/going-to-a-publicschool/media/documents/enrol-k12.pdf.

Please phone the office to book a time to bring in the form and the supporting documents.

#### **BRONZE AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following K-6 students who have received their bronze awards:

KF - Teina K; 1N - Aisha M, Esya A, Muhammad A;
2B - Elijah R, Safa A; 2J - Mahmoud H;
3/4N - Mohammed Y; 3G - Ashleigh S, Judy H, Liyana E, Moriah N, Nayyira W; 3P - Jayada A; 3S - Isaac C, Aqsa Q, Tala E; 4/5H - Yaseen K; 4I - Karim E, Lujaine E, Ali G; 5A - Seth R, Abdulallah A, Sulayman W, Yara A; 5B - Fayez O; 5G - Lujain E, Mia M, Omar R;
6S – Abdullah C, Hammad H, Hamze A, Joe S

#### SILVER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following K-6 students who have received their silver awards:

K/1S – Hawaa D; KA – Ibrahim A; KB - Batoul N, Hayssam H, Kenda Q, Hopisoni T, Sami D; KF - Ghazal A, Noah T, Lu'ay A, Souad M; 1N - Hajar K, Kareem T, Uthman E, Bayan S; 1T- Omar J, Sami A, Liyana M; 1V - Amelia K, FaroukE; 2B - Amira A, Adam C; 2J - Janah K, Imran R, Xavier L; 2L - Yasin H; 3/4N - Adam M, Zain B; 3G - Hadi E; 3P - Jibril E; 3S - Umair A; 4I - Afraa N, Yarah M; 4T - Mahmood H; 5B - Celyne I; 5G - Jana Y; 6S - Esilome M, Irfa H, Noah M

#### GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to the following K-6 students who have received their gold awards:

KA - Freya T; 1N - Anam B; 3P - Gurustat K; 4T - Safwan S; 5G - Junaid S; 6S - Audrey V

#### Mr. Hamish Woudsma Principal

#### Kids Helpline Transition to School Program

During the last week of Term 3, students in Year 6 engaged in a one hour free Transition to School program which was run by the Kids Helpline Australia. The Kids Helpline counsellors encourage safe, open and inclusive discussions about a range of topics relevant to students' lives. The topics covered are aligned with the curriculum and will address aspects of making friends and help seeking in high school. Sessions are all evidence-informed, contain fun, interactive components and may also include scenarios or videos to engage students in problem solving.

The students in 6K, 6O and 6S thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

#### **Tell Them From Me Student Survey**

During Week 2, students in Year 4, 5, and Year 6 will be taking part in the second *Tell Them From Me* Student Survey for the year. 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. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Notes have gone home to inform parents and caregivers. Please return notes if you do not want your child to participate.

In this survey, students will also be asked the following questions -

- What suggestions would you like to make in relation to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and wellbeing?
- 2. What skills would you like to take from your time at Banksia Road Public School into high school?

#### Partners in Learning Parent Survey (REPEAT)

To date 63 families have completed the survey. We are hoping that many more would like to have their say.

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Learning Bar suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and school.

The survey is anonymous. This survey will better inform school priorities. The survey is available in multiple languages. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete. Parents with more than one child at the school may choose to complete the survey more than once, if they feel that their children's experiences differ.

The parent survey asks parents/carers a range of questions related to the following drivers of student outcomes:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents' participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

#### Your voice is valued.

Please complete the survey using this link. http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/BanksiaRD2020

#### Community School Excellence Framework Focus Group

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who volunteered to be part of our Community School Excellence Framework Focus Group.

We will be holding a zoom session to converse over the selections made by the volunteers. We encourage you to take part if you are interested.

The Zoom session will be held in Week 4; please see the link in the Week 3 newsletter.

## School Transition and Readiness Program Kindergarten Orientation

Our 2020 School Transition and Readiness (STAR) Program will have two phases.

Phase 1 S.T.A.R - Offsite Meet and Greet at Greenacre Community Centre on Mondays Weeks 1 to 6. Each student and one parent has been invited to attend two sessions. (These sessions are now full)

- First Visit Theme Going to school and feelings.
- Second Visit Theme Friends and working together as a team.

Phase 2 S.T.A.R - Onsite at Banksia Rd Public School on Friday Mornings. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions these sessions are for children only.

All children enrolled into Kindergarten will receive a letter informing them of the STAR dates at school.

Dates for STAR at Banksia Rd PS are as follows.

Friday  $6^{th}$  November - Week 4 - 9:30 to 11 Friday  $20^{th}$  November - Week 6 - 9: 30 to 11 Friday  $4^{th}$  December - Week 8 - 9: 30 to 11

#### Attendance

School attendance is very important. Let's aim to send our children to school on time every day.

Mrs. Janice Azzopardi Deputy Principal

# اخبار المدرسة مواعيد مهمة

ايام الأربعاء و الجمعة يمكن طلب شراء الزي المدرسي الأربعاء دروس الديانة الجمعة النشاط الرياضي في المدرسة

> **الأسبوع الأول** الخميس توزيع الشهادات

> **الأسبوع الثاني** الاثنين اجتماع الأهالي الخميس توزيع الشهادات

0/ ١١ يوم الصداقة ٦/ ١١ برنامج الاستعداد لدخول المدرسة ٢٦/ ١١ رحلة التلاميذ المهذبين

**اسبوع الكتاب** يوم الأربعاء ٢٨/ ١٠ تحتفل كل مرحلة دراسية بمفردها يمكن شراء الكتب خلال الأسبوع في المكتبة

**دروس حماية التلاميذ** يمكن المناقشة مع معلمين الصفوف إذا كان هناك أي استفسار

> طلبات الالتحاق بمدرسة المتفوقين للعام ٢٢ الرجاء قراءة المعلومات في آخر أخبار المدرسة

أخبار المعلمين نرحب بالسيدة عامورين إلى إدارة المدرسة نبارك للسيدة كريستودولوس على الوظيفة الجديدة نبارك للسيدة فو و السيدة باوز على زواجهما الأسبوع الماضي

**الزي المدرسي** نود أن نذكر التلاميذ بلبس الزي الكامل و ارتداء قبعة المدرسة

> الالتحاق بالمدرسه لعام ٢١ يمكن التقديم لاولادكم في الإدارة

#### Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you 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 in late September 2020 at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

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 Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Mr Hamish Woudsma

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

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 WEBSITE:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes

------ Cut here and return the note below to the school ------

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Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: \_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PLAY STRONG BANKSIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Please join us at Mt Lewis Park 151a Wattle Street, Mount Lewis Tuesdays 9:15 am – 11:00 am **Commencing:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ps.greenacre.banksia@playgroupnsw.org.au OR

leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au OR Call 0401712793 NEW OUTDOOR LOCATION!

BRING A HAT, CLEARLY LABELLED WATER BOTTLE AND MORNING TEA FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD Enjoy arts, crafts, story time and other fun activities.

Playgroups are a place where children (0-6) & parents and carers meet to have fun & learn through play. At playgroup you can discuss ideas & the joys, challenges & frustrations of parenting. Best of all playgroups are fun!







# FREE ENGLISH CLASSES



# GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH

## CLASS INFORMATION

Day/Time: Tuesdays - 9.30am-11.30am Good Shepherd Anglican Church, 80 Pandora St, Greenacre NSW Venue:

Child care available - Registration necessary

# For further information contact:

Leonie Williams (Community Hub Leader) E: leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au or M: 0401 712 793

SGSCC is an approved Smart & Skilled provider This training is subsidised by the NSW Government, SGSCC English, RTO ID 7091.







# Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub brings to you "Musical Moments"

By Sarah Baxter (Master of Music Student) FRIDAYS -TERM 4

Via Zoom 10.00am - 10.30am

For parents/caregivers and their children 0-5 years

**FREE program** 

"Full of laughter and Fun"

## **Registrations are essential**

Please contact Leonie on 0401712793 OR leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au

#### LEAGUESTARS.COM

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The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smilling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

 WHEN:
 5/11/2020 - 10/12/2020

 TIME:
 Thursdays 8.00 am - 9.00 am

 LENGTH:
 6 weeks

 AGE:
 5-12 Years

 COST:
 \$75

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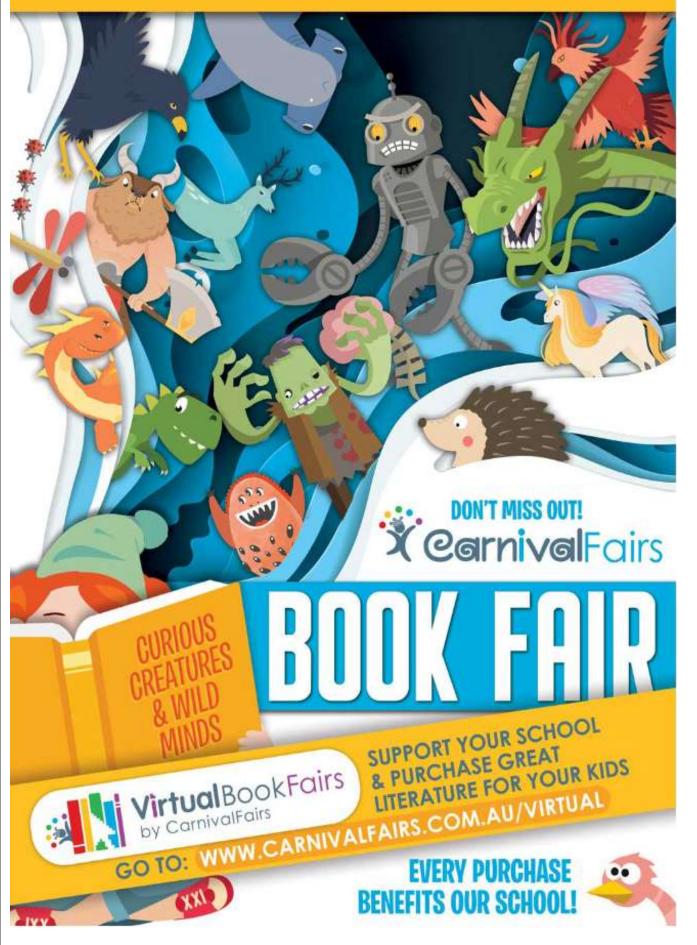
Banksia Road Public School 65 Banksia Rd Greenacre NSW 2190

Alysha Janssen ajanssen@nrl.com.au 0439006418

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS



# WE'RE RUNNING A VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR



# Virtual Book Fairs by Carnival Fairs

### WHAT IS IT?

A Virtual Fair is a web-based warehouse sale of books and activity packs run by Carnival Fairs on behalf of our school. It offers a hand-picked selection of high quality books and developmental activity packs which parents and staff can purchase for the family, or to donate to school or classroom libraries. Everything is discounted. SCHOOL & PURCHASE GREAT LITERATURE FOR YOUR KIDS

## WHATS ON OFFER?

- Picture Books
- Early chapter books
- Novels Suitable for children 7-14 years
- Wide range of non-fiction, high interest books
- Activity and reference books
- Educational toys and activities to help with literacy, numeracy and science
- A selection of great teen reads

## HOW TO TAKE PART

 Log on to www.carnivalfairs.com.au/virtual

Search for your school and select its name

Browse the books, add your selections to your shopping basket as you go



After the Virtual Fair closes, your order will be shipped. If you selected the 'ship-to-home' option, it will be shipped directly to you. Otherwise we will arrange distribution to you through your school.

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