

# Banksia Bulletin

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## CALENDAR

### Week 7 Term 3 2022

### August-September

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am STAR at 2pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Sydney Zoo excursion
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	K-2 Father's Day Stall
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3-6 Father's Day Stall Year 3 to 6 Assembly – 4B
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	K-2 library visit PSSA Gala Day #2 Winter Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am

### Week 8 Term 3 2022

### September

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am STAR at 2pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshop
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	K – 2 Assembly (K/1T item)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am

### Week 9 Term 3 2022

### September

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am STAR at 2pm Camp Day 1
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Day 2
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Day 3 SSW Athletics
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	No assembly scheduled
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am PSSA Gala Day #3 Winter

### Future Dates:

P & C meeting at 9:30am Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Good as Gold day Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Jersey Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Note: Last day of the term is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Term 4 begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our P & C are once again coordinating the Father's Day Stall on the following days:

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	K – Year 2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 3 - 6

Gifts range from \$2 to \$12



## REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who will compete in the SSW Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:

Rashid E	200m and 800m
Mohammed S	Long jump
Muhammad E	100m

## COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN – OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

A reminder to all families to register. So far only 27 families have registered. All students are asked to register whether they are collecting cash or online sponsors via the link <http://www.myprofilepage.com.au/>

Remember, all funds raised goes back to the school to fund the following:

A buddy bench in the K – 2

A sensory playground in the support unit

Upgrades to our running track

### LOST PROPERTY

Outside the office there is a collection of lost jackets and jumpers without names. Parents and students are encouraged to look through the lost property and locate their items. In addition, please label all clothing so they are returned to you.



### GOLD AWARDS

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

K/1T – Mohamed S; Hannah, Hasan; KB – Aria;  
2A – Jannah; 6F – Safwan; 6I – Mohamad E, Mardhiyyah

### SILVER AWARDS

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

K/1T – Jana, Amira; KB – Jamal; KF – Musa; 1A – Omar M; 1E – Amin, Mya, Omar A, Omar T; 1S – Khadijah;  
2A – Muhammad H; 2B – Lenka; 2L – Ava; 3N – Jayda, Sami; 3T – Noah; 3V – Gabriel; 4A – Reem; 4B – Adam C, Jana; 5/6M – Maryam; 6N – Hasan

### BRONZE AWARDS

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

K/1T – Duaa, Yasmine; KB – Kingston, Rovon, Elijah;  
KC – Mohamad C; KF – Haroon, Adam F, Noah;  
1A – Adrian; 1E – Lucy; 1S – Hanan, Mahmoud;  
2B – Lana, Ameer; 2L – Aisha, Gazi, Mariam, Serena;  
3/4L – Lujayne, Ahmed B, Giselle, Idris, Khadija, Liyana, Mariam, Youssef, Youssef, Ayah, Lilya, Malek, Souheil;  
3N – Ali, Selena, Solomon; 3T – Jana, Mohammad S, Muhammad S, Musab; 3V – Amira, Christina, Lara, Aisha;  
4/5N – Amira, Ayaan, Mohamed T; 4A – Zachariah, Gabriel, Jerry, Xavier; 4B – Alyssa, Christina, Shahzaib, Yasin, Amani, Jacob, Laylah; 5A – Adam E, Aqsa, Judy;  
5H – Siham, Yahya, Youssef, Joumana, Zara; 6I – Aliya, Alyssa, Ojala, Fatima, Isaac

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR (Repeat)

Please note the calendar that was shared with the community is subject to change. Dates are planned ahead of time and changes are required for a number of different reasons. The community will always be informed via school notes, newsletters, class dojo and emails.

### ICAS

Congratulations to all the students who completed an ICAS assessment.

There were -

- 3 students who completed the Digital Technologies Assessment.
- 5 students who completed the Writing Assessment
- 11 students who completed the English Assessment
- 4 students who completed Science.
- 7 students who completed the Spelling Bee assessment.
- 13 students who will complete the Mathematics Assessment this week.

### PARENT WORKSHOPS

So far this term, three parent workshops have taken place. These workshops have been very successful.  
Term 3, Week 2 – Literacy – Decodable Texts  
Term 3, Week 4 – Numeracy – Number Talks  
Term 3, Week 6 – Numeracy – Fractions

Looking forward to welcoming our parents to our next workshop in Week 8. Please see below.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our teachers are always building their capacity. Last week our Support Unit teachers attended professional learning with Sue Larkey.



Mr Hamish Woudsma  
Principal



## BOOK WEEK THANK YOU

To all our teachers, SASS staff, parents and students for making our Book Week one to remember. It was so good to see so many parents and caregivers on school site celebrating this week with us.

Thank you to our P & C volunteers who ran a cake stall on the day. It was lovely to see many parents involved and helping on the day. Thank you for all the donations. The P & C raised \$1,855.

The school is holding a virtual book fair which allows parents to purchase books on-line. Every book purchased earns free books for our school library so this is a great way to support Banksia Road. More information below.

## CHECK IN ASSESSMENTS

### **Term 3**

5 - 23 September (Weeks 8-10) Year 6 complete reading, numeracy and writing assessments.

Students in Year 6 will be completing these assessments over the next three weeks.

### **Term 4**

10 October to 4 November (Weeks 1-4) Years 3, 4 and 5 complete reading and numeracy assessments

## BUNMARRA CORROBOREE EXCURSION



### **Bunmarra Corroboree 2022**

#### **Student Reflection**



On Tuesday 23rd August, we went to Punchbowl Public School for the very first Bunmarra Corroboree- a day for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to meet each other and create connections across the Chullora school network. Our Banksia Road students, Callum of the Biripi tribe and Connor and Xavier of the Wonnarua tribe, attended along with 41 other students from schools including Punchbowl PS, Hampden Park PS, Berala PS, Chullora PS, Greenacre PS, Birrong PS and Yagoona PS. This was a great initiative from Punchbowl PS to help nurture a sense of belonging and connectedness for our students. I hope you enjoy the students' reflection of the day. - Mrs McCoy.

#### **Our arrival**

We arrived at the school and we found the hall. We were all sitting and waiting so we played 'rock, paper, scissors' but after 20 minutes, all of the schools had arrived and we were able to do the smoking ceremony. Uncle John said "Ninganah!" and that meant it was time to go and start the smoking ceremony.

#### **So, what is a smoking ceremony?**



The smoking ceremony is how we were welcomed to Punchbowl's school and their land. Fire and smoke are very important in Aboriginal culture because it is believed to protect people from evil spirits, while fire is used for cooking as well as for warmth and yarning. Uncle John waved the smoke over all the teachers and students with a big bunch of Eucalyptus leaves. It smelled nice and was really calming. At first, I wondered why Uncle John was waving smoke over his head first? When we talk about it, I think it was because he was in charge of the whole ceremony and he might have been telling the fire, "I'm the boss of this ceremony."

#### **Aboriginal Art Lessons**

Next, we went to the art classroom and we used water colour paints to 'stipple' around a boomerang with Corina. Stippling means to dab the paint onto the paper with your brush.



When we finished the stippling, we did some patterns inside the boomerang. They weren't normal patterns, they were Aboriginal symbols and they represented emotions, feelings and words. That's how the Aboriginal people used to communicate.



Corina showed us some Aboriginal artefacts like- the emu caller, shield, the tip of a 2m spear, possum and kangaroo fur, coolamon bags to carry berries, babies and resources.

There were 2 sticks, one with a hole in it, the other stick is put inside the hole and rolled around to make fire.



#### **Morning tea**

Then it was time for morning tea! We got to eat Auntie Carol's delicious lemon myrtle pancakes. We got to eat three each- we got the most out of everyone!



We had a yarning circle and everyone got to say their name, tribe/mob and what school they came from. I am from the Biripi tribe which is the same as Auntie Carol's tribe! (So she let us from Banksia Road get an extra pancake!). Auntie Carol is really cool.



#### **Nature lessons**



After morning tea, we went on a nature walk around the school with our learning journals. We had to find a gumtree leaf with a 'story'. That meant it had to have different colours, holes in it- evidence that something happened to it. We went to another gumtree and the teacher asked the tree for permission to have one of its leaves. Trees have lives and it was a sign of respect because trees give

us life too.

We crushed up some leaves of the lemon eucalyptus tree and rubbed it on our paper. It smelled like lemon. We also sketched a bottle brush in our journals and we stuck some paperbark in our books. Paperbark can be used for nappies, band-aids and in cooking. We never rip paperbark off the tree because maybe the tree wants to keep it. We only use the paperbark from the ground.



Finally, we went to the garden and we were allowed to look for an ochre rock- if you found one you got to keep it. You could also get one from Miss Julie but we couldn't keep those ones. We drew on the rocks with our ochre and added water and used the ochre paint to draw on our page and on our hands.

Then we got to eat sausages- you had a choice of barbeque or tomato sauce and everyone got a sausage. We took a big picture with our stippled paintings as part of a big group.



Today was such a good day! We got to meet other Aboriginal kids because there are only a few Aboriginal kids in the area and it's important for us to know each other. I did not know anyone else from the Darug Nation until today!

**Written by Callum 5A with help from Xavier 4A**



### READY SET GO – STAR

The Ready Set Go program is well underway and will continue each Monday from 2pm to 2.55pm. Our parents and caregivers have enjoyed a tour of the school and an information session with the P & C, while the children have completed a range of activities including beading and even a crunch and sip.



Mrs Janice Azzopardi  
Deputy Principal

### COMMUNITY HUB NEWS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FIRST AID

We are looking to offer a fee free first aid course for parents and caregivers at Banksia Road Public School in Term 4.

As this training is subsidised with the NSW Government, eligibility criteria applies.

If you are interested in completing your first aid certificate and would like to enrol in this course, please contact Sheenagh Mackenzie-Smith on 02 9707 3423 before Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Sheenagh can provide you with additional information and answer any questions that you may have.



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## 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.

## 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

**1** Log on to  
[www.carnivalfairs.com.au/virtual](http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au/virtual)

**2** Search for **your school** and select its name

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

**4** Follow the prompts to purchase your items using a credit card at the secure **checkout**

**5** 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.





## K-6 Parent Workshop- Supporting your child with reading

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Learn about how we teach reading  
and how to support your child at  
home.

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**When:** Tuesday 6th September

**Where:** School Hall

**Time:** 2pm-3pm

Please bring a bag to take home  
some pre-loved books to keep!