

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



Tuesday, 21 February 2023

CALENDAR

Week 5 Term 1 2023

February

Tuesday 21 st	Meet the teacher week
Thursday 23 rd	UTS Stage 3 visit
Friday 24 th	Playgroup in Hall 9.30-11.30
	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
	PSSA Round 1

Week 6 Term 1 2023

Feb-March

Monday 27 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
	District swimming carnival
	Parent & caregiver
	volunteer group
Tuesday 28 th	School photographs
	Arts & English conversation
Thursday 2 nd	Year 3 to 6 assembly
	(student leader induction)
	Playgroup in Hall 9.30-11.30
Friday 3 rd	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
	PSSA Round 2

Week 7 Term 1 2023

March

Monday 6 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
	Parent & caregiver
	volunteer group-info
	session
Tuesday 7 th	Arts & English conversation
Thursday 9 th	Yr 3-6 assembly – 6N lead
	Playgroup in Hall 9.30-11.30
Friday 10 th	Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
	PSSA Round 3

Future Dates:

Week 8 – NAPLAN starts

Week 9 – Student led 'Goal setting interviews'

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

On Thursday 2nd March, our school captains and prefects will lead the assembly. We will officially induct our SRC (Year 2 to 6) and House captains. All parents are welcome.

At this assembly we will also hand out ribbons for the school swimming carnival and announce the winners of the swimming house.

Congratulations to the below leaders:

SRC 2023

	SRC		Reserves	
2A	Aleenah D	Bilal E	Mariam A	Mahmoud E
2B	Sana E	Jameel J	Aysha G	Yusuf H
2S	Mya A	Omar T	Amal A	Adam M
3A	Ava B	Hayssam H	Maryam E	Uthman A
3HM	Ali C	Jizelle A	Ibtissam E	Sami D
3IT	Jana A	Ibrahim A	Abdallah E	Jannah A
4/5T	Amira S	Muhammad E	Maysa R	Luqmaan A
4L	Saphia D	Emmett T	Ayesha Q	Ayman T
4N	Sereen J	Mohamed M	Alyssar B	Jad K
4V	Jayda D	Issa S	Ayah S	Gabriel N
5/6P	Annabelle K	Adam C	Liyana E	Ayden B
5N	Sidra M	Abdullah D	Isabella K	Adam I
5V	Ameera R	Issa M	Laylah S	Malek K
6H	Jad K	Lea H	David M	Saba I
6N	Mervat A	Ahmad E	Zahra A	Mouhyiddin S
6Z	Souad S	Bakr D	Sumaya H	Adam S

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023

Flinders	
Captains	
Adam E	Siham A
Vice Captains	
Juneyaid M	Saffiyah I

Phillip	
Captains	
Mohammed Z	Serene B
Vice Captains	
Aden D	Joumana A

Cook	
Captains	
Mahmoud H	Judy H
Vice Captains	
Fouad F	Charlotte P

Banks	
Captains	
Mohamed T	Reem E
Vice Captains	
Amir E	Awa N

CLASSES HAVE SETTLED IN WELL

We have formed 26 classes which is two above our entitlement. The average class size Kindergarten to Year 2 is 20 & 25.4 in Year 3 to 6. Total enrolment is currently 532. Our Inclusive Classes are into routines with 21 students currently enrolled bringing our total student enrolment to 553.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Parents must provide an explanation for student absences within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.
 - Family holidays during the school term should be avoided if possible.** Days off for this purpose (an official exemption is needed) count as absences, are recorded on school reports and also disrupt schooling.
 - For safety reasons, the teacher's car park is **NOT** to be used as a thoroughfare by students or community members at any time.
 - If students bring mobile phones to school they must be handed in at the School Office before school and collected at the end of the day. Student phones must remain off whilst on school grounds. Failure to do so will mean your parent will need to collect your phone from the office.
 - Medication (apart from that stipulated in a Health Care Plan developed by parents, doctor and the school) is not to be administered by any school staff, without written permission by the parent.

- The following styles of shoes **ARE ACCEPTABLE**



BANKSIA ROAD AND BORONIA ROAD GATES

Please drop students at school after 8.30am as gates are closed until that time. If dropping your children after 9.10am, please go to the Banksia Road gate.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please communicate with the school office any changes to your contact details (including email) and phone numbers. We require our contact lists to be up to date. This is especially important as we transition to electronic permission notes through the platform 'School Bytes'.

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

It is important that Health Care Plans are updated annually and provided to the school. This applies to students whom require Medication, EpiPen and Ventolin as part of a health care plan.

Please contact the school office if your child's medical condition needs updating.

Mr Hamish Woudsma
School Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who attended our School Swimming Carnival. This event was open to all students in Year 3-6. Thank you to all the staff who supported the students on the day. We have 15 students representing our school at the Bankstown District Swimming Carnival on Monday 27th February 2023.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The start of Special Religious Education has been organised for Week 8 – Wednesday 15th March. We are in the process of communicating and finalising support from our Special Religious Education sectors.

CLASSDOJO

All parents will be invited to join CLASSDOJO. Thank you to those who have already joined. ClassDojo connects teachers with students and parents to build amazing classroom communities. Teachers will post class stories to connect you to what is happening in the classroom.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note our school photos have been scheduled for Tuesday 28th February 2023.

The School Photographer is encouraging all parents to pay online before the School Photography Day. Students are to bring their envelope on the day and not before, so the teachers and office staff at your school do not have to hold money on the parent's behalf.

Sibling photos will also be available. These can be requested through the office.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance continues to be a focus at Banksia Road Public School. It is important to follow up absences with notes and doctors' certificates.

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Students receive Caught You Being Good Raffle tickets daily. These tickets are placed in a weekly draw where 8 students, 2 per stage, are drawn and receive an ice block voucher.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTORATIVE SPACE

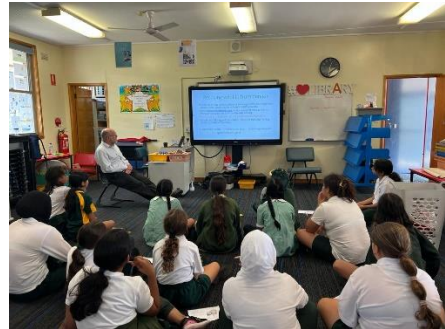
It is important that as a school community we all support our school expectations.

Be Safe.
Be Respectful.
Be a Learner.

Our restorative space is an area where teachers and students can meet and talk about strategies and positive behaviour for learning.

UTS STEM X PROGRAM

BRPS has been selected to participate in a program organised by the University of Technology Sydney. This initiative invites 16 girls from Years 5 and 6 to participate in the Women in Engineering Stem X program. This is a program that will occur weekly. The students engaged in their first session last week at BRPS and are heading to their next session at the University on Tuesday 21st February.



KOORANA – CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Each Kindergarten and Year 1 class will be visited by an occupational therapist, physio therapist and speech therapist for approximately an hour. Essentially the classes will be observed on 3 separate occasions.

Therapists will be observing students while they carry out their normal classroom activities. Therapists may ask the teaching staff to have the students sit or stand or perform a particular task as part of the observation.

Once whole class observations are completed across the first 1 to 2 weeks, students requiring further assessment will be identified and parents will be engaged and asked to sign consent forms to allow for further assessment.

RESPECT

BRPS are fortunate again to part of the RESPECT Program. This is a program for boys in Year 5 and 6, nominated by their teachers. The program is led by Outloud.

Outloud is a youth arts organisation based on Darug land in Bankstown, Western Sydney. They provide dynamic, socially-driven arts opportunities for young people in our community.

This program teaches students the importance of respectful and productive relationships. A significant part of the program is where the students consolidate their learning by authoring lyrics and prepare a performance which they will share with the community, when complete.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHARTER

COLLABORATIVE. RESPECTFUL. COMMUNICATION.

The attached outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

This will be shared with the community, this week.

Please see attached to this newsletter.

INCLUSIVE, ENGAGING AND RESPECTFUL SCHOOLS

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful schools ensures every student is engaged and learns to their fullest capability and ensures all students, teachers and staff are safe in school.

Knowing, valuing and caring for all students
The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful schools package includes three new policies that help our schools manage the diverse spectrum of student needs to improve outcomes for all students in every public school across New South Wales.

The new policies, framework and procedures aim to strengthen the engagement and participation of all students, including those with disability, complex and challenging behaviours and additional needs.

The three policies are -

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures; and the
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

These policies work together to support the inclusion and engagement of students. They will ensure schools are in the best position to help all students reach their full potential across the entire NSW public education system.

As we unpack these policies, parents and caregivers will have opportunities to consult with school staff.

SCHOOL BYTES – NEW REPORTING SYSTEM

This year we will be using a different system to produce our school reports.

Once we have finalised the new template it will be shared with the community. The new report will have many similarities to the existing report template.

School Bytes is also an interactive finance system. Further information will be emailed to families in the next few days.

LIFE EDUCATION

Our final class attended the LIFE EDUCATION program today. BRPS would like to thank the generous support of Canterbury Leagues and Revesby Workers Clubs who fully funded the \$12 for each student. We would also like to thank Elizabeth from Life Education for the delivery of the program.



PSSA

Our Summer PSSA Teams have been formed.

Thank you to all students who tried out. BRPS will be represented in the following sports.

- Touch Football
- Cricket
- Softball
- T-Ball
- Basketball

Students selected will attend PSSA on Fridays. Our first Friday is 24th February 2023. Please refer to emails sent regarding additional information.

Permission to attend is due by 3pm tomorrow (Wednesday 22/02/2023).

THANK YOU FOR OUR LIBRARY BAGS

Thank you to the P and C for donating a Library bag to every Kindergarten student who started school this year. These will be distributed today.

Thank you for the tireless efforts over the start of 2023 to ensure our students are in full school uniform.



Mrs Janice Azzopardi
Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Arts and English Conversation

Join us each Tuesday morning from 9am to 10.30am in the community hub for a cup of coffee and a chat. Our Arts and English group is a great way to meet other parents while practicing and further developing your English speaking skills.



Parents and Caregivers Volunteering Group

Our parents and caregivers volunteering group will continue to meet each Monday morning from 9:00am to 10:30am in the community hub.

Expressions of Interest - Teacher's Aide and Education Support Courses

If you are interested in taking part in the above courses, please join us for an information session on Monday 6th March from 9:00am in the Community Hub. See attached flyer for more details.

Playgroup

Please join us for playgroup each Thursday morning in the Hall from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please remember to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack for your child to enjoy at morning tea.

International Women's Day

The Multicultural Network are hosting an International Women's Day event on 8th March at Bankstown Sports Club. See attached flyer for more information and to register for the event.

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
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student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

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اخبار المدرسة

أيام الاثنين و الجمعة يمكن شراء الزي المدرسي في الصباح الباكر

الاسبوع ٥

الخميس برنامج الرياضة في القاعة الساعة ٩،٣٠ صباحا الى ١٠،٣٠
الجمعة مسابقات الرياضة بين المدارس

الاسبوع ٦

الاثنين مسابقة السباحة
برنامج المتطوعين
الثلاثاء صورة المدرسة
محاضرة اللغة و الفن
الخميس الاجتماع العام قواد المدرسة
برنامج اللعب
الجمعة مسابقات الرياضة بين المدارس

الاسبوع ٧

الاثنين برنامج المتطوعين
الثلاثاء محاضرة اللغة و الفن
الخميس الاجتماع العام ٦ ن
برنامج اللعب في القاعة من الساعة ٩،٣٠

الأسبوع ٨

بداية فحوصات اللغة و الحساب

الاسبوع ٩

مقابلات تحديد اهداف الدراسة

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023



#EmbraceEquity

WHEN:

Wednesday 8 March, 10 AM - 12 PM

Registration starts at 9:30 AM

WHERE:

Bankstown Sports Club - Grand Hall

8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown 2200

**FREE EVENT,
ALL WELCOME**

Light refreshments

Prizes

Cultural dancing

Show bags

Stalls

Guest speakers

AND MORE!

REGISTER HERE:



Registrations are essential
for catering purposes.

Child minding not provided.
Children must always be supervised
by adults.

**For more information, contact Sabita Pudasaini on:
0450 136 380 or email mcdp@tmn.net.au**





Banksia Rd. Primary School

"Pre-Easter Special"

Monday, 20th of March (Lunch only)

"Sausage Sizzle" 



with flavoured juice



and free mini chocolate easter eggs

\$7.00



*Please complete the slip below and return to the School Canteen
by Friday 17th of March to ensure you don't miss out*

----- Cut Here -----

NAME:

JUICE:

CLASS:



Sauce: Barbecue ☐ Tomato ☐

Please advise of any allergies which relate to the special.

