

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Tuesday, 25 October 2022

CALENDAR

Week 3 Term 4 2022

October

Thursday 27 th	Year 3-6 Assembly (4A) Russ the Bus (K – 2)
Friday 28 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am World Teachers Day Summer PSSA Gala Day #1

Week 4 Term 4 2022

November

Monday 31 st	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am STAR at 2pm
Tuesday 1 st	Dance Festival
Thursday 3 rd	K-Year2 Assembly (KC item)
Friday 4 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am

Week 5 Term 4 2022

November

Monday 7 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am STAR at 2pm Friendship Day
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 Zoo excursion
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Fun Day
Thursday 10 th	Year 3-6 Assembly (3TN item)
Friday 11 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am Remembrance Day Summer PSSA Gala Day #2

Future Dates:

Future Assemblies

Week 6 – KH

Week 7 – 3/4VL

Week 8 – 6IT

Tuesday 29th November – last day for awards to be handed in

Wednesday 30th November – Good as Gold

Year 3 to 6 – *Aquatopia* excursion

K – 2 – *Summer Fun Day* incursion

Tuesday 6th December – Presentation Day

Wed 7th December – Sports assembly Award Day

Thurs 8th December – Good as Gold luncheon Yr 3 - 6

Friday 9th December – Good as Gold luncheon K – 2

Tuesday 13th December – Year 6 Farewell

Friday 16th December – Last day for students

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2024

This applies to students in Year 5.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 opened on **18th October 2022** and close on **16th November 2022**. Selective high schools cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

Click on the link for further information and an online application form:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

ENROLMENTS

It is most important that we have accurate enrolment numbers for 2023 as we wish to provide all students with a thorough and positive transition. We also need to have accurate enrolment numbers for class formation at the beginning of the year. If you have a child coming into Kindergarten in 2023 and you have not yet completed the application, please complete it as soon as possible. If your child will not be returning to Banksia Road PS in 2023, please let the office know immediately, or email the school on banksiaroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

REMOVING ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

You may have heard that National Cabinet announced their decision to remove the isolation requirements for COVID-19 positive cases.

The NSW Department of Education (DoE) is working to make sure our COVID-smart settings are aligned with the change to isolation which came into effect on Friday 14th October.



NEW POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FRAMEWORK TO KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED IN LEARNING AT SCHOOL

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools package was announced earlier this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell. It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way.

The package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability (operational from Term 4, 2022);
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures (operational from Term 4, 2022); and
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures (operational from Term 1, 2023).

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful & effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classrooms.

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify existing obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to address issues resulting in these behaviours, in order to prevent future escalations.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

We will continue to work closely with you and all our families to ensure every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults. For more information on these policies, please visit the NSW Department of Education website.

COLOUR EXPLOSION RUN



Thank you to our parent volunteers, leaders and the entire Banksia Road community for supporting this event. The money is still being counted although the profit is upwards of \$10K. This money will fund a K-2 Buddy Bench.

Fundraising booklets need to be returned ASAP to ensure prizes are delivered before the end of the year. There are several online entries which have not chosen prizes.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Many families are dropping their child off in the morning BEFORE school supervision starts. Please note that the school gates open at 8:30am when playground supervision starts.

ROAD SAFETY

As we return to Term 4, we would like to remind all of our families to drive and park safely around our school. The supervised crossing area keeps our students safe, please ensure that you follow the instructions from the crossing supervisor and stop (as the law requires) at the crossing.

It is important that families also adhere to the 40km speed limit around our school as well as in the streets close by, adhere to parking restrictions and not double park. Please do not call students across the road in front of cars. Safety of ALL of our students is paramount and we ask everyone to help with this. Thank you for your support in this important area.

GOLD AWARDS

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

KF – Omar S; 1E – Amin, Mya; 1S – Khadijah; 2B – Mariam; 2L – Ava; 3N – Mohamed, Sami; 3T – Abdullah, Mustafa; 4/5N – Muhie-Deen; 4B – Abdullah, Souad; 6I – Aayah; 6N - Zain

SILVER AWARDS

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

K/1T – Taha; KB – Elijah, Jad; KC – Adam A, Amalia, Youssef, Zayn; 1S – Maryam, Omar Z; 2B – Ayesha; 3N – Asma, Bayan, Soumaya; 3V – Liyana, Omar; 4B – Isabella, Amira; 6F – Shantelle; 6N - Omar D

BRONZE AWARDS

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

K/1T – Odai, Amal; KF – Mohiuddin; 1E – Aysha, Essah, Israa, Omar Me, Omar Mo; 2A - Malayeka Ali; 2B – Teina, Uthman; 2L – Youssef; 3T – Dyllan, Omar J; 3V – Kassem, Muhammad A; Zara; 4B – Layla; 5A – Ibrahim A, Jacky, Jihad, Isaac, Sumaya; 5H - Layla

Mr Hamish Woodsma
Principal

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Term 4 Community Calendar was included in the last newsletter. Please note all dates are subject to change.

MOBILE DEVICES

Banksia Road discourages students from bringing their mobile devices to school.

Students whose parents wish them to bring a mobile phone to school are required to sign a contract at the start of the school year. They are expected to switch their phone off when they enter the school, check it into the school office for safe keeping and only switch it back on as they leave school in the afternoon.

Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk, the school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.

The use of mobile phones, handheld mobile devices and smart watches during school hours is not permitted. This includes on excursions, sport activities and camps. Should students need to phone their parents or carers during the day, office staff can assist them to do so. In the case of emergencies, parents and carers can contact their children via the school office.

If a mobile phone is used on school grounds during school hours the phone or device will be given to the Principal and parents will need to collect the phone from the school.

Students must not lend a phone to another student for use as a phone, for text messaging or use as a camera or video recording device. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use. A student must not touch another student's mobile device.

READY SET GO – STAR – PARENT SESSIONS

Monday Week 3 – 24/10 - Uniform Shop
Monday Week 4 – 31/10 - Attendance
Monday Week 5 – 7/10/22 - STAR Graduation

Kindergarten 2023 interviews will be held over three days; Wednesday 23rd November, Thursday 24th November and Thursday 1st December for all new Kindergarten 2023 students. If you have not already done so, please contact the office on 02 9707 3423 to book your 15 minute appointment.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PANEL- Merit Selection

Two substantive assistant principal positions have become vacant. These positions will be advertised over the coming weeks through Teach NSW. Thank you to all panel members for offering their time.

Our AP Panel consists of

- Heidi Cleary, our teacher representative, elected by and from the Teaching Service staff at the school. Heidi is one of our substantive Assistant Principal's at Banksia Road Public School.
- Matthew Jones, a panel member nominated by the Director PSNSW (Andrew Fielding) at the same or higher level as the vacant position. Matthew is the Deputy Principal of Chester Hill Public School.
- Laura De Villers, our School Parents and Citizens' Association representative
- Rawa Bassal, our representative of the local ethnic community.

And I will be convening the panel.

ATTENDANCE

Our Home School Liaison Officer has notified me regarding our school attendance. There are many issues with absences. The main concern is unexplained absences.

TELL THEM FROM ME – Parent Survey – Partners in Learning (Repeat)

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them from Me suite of surveys on student engagement and wellbeing. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. Participation in the parent survey is optional. We would strongly like to encourage as many parents as we can to build a robust dataset.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/brps2022> .

Please encourage parents and caregivers to complete. To date we only have 26 completed Parent Surveys.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture will continue this term until Wednesday November 16th, 2022.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

Our friends from Montessori Academy Preschool visited us this week. It was a very successful visit.



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 18th October four students represented our school at the School Performance South - Public Speaking Network Competition.

Well done to all students and congratulations to –

Stage 3 – Mardhiyyah – Network Runner Up
Stage 1 – Omar T - Network Champion



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN CHILDREN'S SUMMIT

Last week, select leaders accompanied Miss Beer and Mrs McCoy to the inaugural Canterbury Bankstown Children's Summit. Further information is at the end of the newsletter.

STRATHFIELD SOUTH H/S YEAR 5 EXCURSION

Mini lessons were conducted at Strathfield South High School on Wednesday 20/10/22. All Year 5 students were invited to attend.

Students engaged in many high-school like lessons and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



POSITIVE SOCIAL INTERVENTION GROUPS

Over the holidays, many of our year 6 students were involved in online activities that were not positive. These behaviours extended to the playground. Focus student groups have been formed to converse about building positive relationships and interaction when at school.

Depending on student behaviour, additional activities may be planned for all interested year 6 students.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 1st November 2022, our BRPS Dance groups, the Beatz and the Bouncers, led by Mrs Jackson, Miss Spyros, Miss Barakat, Miss Hawthorne and Mrs Andreadis, will be performing at the Bankstown Sports Club. We wish them all the best.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY- 28th October 2022

Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 28 October 2022. Our teachers have shown great resilience during challenging times, all so they can give BRPS students the best future possible. Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the BRPS Teachers.

You can also find out more at www.worldteachersday.edu.au



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The school uniform shop is operated on site by volunteer parents from BRPS P & C committee. Hours of operation are Monday and Friday 8.45am – 9.15am.

Mrs Janice Azzopardi
Deputy Principal



REGISTER NOW!



SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

- TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS -

- A fun and engaging 9-week program for girls 7-12 years old and their Dads or significant male role models.
- All levels of ability and experience are welcome.
- Spend quality 1:1 time together
- Starts Term 4 from 18/20th Oct



COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

A reminder to come along to playgroup each Tuesday from 9.30am. For more information, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Please note there will be no playgroup on Tuesday 15th November.



Recount from the inaugural Canterbury-Bankstown Children's Summit



Above (L-R): Our BRPS representatives Hassan, Sameer, Sedra and Lana.



Right: Lana is interviewed by Julian the Journalist. Each of our students were interviewed for their perspectives.

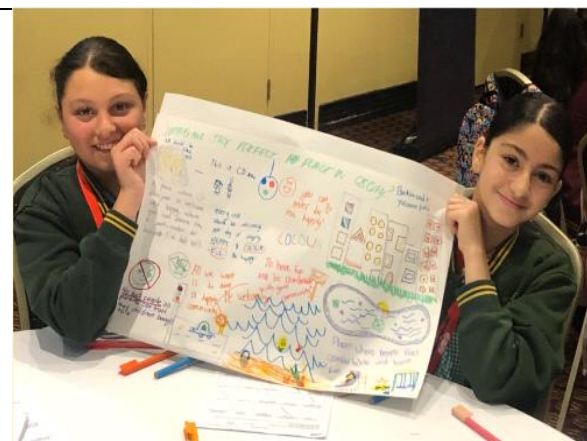
On Tuesday 11th October, Sedra, Hassan, Lana and Sameer represented Banksia Road Public School at the very first Canterbury-Bankstown Children's Summit at Bankstown Sports Club, along with a number of other schools from the Canterbury Bankstown (CB) area such as Yagoona PS, Chullora PS, St. Christopher's, Revesby PS and Milperra PS.

The day was organised by the CB council and NSW Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) to provide a forum for children and young people to share their ideas and opinions for how to improve services and opportunities for families in the CB area.

Our students were extremely responsible and actively engaged in all activities. They demonstrated critical thinking and problem-solving in abundance- a true reflection of the skills within our school's Portrait of a BRPS Graduate. We were so proud of their ability to consider the needs of children and young people but also the growing impact of the current economy on the health and wellbeing of families and adults as well.

Thank you Sedra, Hassan, Lana and Sameer for representing our school with pride and for sharing such insightful and inclusive considerations for our local community. You can read their individual accounts on the following page. We look forward to seeing what actions our CB Council takes from this event!

-Miss Beer and Mrs McCoy



Above: Sedra and Lana present their plan for the 'perfect place in CB' and Hassan and Sameer collaborate on their designs.

Have your say! Visit <https://haveyoursay.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/cbcity-childrens-summit-2022>



"Yesterday I had the privilege along with three of my friends to represent our school at the Canterbury Bankstown Children's Summit. It was a great experience and we learned so much. It was so empowering to have young voices being heard in making big decisions regarding our city. It was an amazing opportunity and I thank Mrs McCoy and Miss Beer for giving us the chance to participate."

If I were the Mayor for a day, what would I change? I live in Bankstown and for all I know, it's growing day by day, especially after the new university being built. They closed a lot of parking areas and made mostly bus stops. Finding parking now irritates my parents as I attend the Arabic school next to where the university that is under construction. Can you imagine how hard it would be after

the doors of the uni open? We need more parking spaces!!!

Another thing that bothers us is the increase of petrol prices and everything has gone expensive! Our parents pay for bills, food, clothes and much more. On top of that, they pay \$100 minimum a week on petrol. We need to lower living costs for families."

Sedra 6I – School Captain



"I was lucky to be given a great opportunity to meet students from different schools at Bankstown Sports Club for the Canterbury Bankstown Children's Summit. The day was full of activities and we had the chance to have our say about local services and how they can be improved."

As students, we collaborated and shared our thoughts and ideas about Canterbury Bankstown Council. We were able to say what we like, dislike and what we would change in CB city. During lunch, there was a great opportunity to say what we would change if we were mayor in an interview on camera. After lunch we also wrote a message for our Mayor Khal Asfour about what we would change if we were mayor for Canterbury Bankstown. I said that I would fix pot holes as they are very dangerous, reopen Greenacre swimming pool which has been closed for years and renovate Canterbury ice rink to reopen it to our community.

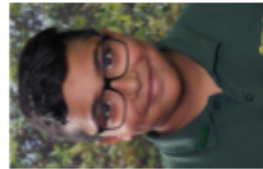
In conclusion, I am very happy I got the chance to have my say about our city and meet with the council and students from different schools."

Hassan 6N – School Captain



"At the start of the day, we all gathered together in the office. I went in Miss Beer's car, we headed to Bankstown Sports Club. We found parking and went inside and met the other schools. We had to sit with students from Yagoona. Then a council member named Rebecca played a game with us called Human Bingo where we met different people from different schools. I only filled out 6 boxes. We counted our answers and went to have tea, I had 2 chocolate muffins. After tea we did an activity where we shared our ideas on... *what the best thing about CB was, what the worst thing was and what we could like to change*. After that, we did trivia about CB, we unfortunately did not win. After trivia we had lunch. I did not enjoy the food. During lunch, I got interviewed, the camera man named Julian asked me if I was 'mayor for the day, what changes would I make'. My answers were... to put rangers at parks because people spoke there and it's hard for asthmatics to breathe and also to lower the prices for activities and events because there are a lot of big families and some people can't afford it. Then lunch was finished and we had to write a letter to the mayor. Once we completed that, it was finished. We got gift bags and then the teachers bought us hot chips and we headed back to school."

Sameer 5/6M - SRC



"Hey BRPS! It's Lana writing to you today about the Canterbury Bankstown Children's Summit. It was a really FUN TIME! We got to meet new people/students, share and listen to ideas and EAT their yummy foods! Hassan, Sedra, Sameer and I (also the teachers Mrs McCoy and Miss Beer). First thing in the morning (9am) we all met at the office and left at 9:20am. Sameer and I went in Miss Beer's car and Sedra and Hassan in Mrs McCoy's car. It felt weird being in a teacher's car but it was a very nice and little experience for the ride! I was SUPER EXCITED when we arrived at Bankstown Sports Club! It was a VERY FANCY place with fancy people! As soon as I stepped in, we couldn't stop looking at all the details in this place! We finally got to our room, (the one we would stay in for our four sessions). We were welcomed to stay at a table with Yagoona Public School and Yagoona was friendly and kind, we even made friends with all 4 of them!

So basically, this summit was about how we could make Canterbury Bankstown a better place! You might be thinking, "why would they ask us kids, right?" Well basically they are interested in what we think and how we feel about our community. We did lots of activities about Canterbury Bankstown, how we can change for the better, what we love and hate about Canterbury Bankstown and what's fun and safe in our community. Yagoona and us (BRPS) worked as a team for a CHALLENGING QUIZ about Canterbury Bankstown. We didn't win but we were ALL still proud (we got 7/15). For morning tea, there was chocolate muffins and meat pies! Also, for lunch there was about 5 different sandwiches/rolls/tortillas! I loved the 2022 Canterbury Bankstown Children's Summit. It was amazing! Even though there were only 6 BRPS members there, it was still amazing! You should have seen our photos from the photo booth- it was silly and funny. TVSM (Thank You So Much), BYE!"

Lana 4/5N – SRC



اخبار المدرسة مواعيد مهمة

ايام الاثنين و الجمعة يمكن شراء الزي المدرسي في الصباح الباكر

الاسبوع ٣

الخميس الاجتماع العام الصف ٤ ا
زيارة حافلة الكتب من صف الحضانة الى الصف ٢
الجمعة يوم المعلمين العالمي

الاسبوع ٤

الاثنين برنامج الاستعداد للمدرسة الساعة ٢ مساء
الثلاثاء احتفال الرقص
الخميس الاجتماع العام الصف الحضانة

الاسبوع ٥

الاثنين برنامج الاستعداد للمدرسة الساعة ٢ مساء

يوم الصداقه

الثلاثاء رحلة حديقة الحيوان الصف ٥
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الخميس الاجتماع العام الصف ٣ ط ن
الجمعة يوم ذكرى الحرب
برنامج الرياضة ٢

مواعيد اخرى

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رحلة الصف ٣ - ٦
رحلة داخلية الصف الحضانة - ٢

المدارس الثانوية المختارة
موعد التقديم من ١٨ / ١٠ الى ١٦ / ١١

مواعيد التقديم للعام القادم
يمكن ملأ البطاقة و إعادتها الى ادارة المدرسة

النظم الجديدة لضمان حصول التلاميذ على التعليم في المدرسة بالنسبة للطلاب
ذي اعاقة او مشاكل في الصف لاعاقة باقي الصف من التعليم أو مشاكل العنف.

مواعيد المدرسة
بوابة المدرسة تفتح الساعة ٣٠ ، ٨ صباحا

سلامة الطريق
يجب عبور الطريق من عبور المشاة و على الأهالي الالتزام بسرعة ٤٠ كم / الساعة

التليفونات المحمولة
يفضل عدم احضار التليفونات الى المدرسة او تسليمها في الادارة

نسبة الحضور و الغياب الى المدرسة
يوجد عدد كبير من الغياب بدون سبب

دروس الديانة
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IDEA PATHWAY

From Playgroup to Preschool

Arabic / Multicultural Playgroup

The Start Strong IDEA Pathway program will address the Early Learning needs of young children from diverse backgrounds by offering families a pathway into early childhood education.

FREE - 8 Week Start Strong Playgroup & Family Information Sessions

Where: Banksia Road Public School

When: Every Tuesday for (8 weeks)

Starting Term 4 , Week 1

11/10/2022 – 29/11/2022

Time: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Contact: Nadia Faour, Team Leader for Children Services , Start Strong Program (02) 9569 1288 nadia.f@ecsc.org.au 0413 711 111

Contact School CLO : Sheenagh.mackenziesmith@det.nsw.edu.au to register.

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