

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Wednesday, 10 November 2021

## CALENDAR

### Week 6 Term 4 2021

### November

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Downgraded to Level 3 restrictions
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly - Awards given to students (K to 6) Remembrance Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	In school sport for primary

### Week 7 Term 4 2021

### November

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P & C meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly - Awards given to students (K to 6)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	STAR onsite Merit awards cut off

### Week 8 Term 4 2021

### November

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	High School transitions online
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership initial speeches
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Lewis transition

## FUTURE EVENTS

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November Leadership speeches in front of the whole school
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Stage 3 Aquatopia
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Reports home
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 Farewell

## GOOD AS GOLD LUNCHEON

The final day to hand in Merit Awards is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm. The luncheon will occur in pods on the following days:

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	K to Year 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 & 4
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6

At this stage, under Level 3 restrictions, parents are not permitted to attend.

NEW SOUTH WALES  
DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING



## FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4, with additional activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner.

Further advice will be provided to support schools to implement these changes.

## PARENTS AND CARERS ON SITE TO SUPPORT SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- Dancing, bands, ensembles and music classes will be allowed within cohorts. However, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Other instruments that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played, as well as singing and chanting, are not permitted in Term 4.
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed.
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SYED NAZEER MOHSIN

Nazeer has recently stepped in as a prefect (based on a voting countback) as Moustafa has left the school. He is a welcomed addition to the student leadership team.

## KEEPING US ALL SAFE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended for students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.
- Students should avoid mingling with other pods when moving around the school.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

We ask that parents provide a medical certificate or negative covid test result when a student returns to school after 2 or more days absent. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## PICK UP

Both Boronia Road gate and Banksia Road gate are 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.

## CANTEEN REOPENS

All lunch orders remain online through Flexi schools (see instructions below) although Miss Marissa will also open the canteen for purchasing at lunch time:

- K-2 Mobile Canteen in K-2 Area – 11:15 am to 11:25am
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - First Half Lunch Only
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) - Second Half Lunch Only

The canteen will remain closed during Fruit Break.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### 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.

## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL FOR YEAR 7 IN 2023

If your child is in Year 5 and would like to apply for Selective High School for Year 7 in 2023, please see the information in the following link:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf>

## SCHOOL LEADERS 2022

All Year 5 students are invited to contend for 2022 school captain or prefect. The initial culling date is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November followed by the 'whole school' address on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Students are aware they need to meet the criteria for eligibility. Please see Mrs Ghosn if you have any enquiries.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

## GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who achieved a gold award:

KB – Aleenah; 1/2H – Medinah; 1N – Adelma, Ava, Jannah; 1T – Batoul, Kenda, Youssef F; 2A – Rihanna; 2B – Haniya; 5I – Nadia; 5N – Ayah; 6A – Ghith, Sara

## SILVER AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who achieved a silver award:

KC – Amin, Laya, Muhammad Omar; 1/2H – Isaac, Mariam; 1N – Ayanah; 1T – Adam, Hopisoni, Ibrahim, Jana, Noah, Sami, Serena, Youssef E; 2A – Myah, Yazan; 2L – Muhammad; 3S – Aya, Safa; 4/5J – Zayd; 5/6G – Nuha; 5I – Khaled; 6A – Yara H

## BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who achieved a bronze award:

KC – Abu Bakr, Jibreel, Omar A; KH – Essah; 1/2H – Lu'ay; 1N – Yusef; 4/5J – Belal, Maysaloon, Micheal; 5/6G – Aisha, Omar; 5I – Lujaine, Malek, Rami; 5N – Aayah, Mahmood; 6A – Maream; 6B – Nesrin

## YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Information for Sir Joseph Banks High School eOrientation can be found by clicking on this link:  
[https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/sj\\_bhs6-7-eorientation-2022/students](https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/sj_bhs6-7-eorientation-2022/students)

Mr. Hamish Woudsma  
Principal

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Thursday 11/11/21 all students will participate in a Remembrance Day Service in their classrooms.

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month (November) is the day and time when Australians pause to remember the men and woman who fought and died in wars.

All students will be asked to reflect and stand in silence for one minute after listening to the Last Post.



## WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated all our teachers during World Teachers' Day.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the students of BRPS.







A special thank you to Marissa, our canteen lady for providing our beautiful fruit salad for our breakfast.

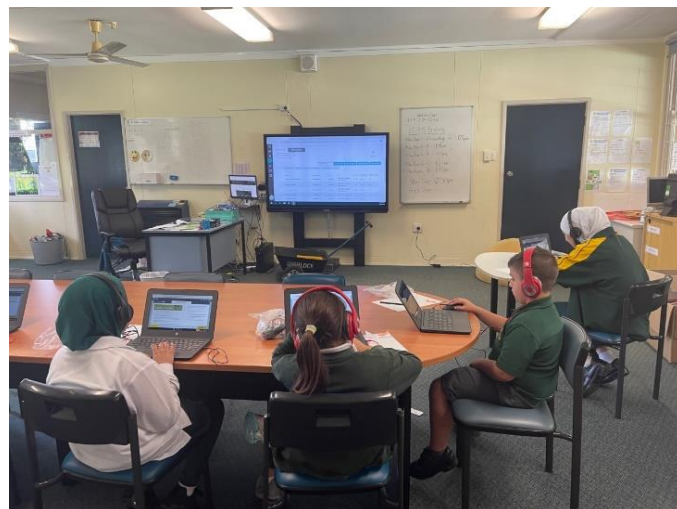


### CLASSROOM TEACHER APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Mrs Emma Virgona who has been appointed as a permanent classroom teacher at BRPS.

### ICAS

Congratulations to all the students whom have competed in the ICAS tests.





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

Final chance to complete the parent survey.

Your view is valued.

More information about the survey is available at:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm).

To access the survey for our school, go to  
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/brps2021>

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Unfortunately, many of our students have access to social media when at home. If you choose to allow your child to access these platforms like Snapchat, Tic Tok, and Whats App just to name a few, please monitor your children and report all inappropriate use to the police and to the eSafety Commissioner.

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

A huge thank you to all students who joined our S.T.A.R online zoom sessions.

To continue to prepare for Kindergarten 2022, your child has been invited to attend

- ONE onsite S.T.A.R SESSION along with
- ONE S.T.A.R INTERVIEW at the school.

### **ONE onsite S.T.A.R SESSION**

Friday 19/11/21

Time – 9:30am to 11:00am

All children participating will be asked to bring to school a small lunch box and a healthy snack, a drink bottle and a hat.

Registration will be at 9:30am and the session is for STUDENTS ONLY. Parents can drop off, register onsite in the office COLA area and then return at 11:00am for pickup.

### **ONE onsite S.T.A.R. INTERVIEW**

All families will have an opportunity to book for a school visit INTERVIEW when you come to your S.T.A.R Session. This interview will be one-on-one for one parent and child with a member of staff. These interviews will commence from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

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 understand that many children attend pre-school, and that parents have other obligations; however, we would strongly recommend your child attend the sessions.

### **YEAR 3 TRANSITION**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our Year 3 transition. On this day we will welcome many students who will be joining us from local K-2 Infants schools, such as Mount Lewis.



### YEAR 6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

The students in Year 6 were fortunate to partake in an art lesson conducted by Art on the Gogh. It was enjoyed by all.



### NATIONAL TREE DAY

A huge thank you to Noble Toyota Chullora for kindly donating gardening gloves and hats to be used by the gardening club students in recognition of National Tree Day!



### 2021 PRESENTATION DAY

At this stage, Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in pod groups:

Stage 3	9:30am
Stage 2	12:00pm
K - Year 2	1:30pm

These sessions times are subject to change.

Mrs Janice Azzopardi  
Deputy Principal

**اخبار المدرسة**  
**مواعيد مهمة**  
**الأسبوع السادس**

الاثنين تقليل التحضيرات للمستوى ٣  
الخميس الاجتماع العام توزيع الشهادات  
الجمعة الرياضة بالمدرسة

**الأسبوع السابع**  
الاثنين اجتماع الأهالي  
الخميس الاجتماع العام توزيع الشهادات  
الجمعة آخر موعد للشهادات  
عودة برنامج الحضانة بالمدرسة

**الأسبوع الثامن**  
الثلاثاء مرحلة انتقالية للمدارس الثانوية على الكمبيوتر  
الأربعاء كلمة القواد الجدد  
الجمعة المرحلة الانتقالية لمدرسة ماونت لويس

**مواعيد اخرى**  
٣٠ / ١١ كلمة القواد  
٢ / ١٢ الصف ٥ و ٦ رحلة لانشطة المياه  
٧ / ١٢ يوم التقدير في مجموعات مختلفة  
الجمعة ١٠ / ١٢ التقارير الى البيوت  
الأربعاء ١٥ / ١٢ توديع الصف السادس

**الأهالى في المدرسة**  
نرحب بالاهالي المطعمين لمساعدة التلاميذ

**أخبار الكاتين**  
يمكن الشراء من الكاتين في الأوقات المحددة لكل صف

**الغياب**  
يجب إيضاح سبب غياب التلاميذ في إدارة المدرسة  
الذي المدرسي يمكن شراء الزي المدرسي على الكمبيوتر

**يوم الذكرى**  
١١/١١ الساعة ١١ في كل الصف

**يوم المعلم**  
احتفلنا يوم ٢٩ / ١٠ بيوم المعلم

**معلمة جديدة**  
حصلت السيدة ايما فيرجونا على وظيفة دائمة بالمدرسة

**تحذير**  
يجب ملاحظة أولادكم في البيت عند استخدام الكمبيوتر

**شكر**  
نشكر شركة تويوتا في شيلورا على التبرع  
بقفازات و قبعات لاستخدامهم في الزراعه





# WHOLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS



Weeks 6 + 7 Term 4	Value: Politeness	Setting: all areas
	Students	Teachers
We are safe when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we tell a teacher when we notice something dangerous.</li> <li>• we walk on concrete areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we actively roam the playground during duties.</li> <li>• we explicitly teach appropriate language and interactions with others.</li> </ul>
We are respectful when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>we always use appropriate language when talking to others face-to-face or online.</u></li> <li>• we treat others how we would like to be treated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we mediate any issues between students to help resolve problems as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
We are learners when...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we raise our hand and wait our turn to share.</li> <li>• we share resources and equipment with others to help everyone's learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we acknowledge students when they make positive choices for their behaviour and learning.</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)

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**EDUCATION SUPPORT**



# 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)



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

# 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 INTERSTED PELASE  
CONTACT HUB LEADERS**

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



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