

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 26 October 2021

## CALENDAR

### Week 4 Term 4 2021

### October

Monday 25	Canteen reopens – online orders only Face to face learning all students
Thursday 28	Assembly - Awards given to students (K to 6)
Friday 29	Australian Teachers Day

### Week 5 Term 4 2021

### November

Friday 5	Friendship Day
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### Week 6 Term 4 2021

### November

Thursday 11	Remembrance Day
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## KEY DATES FOR OUR STAGED RETURN

Our attendance is 96% this week which is the highest for some time. A reminder to parents who are planning a holiday, an exemption letter is required (signed by the principal). Failure to do so may jeopardise your placement at BRPS.

In order to monitor the student pods, we ask that students not arrive before 8:30am.



## THANK YOU TO MEMO PARTIES

A huge thank you to Ghayth Khweirah from Memo Parties for supplying the balloons and the beautiful welcome arches.



## COVID COMMUNICATION

If we have a COVID case on site, a letter will be sent home to all parents.

For example; If a child tests positive in say a Year 1 class, all those students in that particular class will be considered close contacts and will be required to self-isolate for 14 days given they have spent greater than 15 minutes inside a room together.

Students who spend between 1 to 15 minutes inside a room together may be considered casual contacts and will be asked to get tested and return upon a negative result.

Contact outside in the playground is not considered.

It is critical that your email address is up to date as NSW Health send out a bulk email to all parents.

## OUR SCHOOL'S COVID SAFE OPERATIONS

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, air purifiers in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.

## KEEPING STUDENT GROUPS TOGETHER REPEAT

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

At Banksia Road Public School will have 3 student pod groups:

- K-2
- Stage 2
- Stage 3

## MORNING DROP OFF

Please arrive after 8:30 am when dropping off your children for school.

We are keeping our Stage Pod Groups separate.

Supervision in pod areas will start at 8:30 am

K-2 - K-2 COLA  
Year 3 and Year 4 (Stage 2) Basketball Courts  
(Canteen COLA and Hall if raining)  
Year 5 and Year 6 (Stage 3 ) Old Office COLA and Volleyball Court

## PICK UP

Both Boronia Road gate and Banksia Road gate will be open. Collection times are as follows:

2:30pm: K-2 students without older siblings

2:45pm: Stage 2 and Stage 3 with siblings

3:00pm: Stage 2 and Stage 3 without siblings

Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

## BREAKTIMES

K-2 – K-2 playground

3-4 – Basketball courts and soccer grass area near demountables

5-6 – Oval grass and volleyball area

## ASSEMBLY AREAS IN MORNING AND AFTER PLAYTIME

K-2 – K-2 playground

Year 3 – Canteen

Year 4 – Basketball court (if raining OLD office COLA)

Year 5 – Old office COLA

Year 6 – New office COLA

## SCHOOL PREFECTS 2022

All Year 5 students are invited to contend for 2022 school captain or prefect. The initial culling date is Tuesday 23 November followed by the 'whole school' address on Tuesday 30 November. Students are aware they need to meet the criteria for eligibility. Please see Mrs Ghosn if you have any enquiries.

## FRIENDSHIP DAY – 5 NOVEMBER

This is a commemoration where we celebrate the joy of friendship in memory of the legacy of Jihad and Andrew. Teachers will plan activities at various times throughout the day.

## SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Our reports have been adjusted to reflect the learning from home component that students participated in.

The school is requesting each parent please complete the attached survey before the 5 November as it will form part of your child's end of year report.

Please complete a separate survey for each child enrolled.

<https://forms.gle/b4zKELny4kxVYQXX7>

## UNIFORM SHOP

Online orders only and one person will arrange for distribution outside of school hours. Please contact the office to place an order.

## CANTEEN

The canteen will only be accepting online orders for lunch and snacks from 25 October. Canteen will be unavailable at breaktimes until further notice. To place an online order parents must download the Flexischools APP onto their phone and then place an order.

### How to set up your Flexischools account

#### 1. Download our app

- The Flexischools app is the easiest way to place online lunch orders, buy school uniforms, and discover our latest Our Place offers.



#### 2. Register

- Open the Flexischools App and click 'Like to register?' or [click here](#) to register on our website.
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Go to your inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools. Click on the link provided and follow the registration process, creating a password and completing your personal details.

#### 3. Log in to your Flexischools account and enter your child's details

- Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App or [click here](#) to log in to our website.
- If you are using the app, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select 'Students' and 'Add a student'. Search for their school, year level, and class, and enter their details.

### Order on our app

#### 1. Place your order

- In the Flexischools App, swipe up and down to find the service category you are interested in, swipe left and right to find the service you are interested in and select the green 'Order' button.

#### 2. Make your selection

- Select the items you wish to order.

#### 3. Make payment

- Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

## MASKING WEARING FOR STUDENTS

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and strongly recommended for students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating.

## VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL SITES

Anyone working OR VOLUNTEERING on a NSW school or early education and care site must be fully vaccinated to help protect the health and safety of staff and students.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/vaccination-requirements-for-school-sites?deliveryName=DM20184>

## AIR VENTILATION

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.

The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.

## CHECK IN ASSESSMENTS

All students in Years 3,4,5, and 6 will be completing a assessment in Literacy and Numeracy between 1 and 26 November.

This assessment is to ascertain where students are in their learning and to inform future teaching and learning.

These have been scheduled for the coming weeks.

Mr. Hamish Woudsma  
Principal



## ICAS SITTING DATES

The following tests will be conducted on the following dates for all students who registered to participate.

Please note the following sitting dates for the remainder of the ICAS Tests. Due to the use of technology required these tests will occur this week. All tests will occur after lunch at 12:00 pm and held on onsite at school.

Tuesday October 26 - English  
Wednesday October 27 - Mathematics  
Thursday October 28 - Spelling Bee  
Friday October 29 - Digital Technologies  
Friday October 29 - Science



## COMMUNITY FORUM VIA ZOOM

On Monday 25 October our last parent forum was held.

Thank you to all that contributed during learning from home.

If any questions or comments arise please approach your child's teacher and /or contact the school office.

## S.T.A.R. SCHOOL TRANSITION AND READINESS PROGRAM

To prepare for Kindergarten we conduct a comprehensive School Transition and Readiness Program called S.T.A.R. This program has been adjusted due to COVID restrictions.

We have already held two successful sessions where our new students have met their Kindergarten teachers and visited places around the school through zoom.

After each session, the school posts a package to each student with a social story and activities to complete between tasks.

Our third session will be held on

- FRIDAY 5/11/21

Time – 9:30am to 10:00am

Session link

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66774998556?pwd=Tng4TWWhGN24xM0c5KytocUxHNTB6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 667 7499 8556

Passcode: star

This program is designed to give children and parents the opportunity to get to meet and know some teachers and key people from Banksia Road Public School.

We have created a S.T.A.R Class Dojo Page and we ask and encourage all families to join.

## TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY Parent (Repeat)

Tell Them From Me is a suite of surveys for measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys can be used to capture student, parent and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence for schools to use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

To date we have only 25 parents who have completed the survey.

The survey is anonymous.

Your feedback is very important to us. Please use the link to access the survey.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/brps2021>

Thank you for your consideration.

### TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY Student

All students in Year 4, 5 and 6 are invited to complete the Tell Them From Me Student snapshot 2 survey.

This will be a perfect opportunity for students to share their thoughts and opinions about learning from home.

Notes were distributed to all students yesterday.

### SCHOOL SPORT ACTIVITIES

Some school sport activities can now proceed in Term 4 2021 including sport within individual schools. Wherever possible, the remainder of Term 4 should be focused on re-establishing face-to-face teaching and learning with our students.

*Mrs. Janice Azzopardi*  
Deputy Principal

اخبار المدرسة  
مواعيد مهمة  
مرحبا بكم في المدرسة مرة أخرى

الأسبوع الرابع  
الاثنين الكانتين بالحجز  
كل التلاميذ يعودوا للمدرسة  
الجمعة يوم المعلمين

الأسبوع الخامس  
الجمعة يوم الصداقة

الأسبوع السادس  
الخميس ذكرى وقف الحرب

شروط اخذ عطلة  
يجب إبلاغ و اخذ موافقة المدير قبل اخذ اي  
عطلة لضمان حفظ مكان أولادكم بالمدرسة

مواعيد الحضور إلى المدرسة  
ممنوع الحضور قبل الساعة ٨،٣٠ صباحا

شكرا  
نشكر غيث من شركة ميمو للتبرع بالبالونات لتزيين بوابة المدرسة

## الحرص على الصحة

إذا وجدنا أي حالة مرضية سنبلغ جميع الأهالي  
المدرسة تحافظ و تحاول بقدر الإمكان  
ان تتبع كل الطرق للحفاظ على سلامة التلاميذ

## قواد المدرسة للعام القادم

الترشيح والاختيار من ٢٣ الي ٣٠ من الشهر القادم

## التقرير لنصف العام الثاني

اخر موعد لملا و إرسال إجابات الاستفسار ١١/ ٥

## الزي المدرسي

يجب الاتصال بالادارة  
لتقديم طلب شراء الزي المدرسي

## الفحص للصفوف ٣ إلى ٦

يتم عمل الفحص في اللغة و الحساب من ١ حتى ٢٦ / ١١

## الرياضة بالمدرسة

يمكن لعب بعض الرياضات بالمدرسة  
و لكن نفضل التركيز على التعليم في الوقت الحالي.

# eSafety parent guide

## to online gaming

Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with an understanding of the benefits and risks of online gaming. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8–13.

**Register now**

**Dates:** (AEDT)

15 November 12.30 to 1.30pm

24 November 7.30 to 8.30pm



**Register now:** [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



[esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)





## Expectation matrix – Returning to school

Term 4	Value: self-regulation	Setting: all areas
	Students	Teachers
We are safe when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we practice social distancing.</li> <li>we walk on the concrete.</li> <li>we are in the right place at the right time.</li> <li>the teachers know where we are.</li> <li>we practice good hygiene.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model correct social distancing at all times.</li> <li>we practice good hygiene.</li> <li>we stay on top of safety guidelines.</li> </ul>
We are respectful when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we sit in an empty seat and give people personal space.</li> <li>we dispose of masks correctly.</li> <li>we use our manners and appropriate language.</li> <li>we respect peoples' privacy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we listen to what students have to say.</li> <li>we dispose of masks correctly.</li> <li>we respect peoples' privacy.</li> <li>we check-in regularly to see how our students are going.</li> </ul>
We are learners when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we listen to instructions.</li> <li>we wait our turn to speak.</li> <li>we try our hardest when we do our work.</li> <li>we ask questions about our learning.</li> <li>we are brave and ask for help when we need it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we ask for student feedback on workload and learning tasks.</li> <li>we continue to incorporate technology into our lessons and classrooms.</li> </ul>



Class Delivery : Tuesdays weekly

Format: Online

Duration: 12 months ( follows NSW School Holidays)

Start Date: Enrolment & Orientation forms completed

Contact: Community Hub Leader Leonie Williams on

0401 712 793 OR [leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leonie.williams15@det.nsw.edu.au)



## CHC40213 CERTIFICATE IV IN EDUCATION SUPPORT



# Become a swimming teacher for free !

Great opportunity  
work available  
flexible hours

the course includes

- online component
- one day face to face training

After the course you can join a pool and complete training hours to become a teacher

- must feel confident in the water and with speaking/teaching
- some conditions apply

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT HUB LEADERS**

MORE INFORMATION AT  
[HTTPS://ROYALNSW.COM.AU/  
TRAINING/SWIM-TEACHER](https://royalnsw.com.au/training/swim-teacher)



**ROYAL LIFE SAVING**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## Expressions of interest Community Services Certificate 4



**NEW Online Course for 2021**

**Study from home**

***"A Career where you can make a real impact on people's lives"***

**WHEN: Wednesdays**

**DURATION: 12-month course**

**TIME: 9.30am – 2.30pm**

**WORK PLACEMENT : Is an essential part of the course**

**CONTACT LEONIE ON 0401 712 793 for all enquiries and details**



### FREE Adult English Classes

#### ONLINE COURSE

**Mondays: 10am – 11am**

**Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

Facilitated by: English/Arabic speaking  
teacher

***Centrelink hours credit letter provided  
by the College***

Contact: Leonie Williams for a  
'study kit' and to register on

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