

Banksia Bulletin

Banksia Road Primary School

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving



Wednesday, 26 March 2025

CALENDAR

Week 9 Term 1 2025

March

Thursday 27th Yr 3 -6 assembly – 6S lead
Friday 28th Uniform Shop 8.45-9.15am

Week 10 Term 1 2025

March-April

Monday 31st Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
Wednesday 2nd Harmony Day
Thursday 3rd K-2 assembly – 1/2M lead
Friday 4th Uniform Shop 8.45-9.15am

Week 11 Term 1 2025

April

Monday 7th Uniform Shop 8.45 -9.15am
Stage 2 Sydney Harbour
Excursion
Tuesday 8th K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 9th Cross Country
Thursday 10th ANZAC assembly
Friday 11th Uniform Shop 8.45-9.15am
Last day for Term 1

Future Dates:

PSSA Gala Day #1 9th May

EID MUBARAK

Eid Mubarak to those families celebrating on Monday 31st March. We expect students to return On Tuesday 1st April.

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

On Thursday 27th March we will induct 1/2M and IC SRC. We will also officially induct our captains and prefects.

We invite their parents to join their child in a photograph.

EXCURSIONS

Payment is due tomorrow, Thursday 27/03/2025 for Stage 2 Sydney Harbour Excursion.

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



HOMEWORK FOCUS

Each Friday we will conduct random checks and reward students who have brought to school their completed homework. We will keep a cumulative weekly tally and provide termly class rewards.

HOMEWORK LEADERBOARD WEEK 8

Homework Leaders

Week 8 - Best class
4A - 88%
IC Blue - 58%

Cumulative Tally

1st	2V	78%
2nd	4A	77%
3rd	1/2M	76%
4th	3H	74%

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance Top 5 Leaderboard for Term 1 as of W8 Including partials

Mainstream Classes	Inclusive Class Leader
1. KC - 95.71%	IC - Blue - 92.84%
2. 4A - 94.77%	
3. 3H - 94.33%	
4. 3N - 93.48%	
5. 4S - 93.36%	

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses class... they miss about per year

5 min per day = 3 days

30 min per day = 18 days

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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ATTENDANCE SMS

At approximately 10.30am every day an SMS message is sent to parents to notify them of their child's absence. It is important that you reply and give a reason for the absence. A medical certificate is required for 3 or more days of sick leave.

SCHOOL PICK UP and DROP OFF

Students not picked up from the gate by 3.15pm will have to be collected from outside Mr Woudsma's office.

Students are to be signed out at the office if they leave before 2:30pm. No students to be signed out after 2.30pm.

Please remind your child(ren) that once they enter the school grounds in the morning, they must stay under the playground COLA.

A reminder that school office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm

AFTERNOON PARKING AT SCHOOL GATES

Please consider the following road rules:

- A reminder that the kiss and drop zone is not for parking
- Stay only 3 minutes in the drop off/pick up zone
- Be considerate of our neighbours and other road users. Do not leave rubbish behind.
- Double parking is a safety issue and a fineable offence

YEAR 3 – 6 CROSS COUNTRY at GOSLING PARK WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

A note will be emailed to all Year 3-6 parents. We ask that parents inform the school if there are updated medical needs for your child ie; asthma, allergies.

All parents are welcome. Students will complete the course of roughly 1.5km – 2km in either:

- Junior (8 and 9 years old)
- 10 year old category
- 11 year old category
- 12 years or above category
- Girls and boys are in separate categories
- The age is what you turn this year

Students are reminded to wear house colours or sports uniform. They will need a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Any students who suffer asthma will need to have their Ventolin inhaler.

Students may order lunch through the canteen and collect upon arrival back at school at 12pm.

HIGH SCHOOL 2026

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2026, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. See the link

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/>

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required form.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The last date to submit your Expression of Interest is Friday 28 March 2025.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

ISRE TEACHERS

Islamic Special Religious Education are looking for new teachers to join their team. For more information, please call 9708 0880 or email info@isre.org.au.

2025 HARMONY DAY



HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR HARMONY DAY and anti bullying day
Wednesday 2nd April
We would love for you to visit your child's classroom @10:45 am which will be followed by a PICNIC LUNCH

What to bring:
We request that each child brings a plate of food to eat (not share) from their cultural cuisine .

What to wear:
Wear your cultural costumes or orange clothes and closed in shoes (runners or sport shoes)

Mr Hamish Woudsma
School Principal

BEHAVIOUR CONTRACTS

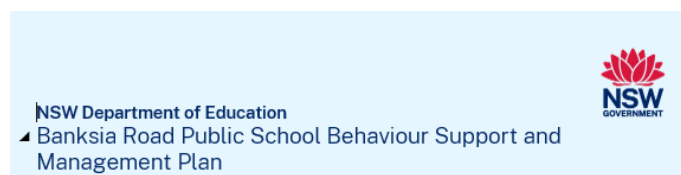
Earlier this year all students in Years 3,4 5 and 6 were asked to read and acknowledge the expected behaviour at BRPS.

If your child has not returned his or her contract, please return promptly.

A Behaviour Contract will be sent with the newsletter for your convenience.

BANKISA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (SBSMP)

Emailed with this newsletter is a copy of our BRPS Behaviour Support and Management Plan. This plan is an expected requirement for all NSW Public Schools. It outlines how we address positive and alleviate negative behaviours at BRPS. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this plan please call the school office and make an appointment to see Ms. Azzopardi or Mr. Woudsma.



Overview

Banksia Road Public School is committed to explicitly teaching and modelling positive behaviour and to supporting all students to be engaged with their learning.

Our goal is to inspire every child to participate positively in the school community and beyond. We focus on promoting excellence, opportunity and success for every student, every day. We value and strive to develop safe, respectful learners in a caring learning community.

Principles of positive behaviour support, trauma-informed practice, inclusive practice, and social emotional learning underpin our daily practice. High expectations for student behaviour are established and maintained through effective role modelling, explicit teaching, and planned responses.

Our school mission is "Students first and foremost".

To achieve our mission, key programs prioritised and valued by the school community are Positive Behaviour for Learning, PAX the Good behaviour Game and our Portrait of a Graduate:

- [Positive Behaviour for Learning \(PBL\)](#)

At Banksia Road we are "Good as Gold" and implement the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework to support student wellbeing and engagement.

PBL aims to combine initiatives and agreed perspectives (or values) into a school-wide system that offers a common language and consistency in teacher practice to support the social, emotional and academic success of students.

- [PAX Good Behaviour Game](#)

- [Portrait of a Graduate](#) - Our 'Portrait of a Graduate' identifies the core values we aim to instil in our students by the time they leave Banksia Road Public School. This document was created in collaboration with students, parents and staff.

Our values within our Portrait of a Graduate include

- *Being Safe through self-regulation, resilience, empathy, being informed.*
- *Being Respectful through inclusiveness, politeness, honesty, responsibility, care and compassion, accountability, emotional intelligence.*
- *Being a Learner through innovation, motivation, perseverance, critical and creative thinking, flexible and adaptive thinking, problem-solving and collaboration.*

BEHAVIOUR CHECK-IN

All staff engaged in an afternoon session to discuss our approaches to addressing behaviour.

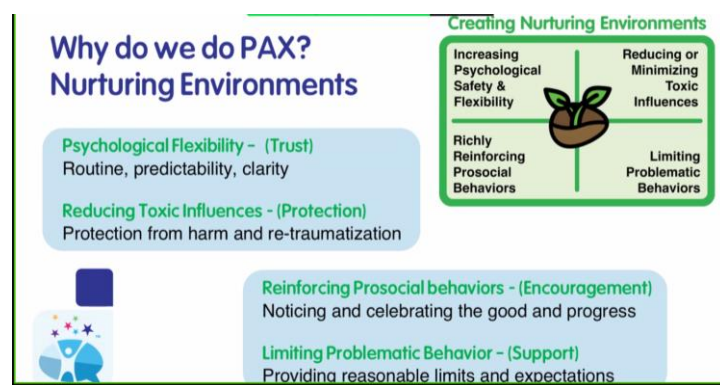
Updates and changes will be made to our School Behaviour Support and Management Plan and an introduction of a flow chart for students and staff to follow.

There has been an increase in the following behaviours across the school

- Absconding (leaving the classroom without permission)
- Pushing, shoving and punching especially during and after a game of soccer or football.
- Continuous disrespectful language and comments made to students and staff members.

These behaviours will be addressed as they arise for any individual who refuses to follow BRPS rules and expectations of being a SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER!

PAX GBG IMPLEMENTATION



All teachers have implemented PAX Vision, PAX Leader and PAX Quiet.

Our PAX Vision was co-created with all students within the classroom. Its sets out and clearly state what we want to see, do, feel and hear more of with in the classroom and also what we want to see, do, fell and hear less of. These PAX visions are visible in all classrooms.

We regard, all our students as PAX Leaders.



PAX Leader

- PAX Leaders actions are identified inside and outside the classroom.
- Teacher redirects disruptive or disengaged students by **identifying alternative PAX Leader behavior.**
- When prompted, students identify qualities or behaviors of PAX Leaders in themselves and others in a variety of activities or settings.





PAX Quiet

- PAX Quiet is used to gain attention before class-wide instructions and announcements.
- Students respond quickly to PAX Quiet and follow through with instructions.
- Teacher gains full attention and thanks students **or** corrects students and practices the process again.



At BRPS are working on building consistency from classroom to classroom, teacher to teacher and student to student.

All school leaders are also participating in additional training- PAX Heroes.

PAX Heroes provides PAX teachers and PAX Partners with Tier 3 strategies to promote the success of the students who struggle the most. Ultimately, this benefits not only the student who is struggling, but also the teacher and the other students. Using PAX Heroes reduces the frequency and time the teacher has to deal with episodes and breakdowns from students who are struggling.

EASTER HAT PARADE

On Tuesday 8th April K – Year 2 will be engaging in an Easter Hat Parade. All parents and caregivers are welcome. The P&C raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 10th April at 9:30am we will be holding an assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day. Our student leaders will be leading this assembly. All parents are welcome to attend.

EID AL-FITR

I wish all our families celebrating Eid Al Fitr a wonderful and blessed time with family and friends.

ICAS

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

WHAT IS ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

ICAS DATES

ICAS 2025 important dates.

Get a head start on ICAS 2025 by putting these dates in your diary.

	Digital Technologies	4 – 8 August
	Writing	4 – 8 August
	English	11 – 15 August
	Science	18 – 22 August
	Spelling Bee	18 – 22 August
	Mathematics	25 – 29 August



School registrations for the Parent Payment System (PPS)

- Ensure your school registers its PPS by 14 July 2025.
- Parents have until 28 July 2025 to enter the competition.

School Direct Orders

- Schools must finalise their registration by 28 July 2025.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices here:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement.

<https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.

3. Read the terms and conditions here:

https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf

4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas here:

Our Parent Payment System is currently active.
Please see the attached link.

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/QED503>

6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS subject areas shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. We will notify you of the date(s) that we will run ICAS assessments, and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results.

SPELLING BEE 2025

The details for our 2025 Spelling Bee competition will be released soon. Word lists will be distributed to all students wishing to participate.

Junior word list is for (year 3 and year 4)
Senior word list is for (year 5 and year 6)

DP HOME READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have also completed 25 days of Home Reading.

Lenka 5I
Nadine 2E
Mouhamad 1S
Zakariah A 2B
Ethan 3H
Doha 2B
Rehan 2B
Zoe 2B
Aaliyah 1L
Mya 6N
Jibreel KM
Brady 1S
Rawah 1L
Fatemah 2B
Mohamad C 2V
Moustafa IC Blue
Sarah 1L
Malek 1/2M
Eva 3B
Noah Dib 1/2M
Hunayda 1/2M
Suhaila KM
Ayana KC
Mohiuddin 3H
Ayah KS
Khadijah KS
Ali 2E
Alanna 4S

In addition to the already mentioned students from Week 7 newsletter –

Amira 4FN Aysha Q 6M Ahmad 4A Lana 5T Tirmizi 5T
Mya 4N Tariq 1S Yousef S 1/2M Khadijah4A Israa 1L
Lucy 4S Omar T 4S Lana T 2E Maliha 2E Ariana 2E
Elyas 4A Ali 1/2N Hanniah 5I Sarrah KC Karim M 6I
Kerem O 6S Nour A 1S Noah E 2V Rashad S 4S Zoya
4N Amal 4A Zara T 6M Hannan Z 2V Alisha C 6N
Serene D 2V Amina Q 3N Taliah 3B Madeline C 4A
Madinah 1S Omar S 3N Abdul 1/2M Calab 1/2M Liam H
KC Jackson H KS Syed Atif 3B Raiden T IC Blue Noah
B 3BH Ayla Kayal 1L Ryu T KC Adam B KC Zayd M 2B
Yumna 5T Jad K 6S Emmett T 6N

All the above students have now started Challenge 2!
Keep Reading.

Mrs Janice Azzopardi
Deputy Principal

WEEK 9 TERM 1, BANKSIA BRAVOS UPDATE

Welcome to the Term 1 Banksia Bravo update! The Banksia Bravos has had a successful start for 2025 here at BRPS.

Students are being rewarded Banksia Bravos for following PBL expectations, being PAX leaders and for going over and above in their daily tasks and activities.

We now have a new look for our Banksia Bravo canteen and prize voucher with the slogans connecting closely to the PBL and PAX interventions that operate at BRPS.

Students continue to respond positively to the Banksia Bravos. They proudly accept their vouchers and enjoy their treats and prizes on a weekly basis. Our BRPS kindergartners are also gradually adapting to the Banksia Bravos positive reward system as part of their school day.

The Banksia Bravo winners will continue to be posted on school Facebook and school Dojos to celebrate the positive achievements of BRPS students with the wider community.

Your parental support of the Banksia Bravos whole school approach to a positive reward system is much appreciated.

The Banksia Bravos, the Banksia way!



WEEK 9 TERM 1, PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB UPDATE

The BRPS Public Speaking Club is back in business for 2025 with a strong positive start to the year.

It's been pleasing to see many students from both Infants and Primary showing interest and enjoy being involved in the Public Speaking Club.

The Public Speaking Club aims to develop and enhance students' public speaking skills in different aspects.

Recently, students have been engaged in public speaking games that increase their confidence to speak in front of an audience. Through the student-centred public speaking activities, the students are learning to speak using clarity, stance and appropriate volume.

The Public Speaking Club is held first half lunch in class 2E every Tuesday. We are looking forward to teaching and working with an enthusiastic group of public speaking club members this year.

Public Speaking Club Coordinators,

Ms Fallah, Mrs Hanna, Miss El-Afchal



COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Term 1 Playgroup –

**Wednesdays weeks 2 - 9 in school term
9.15am – 11.15am in the Hall**

Play2 Learn is a fun time to share with your child. This playgroup is for children aged 0 and 5 years old with the program focused on fun play-based learning activities, music, story time with the opportunity to build friendships and connections in your community. The playgroup is staffed by a Child Development Worker and Family Support Specialist who prepare each week's program based on the interests and needs of the children. **We ask you to bring fruit, vegies, and a bottle of water for your children for morning tea together.**

Conversational English-

Monday's 17/02/2025 – 24/03/2025

9.15am-11.15am in the Hub

All levels facilitated by teachers from BRPS. Free Childminding available

Community Pantry –

Available all school terms

Non-perishable grocery items are in the Community Hub, for any families that need them.

Term 2 & 3 Bollywood –

Monday's 9.30am-10.30am (TBC)

Enjoy exercise through dance, free childminding.

Register your interest now

Certificate IV in School Based Education (TBC)

Unfortunately, the SLSO certificate facilitated by Bankstown Tafe has been moved to 2026.

Woman's only Swimming (TBC)

Applying for grants to partner with Bankstown Community Hubs, Karitane and her-swim to have free Woman only Swim program including CPR and beach training day with childminding and transportation. Register your interest as limited spots will be available if successful.

If you have any questions regarding the programs running or any future programs/courses that you would like to have run at the hub, to register your interest or join in any of the classes.

You can contact me on the numbers and email below or pop into the Community Hub (next to canteen) for a coffee and chat.

Nivek Aoun

**Community Liaison Officer | Community Hub
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9707 3424 | ✉️:nivek.aoun@det.nsw.edu.au**



Banksia Road Public School Community Hub Timetable Term 1 2025

Day	Activity	Location
Monday	<p>Conversational English Wk4 17/02/25 – Wk9 24/03/25 9.15am-11.15am</p> <p>English class for all ability – fun interactive activities facilitated by BRPS Teachers.</p> <p>Free Childminding for non-school aged children</p>	Hub
Tuesday	<p>Introduction to Cake Decorating Wk4 18/02/25 - Wk11 08/04/25 9.30am-1.30pm</p> <p>Bankstown Tafe - Improve your cake decorating skills with this short course and learn new cake decorating techniques.</p>	Hub
Wednesday	<p>Playgroup Wk3 12/02/25 – Wk10 02/04/25 9.15am-11.15am</p> <p>Come and join in the fun of playing and learning together at Play2Learn playgroup.</p> <p>Bring fruit, vegies, and a bottle of water for your children.</p>	Hall
Thursday	<p>Gentle Exercise 10am-11am</p> <p>Greenacre area Community program, all equipment provided, all fitness levels.</p> <p>\$5 per person/class</p>	Library

Contact Nivek 0401 712 793 email Nivek.aoun@det.nsw.edu.au



Banksia Rd. Primary School

"Easter Special"

Tuesday, 8th of April (Lunch only)

"Sausage Sizzle"



with flavoured juice



and free mini chocolate easter eggs



\$6.50

Please complete the slip below and return to the School Canteen
by Monday 7th of April 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.





Banksia Rd. Primary School Canteen

Dear: **TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS,**

We have good news for you!

The canteen has added an exciting food to the menu.

- **Tuesday Special - Sushi Roll**
- **Thursday Special – Butter Chicken served with steamed rice**
- **Kebeh wrap** will be available everyday

These changes will take place on **Term 2, Tuesday, 29th of April 2025.**

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Canteen staff