

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Wednesday, 11 October 2023

CALENDAR

Week 1 Term 4 2023

October

Monday 9 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
Thursday 12 th	No Assembly Playgroup in the Hall
Friday 13 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am PSSA Round 7

Week 2 Term 4 2023

October

Monday 16 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am S.T.A.R. program
Tuesday 17 th	Conversational English
Wednesday 18 th	Yr 5 visit to Strathfield South HS
Thursday 19 th	Yr 3-6 assembly (3IT item) Playgroup in the Hall
Friday 20 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am PSSA Round 8

Week 3 Term 4 2023

October

Monday 23 rd	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am S.T.A.R. program P & C meeting at 6:30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 24 th	Conversational English
Thursday 26 th	K – 2 assembly (KF item) Playgroup in the Hall
Friday 27 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am PSSA Round 9

UPCOMING DATES

- Grandparents day Monday 30th October
- Swim scheme is November 6th till 10th
- Camp is 13th till 15th November
- Year 6 Fun Day is Tuesday 21st November
- Statewide High School orientation – Tuesday 28th November
- Presentation Day is Tuesday 5th December
- Sports Assembly (Year 3 to 6) is Thursday 7th

December

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



BANKSIA BONANZA

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank the small but hard working committee of parents who coordinated the inaugural 'Banksia Bonanza' fete. This rigorous and complex task was completed in only 4 months. The parents who coordinated this event spent countless hours working around the clock. The entire community had a thoroughly enjoyable day and our sponsors were more than pleased.

The 'Banksia Bonanza' galvanised the broader school community placing our school as the central focal point. Apart from the many parents and community members who supported in the lead up, a special mention to the following parents who helped on the day:

Fayzeh Abdallah
Manall Abdulkader
Dany Adib
Mohammed Amin
Elham Ayoubi
Rawa Bassal
Ashtar Bitar
Hadla Darwiche
Laura De Villiers
Sabrina Dib
Raja El Hindi
Danielle Elzohbi
Sam Eter
Hazem Eter
Deyana Hawashin
Hanka Jumah
Katy Murfitt
Rabab Raad
Izzy Sheikh
Mona Shoucair
Teresa Tageddine
Arielle Taulapapa
Emmett Taulapapa
Selina Taulapapa



GRANDPARENTS DAY – MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER

After the success of the Father's Day 'Sporting Spectacular' and Mother's Day open classrooms, we will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Monday 30th October.

We invite all grandparents into classrooms from 10:15am till 11:15pm then stay for a picnic lunch with their grandchild(ren).



SWIM SCHEME

We have been unable to secure 'Swim Scheme' lessons in recent years due to the demand after lockdown. We have been lucky enough to secure Week 5 at Birrong Leisure Centre.

Swim scheme is currently open to students in Years 2, 3 and 4. From Monday, students in Year 5 have the option to attend.

Please keep in mind that on Monday 6th November there will be a dance group rehearsal at Bankstown Sports Club. Students who are in the Banksia Beatz, Bouncers and Shakers must attend the rehearsal and will not attend swim scheme. In addition, on Friday 10th November students that play in a PSSA team, must attend PSSA and not swim scheme.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Our choir group performed brilliantly at the Opera House last term. A truly memorable experience, led by Miss Habib and Miss Pham.



REFERENDUM 2023

On Saturday 14 October 2023, Banksia Road is holding a lolly and showbag stall at the school. If you are able to spare half an hour of your time, please contact Celine or Rhonda in the office.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

This applies to students in Year 5.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 open on **9 October 2023** and close on **20 November 2023**. Visit [Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7 website](#) to apply.

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on **Thursday 9 May 2024**.

SCHOOL BYTES APP

This app is designed to complement the existing parent portal and makes it easier for parents to use School Bytes on their mobile devices.

The app can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Direct links are provided below:

- App Store
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826>
- Google Play
- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

LOST PERSONAL PROPERTY

The office has a small collection of lost property eg. Jewellery, watches, keys and wallets. Please visit the office if your child has lost any of these items over the last few months.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

A reminder to update the office when you have changed address, phone number or email. It is important that the school has the most current information.

PBL FOCUS VALUE

Our PBL Focus Value for the first five weeks of Term 4 is 'Responsibility'. We will be focusing on students showing responsibility both in the classroom and on the playground. Responsibility includes being dependable, making good choices and taking accountability.

SUMMER PSSA

The teams and venues are as follows:

Basketball - Bankstown Basketball Stadium
2 Third Ave, Condell Park

Boys and Girls Softball - Kinch Reserve
Third Ave, Condell Park

Boys and Girls T/Ball - O'Neil Reserve
Cooper Rd & Nobbs Rd, Yagoona

Boys Cricket - Jim Ring Reserve
Woods Rd, Birrong

Girls Cricket - The Crest
70 McLean Street, Georges Hall

Mixed Touch Football - Thurina Park
Lowana Street, Villawood

Games start at 12pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

GOLD AWARDS

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

KF – Mohamed E; KM – Noah; 4/5T - Luqmaan, Uthman; 5N - Amira

SILVER AWARDS

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

KC – Ali; Ruby; KF – Aieesha; KM – Yara; 1D - Rania, 1S - Lavinia, Zakaria; 2S – Qusai; 3A - Mariam, Mohammad A; 3IT – Youssef; 4/5T - Alisha Kamal, Amara, Fatima, Yazan; 4L - Abdulrahman, Aisha, Ayesha, Ayman, Dyllan Karim, Kareem; 4N - Aya, Mohamed M, Soumaya; 4V - Elijah, Gabriel, Nawal; 5/6P - Annabelle, Judy; 5N - Adam, Ghassan, Muhie-Deen, Sidra; 5V - Manahil, Omar; 6H – Saba; 6N - Aymen, Lana

BRONZE AWARDS

Bronze awards are handed to students at Monday morning assemblies. Congratulations and well done to the following students who achieved a bronze award:

K/1J - Medina, Sobhi; KC – Nadine; 1D – Layla; 2A – Hanan; 3A - Aisha, Hiyam, Omar D; 3HM – Simran; 3IT – Jana; 4N – Amir; 4V - Issa, Moaaz; 5N – Mohammad; 6H - Jihad

Mr Hamish Woudsma
School Principal

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

Welcome back to all the students, teachers and parents. Classrooms are already buzzing with excitement and new learning.



SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special religious education will continue this term for students as in previous terms.

Last scripture session will be held on 8/11/23.

SCHOOL TRANSITION AND READINESS (S.T.A.R.)

Sessions for Term 4 are as follows.

All sessions will start at 9:30am and finish at 10:30 am.

Monday 16/10/23

Monday 23/10/23 Uniform Shop Open from 9:30 to 10:30

Monday 30/10/23

Monday 06/11/23 Graduation Day

READY SET GO – STAR – ONE ON ONE INTERVIEWS

Later this term, children starting Kindergarten in 2024 will be invited to take part in a one-on-one interview. During this interview we will collect observations to assist with the transition into Kindergarten, 2024.

HIGHSCHOOL TRANSITIONS

Over the coming weeks Year 6 will be invited to attend High School Transitions.

TELL THEM FROM ME PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

So far 30 parents have completed this survey. Thank you. We encourage others to complete the survey also.

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/brps2023>

CHECK- IN ASSESSMENTS

Check- In Assessments for Years 3, 4 & 5 will occur during the next 4 weeks.

Check-in assessments are online assessments for students in Years 3 to 9. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

Each assessment is designed to be easy to administer. Assessments are designed to take up to 60 minutes each, however, there is no time limit for the assessments (allow students extra time if required).

The reading and numeracy assessments have approximately 50 questions (including a small number of questions for trial purposes).

Schools can access feedback soon after the completion of the assessment. Student assessment feedback, including links to teaching strategies, is available in Scout. The feedback is also mapped against the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and can be accessed in PLAN2.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

MONTESSORI ACADEMY VISIT

On Wednesday 25th October students from a local childcare will be visiting our grounds. We welcome the staff and the students to BRPS.

Mrs Janice Azzopardi
Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Come join in the fun in the Community Hub!!

Tuesday 9.15am-11.15am

Conversational English class in the Community Hub, with a fun experience at the end

Thursday 9.15am-11.15am

Playgroup for all ages up to school aged children, engaging, connecting and free play in the school hall.

Adult swimming lessons

There is an opportunity for Learn to Swim sessions in Term 1, 2024. These lessons will be held at Roselands Leisure & Aquatic Centre and will be free. Please visit the office to collect an expression of interest form.

Tuning in to Teens

For parents of Year 5 and 6 students

Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre will be running a 6 session parenting program from 17th October. Please see the attached flyer and call the school to reserve your place - limited spots available. Morning tea will be provided.

If there are any questions, any interest on courses that can be run in the future, or you'd like to pop into the hub contact Nivek 0401 712 793 or email

nivek.aoun@det.nsw.edu.au



SYD LUG

**Come and see creative displays
and builds from the
best master builders!
Join us for play tables,
retail and raffles!**

Canterbury Bankstown Brick Show
Sunday 15th October 2023
10am – 4pm
Canterbury League Club

Tickets only \$10

Visit our website or scan the QR
code for your ticket

www.nervio.com.au *Nervio*



Please note that dates are subject to change.

TERM 4 COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Oct 1	9 Check In Assessments Begin for Years 3, 4, 5	10	11 Scripture	12 Playgroup	13 PSSA Rd 7	14
						15
2	16 STAR T/A Course	17 English Course	18 Year 5 at SSHS	19 Playgroup	20 PSSA Rd 8	21
						22
3	23 T/A Course P and C Meeting Evening STAR	24 English Course	25 Montessori Childcare visit	26	27 PSSA Rd 9	28
						29
Nov. 4	30 T/A Course Grandparents Day STAR	31 English Course	1	2 Playgroup	3 TTFM Closes Check in Closes PSSA Rd 10	4
						5
5	6 Friendship Day BEHD festival STAR Graduation Swim scheme begins T/A Course	7 English Course	8 Last Week of Scripture	9 Playgroup	10 PSSA Rd 11	11 Remembrance Day
						12
6	13 Student Well-Being Week Year 6 CAMP T/A Course	14 English Course Year 6 CAMP	15 Year 6 CAMP Year 3 transition 1	16 Playgroup	17 PSSA Rd 12	18
						19
7	20 T/A Course P and C Meeting Kindergarten Interviews Best Start	21 Year 6 Fun Day English Course	22 Kindergarten Interviews Best Start Year 3 transition 2	23 IC Parent Forum Playgroup	24 PSSA – Semi Summer	25
						26
Dec. 8	27 T/A Course Kindergarten Interviews Best Start	28 Statewide HS visit ES1 & IC GaG @ Birrong Pool English Course	29 Stage 1 GaG 3-6 Aquatopia	30 Playgroup	1 PSSA – Final	2
						3
9	4 T/A Course	5 Presentation Day K-6 Thank You Afternoon Tea	6	7 Sports Assembly	8 PSSA – Final Back up Summer Hamish PPA from 12pm	9
						10
10	11 T/A Course Year 6 - Luna Park	12 English Course	13 Year 6 Farewell	14	15	16
						17
11	18 Staff Development Day (Staff only)	19 Staff Development Day (Staff only)	HOLIDAYS			23
						24



Tuning in to Teens

A six-session parenting program for parents of teens to develop emotional intelligence

- Communicate more effectively with your teen
- Understand your teen better
- Help your teen to manage those difficult emotions
- Help to prevent behavioural issues in your teen
- Teach your teen how to deal with conflict more effectively



LOCATION

Banksia Road Public School
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STARTING

17TH OCTOBER 2023

Running for 6 weeks on
Tuesdays from 9:30am

