

# Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



Tuesday, 14 December 2021

## CALENDAR

Week 11 Term 4 2021

December

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Last day for students

## FUTURE EVENTS

Year 1 to 6 Students return to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

## COVID-19 UPDATE

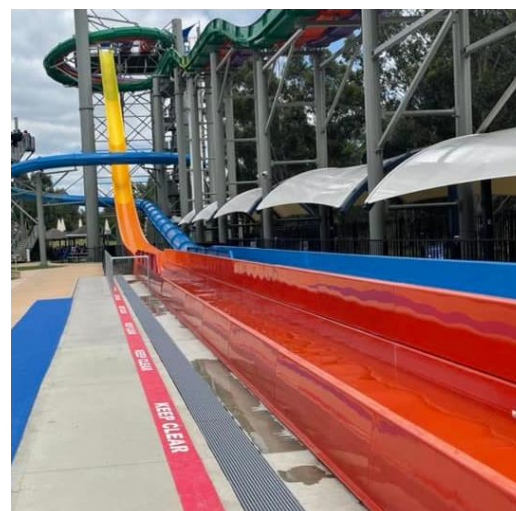
As you are aware a number of our school community have tested positive for COVID-19. This has led to a large number of students being declared close contacts. We have now been notified of additional cases within the school community.

Please be advised that siblings of close contacts are only permitted to attend school if they are self-isolating from their close contact sibling. Failure to do this may contribute to further Covid-19 infections.

I am deeply saddened for our Year 6 students who have endured a difficult two years and to finish with a 14 day self-isolation is heartbreaking. We have postponed the Year 6 Farewell for Term 1 2022.

## GOOD AS GOLD

It was a joy to see the smiles on our students faces at Aquatopia and Water Fun Play Day at school.







## STAFFING

We have a number of staff moving on from Banksia Road in 2022, this includes; Miss Abdelkarim, Mr Al-Tamimi, Mrs Arabi, Mrs Al Masri, Mrs Benjamin and our teachers aide Mrs Moussa.

Mrs Geary is taking up a temporary appointment in 2022 to be closer to her residence. Mrs Saad is taking a temporary position in 2022 also.

We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We have a number of new staff to Banksia Road in 2022, this includes, Mrs Kousoulas and Mrs Nguyen who are both targeted graduates. We will also have Mrs Northam returning after four years at Thirroul PS. We also have Mr Eid coming to us from Hoxton Park PS.

## STAFFING OF SUPPORT UNIT

I am pleased to announce the Assistant Principal for the Support Unit is Mrs Doughaili who comes to us from Hampden Park PS. Mrs Doughaili has a wealth of knowledge having worked in support classes for a number of years.

I can confirm one of the support unit teachers is Mrs Shepherd who comes to us from Picnic Point PS. We are in the process of staffing the remaining teacher and SLSO positions for the 3 support classes.

## 2022 STUDENT LEADERS

### Captains

Sedra J and Hassan E

### Vice Captains

Mardhiyyah A and Ibrahim E

### Prefects

Yarah M, Malaak Y, Adam M and Ryan M

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Next year there are opportunities to purchase uniforms at the school uniform shop. The opening hours are as follows (subject to change as per public health orders):

- Monday 31st January 2022 from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Tuesday 1st February to Friday 4th February 2022 from 8:45am to 9:30am
- From Week 2 every Monday and Friday from 8:45am to 9:30am



### NOT RETURNING TO BANKSIA ROAD IN 2022

Please advise the school office if your children will **not be** returning in 2022. You can advise via our school email, [banksiard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:banksiard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if your child is not returning on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

### GOLD AWARDS

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

KB – Khadijah; KC – Jameel, Laya, Madeline;  
KH – Wardah; 1/2H – Ayah; 1N – Ibtissam;  
1T – Sarah; 2A – Aminah, Aya, Liyana; 3D- Muhie-Deen; 3S - Souad, Yasin; 3V-Sidra; 4/5J-Lana;  
5I - Hassan; 5N-Mohamad; 6B-Georgia, Mariam;  
6H - Abdallah, Celyne

### SILVER AWARDS

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

K/1F – Abbas, Ameer, Rawaa; KB – Sana;  
KC – Ayaan, Aysha, Giselle, Ibrahim, Liyana, Noor;  
KH – Alanna, Amal, Muhammad, Omar, Waseem, Zoya; 1/2H – Dyllan, Farouk, Lu'ay, Tala;  
2B – Rayan, Talia; 3D – Ayaan, Ghassan, Tarek;  
3S – Jana, Souheil; 3V – Jerry; 4/5J - Joumana;  
4I – Zaryab; 4L – Aaminah; 5/6G – Zain;  
6B – Shoaib, Sidra, Youssef; 6H – Bilal, Mia, Omar

### BRONZE AWARDS

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

2A – Lara; 2B – Issa, Muhammad; 3S – Mahmoud, Safiyah; 4/5J – Fatima, Mohamed, Yasmin;  
4L – Ayden, Nawal; 5N – Fatme; 6B – Aaliyah, Daniel, Noah; 6H- Houda, Jackson, Khaled M, Khaled H

### PRESENTATION DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year our Presentation Day was live streamed. The video of the live stream will be available till the end of the year.

Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding behaviour.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

Thank you to our feeder High Schools for the scholarships awarded to some of our Year 6 students. Congratulations to the students.

Thank you to Jihad Dib for the awards for all our Student Representative Council and Student leadership team.

Thank you to Bankstown RSL for the two \$500 Scholarships awarded to two of our Year 6 students.

***On behalf of the whole school staff, I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday period and for those celebrating Christmas, please enjoy this festive time with your family and friends.***

***I look forward to seeing our returning families and meeting those starting with us in 2022!***

Mr. Hamish Woodsma  
Principal

Here are the class award recipients:

Class	Most Conscientious Student	Most Improved Student	Academic Award
KB	Omar	Dania	Omar
KC	Maryam	Muhammad Omar	Samir
KH	Lucy	Muhammad	Wardah
K/1F	Ghazal	Ahmad Aslam	Aisha
1N	Ibtissam	Ayesha	Ali
1T	Mariam	Muhammad	Sarah
1/2H	Medinah	Maryam	Emmett
2A	Sami	Gabriel	Jad
2B	Sarrah	Rayan	Sereen
2L	Sara	Mansour	Roukaya
3D	Elijah	Mahmoud	Zachariah
3S	Yasin	Zayne	Omran
3V	Khadija	Amira	Sidra
4I	Saffiyah	Ahmad	Fouad
4L	Max	Hannah	Zara
4O	Maryam	Mouhyiddin	Syed Sameer Mohsin
4/5J	Lana	Isabelle	Hemani
5I	Hassan	Malaak	Yarah
5N	Youssef	Ayah	Sedra
5/6G	Omar	Zain	Mardhiyyah
6A	Lyne	Ghith	Mohammad
6B	Ibrahim	Youssef	Shoaib Shaikh
6H	Zainab	Frank	Daania

Here are our other award recipients:

Junior Sportsperson of the Year (Boy)	Adam 4O
Junior Sportsperson of the Year (Girl)	Sahar 5N
Senior Sportsperson of the Year (Boy)	Nai 6H
Senior Sportsperson of the Year (Boy)	Jackson 6H
Senior Sportsperson of the Year (Girl)	Georgia 6B
Margaret Richardson Award	Jayda 5/6G
Principal's Award	Jana 6A
Ruby Veleski Creative Arts Award	Emmanuel 6H
Equal Dux	Mohammad 6A
Equal Dux	Syed Nazeer Mohsin 6A



### CRAZY SOCK DAY

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 the P and C held a Crazy Sock day. We had lots of fun! \$217.40 was raised.



### KINDERGARTEN, SUPPORT UNIT and NEW ENROLMENTS for 2022

All families will be receiving a letter outlining their start time for their first day at BRPS.

New Year 3 students and other students in Years 1,2,4,5,6 will start at BRPS on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9:30am and then 9.10am on the following days following.

All Kindergarten students will start at 9:30am on their first day on either Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Support Unit students will start at 10am on either Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please check your letter for details.

All Kindergarten and Support Unit students will finish at 2:30pm each afternoon until 11/2/22. From 14/2/22 all students will finish at 3:00pm. This is dependent on COVID and the restrictions in place.

### FUN DAY 2021

Year 6 hosted FUN DAY last Wednesday. Thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members who contributed to the success of the day. The school raised just over \$6000.



### FATHERHOOD - BANKSIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL (RESPECT PROGRAM) 2021

This year our RESPECT Program worked closely with our Fathering Project. This incredible video was created. Thank you to Craig, David and Van from the OUTLOUD team and to Manal Mikati for their passion. Thank you also to the students and their fathers for communicating such a powerful message.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Thw6u2LGQ8>

### UNITY 2022 (REPEAT)

We have just recently been invited to be a part of a new program called UNITY, which is for girls in years 5 & 6. It is a sibling program to RESPECT and covers topics such as healthy relationships, consent and body image.

Similar to RESPECT, it would run once a week across 2 terms for a cohort of around 12 girls.

We are excited to be the only school as part of this pilot program.

### MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOONS IN 2022

All stages will be holding a Meet the Teacher Afternoon in Week 4, Term 1, 2022.

- Kindergarten - Monday 21st February 2022 at 3:30pm in hall
- Stage 1 – Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 3:30pm in hall
- Stage 2 – Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 3:30pm in hall
- Stage 3 – Thursday 24th February 2022 at 3:30pm in hall

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful break. Thank you for all your support and understanding during a very exciting but challenging year.

Mrs Janice Azzopardi  
Deputy Principal