

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No.1

Term 1 Week 1 Date 5 February 2025



Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 February School Development Day	4 February School Development Day	5 February TERM 1 STARTS School Welcome Assembly Newsletter	6 February	7 February
2	10 February	11 February	12 February	13 February	14 February
3	17 February	18 February Swimming Trials Booragoon 7:30am	19 February	20 February Swimming Trials Booragoon 7:30am	21 February

Principal's Message

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students, staff, parents, carers, families, and community members. We are energised for the start of another busy year at Banksia Park Primary. Today, students and staff have settled into their classrooms and are getting acquainted with their new routines for the year ahead. A special welcome to our new staff and families, especially those joining us in Kindy and new students from Pre-primary to Year 6. We're looking forward to getting to know you. It was delightful to walk around this morning, hear about everyone's holidays, and learn what our students are looking forward to in the year ahead. See some photos from my walkaround.



School Board Vacancy

The BPPS School Board is actively involved in the governance of the school. This means participating in shaping and monitoring the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions. In particular, the Board takes part in developing and overseeing the school's three-year business plan. The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents, staff and members of the community to work together to best meet the needs and interests of students and enhance the education provided.

Our Board is made up of the Board Chair, the school principal along with 4 parent representatives and three staff representatives. For more information about the School Board and their important role at our

school please go to the school website. We have **two vacancies** on the Board going forward for parent representatives.

We would like to invite all parents interested in nominating to complete the nomination form available on the website (also available on Connect with this newsletter and through the school office). We have already received more nominations than available positions which is wonderful to see and a testament to the level of parent and community support Banksia Park is known for.

Nominations were called for at the end of last year. We have extended the closing date by a few days to this **Friday 7 February**, so there is still time if you would like to submit your nomination.

We will conduct school community elections for the vacant positions throughout Week 2 ahead of our first Board meeting in Week 3, February. All nominating parents will need to submit a short statement (250 words max) to assist our school community to nominate their preferred candidate. If you have already nominated, we will contact you via email to confirm your nomination and ensure we have your statement.

Board Meetings 2025								
Tuesdays	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4	
Weeks 3 & 7	18/2	18/3	13/5	10/6	5/8	2/9	28/10	25/11

Parent Information Evening

Parents/carers are invited to this year's parent information sessions in Week 3 this term, **Tuesday 18 February**. Meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

Years PP-3 4.30pm – 5pm

Years 4-6 5.10pm - 5.40pm

Please note, there will be no Kindy orientation meeting as this was conducted late in Term 4 last year. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about their classroom.

Science – New Specialist Program

We are excited to introduce a new specialist Science Program to Banksia Park for 2025 Mrs Waghorn. Mrs Waghorn has been contracted to establish a dedicated learning space in our school. She has been a specialist Science teacher for 13 years, was STAWA (Science Teachers Association of WA) Teacher of the Year in 2022 and a finalist in the Premier's Science Awards in 2024. She is passionate about enabling students to learn more about the world around them, how it works, and about giving them the skills to successfully navigate that world, regardless of which path they take. Area 9 and the common space in Teaching Block 2 are being rearranged to suit the provision of practical, hands-on learning opportunities in both Science and STEM.

Mathletics 2025

In another exciting initiative for 2025, we are trialling WHOLE SCHOOL access to Mathletics online learning platform. Mathletics is proven to improve students' maths performance with an engaging, personalised online learning experience. With hundreds of curriculum-aligned activities, it's a great way to keep students motivated and supported in this learning area in school and **at home**. The school will fund home access for all students this year as part of this trial. In the coming weeks staff will have an opportunity to learn and navigate the Mathletics platform and set up access for their students. More information will be available soon from your class teacher through Connect, so please make sure your contact details are correct. Please call the office on 9266 6400 if you need to update these at any time.

Bell Times

8.50am Learning block one

10.50am – 11.10am Recess

11.10am – 1.10pm Learning block two

1.10pm – 1.50pm Lunch

1.50pm (Toilet and drink)

1.55pm – 3.05pm Learning block three

3.05pm (End of the day)

Newsletters

The school newsletter will continue to be distributed fortnightly on Wednesdays in ODD weeks with this is our first newsletter for the term.

Student Belongings

Where possible all students are encouraged to bring all items from their year level booklist to school in this first week. Please be reminded that all belongings should be labelled with your child's name. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Website

Our school website provides a wealth of information and is regularly updated with events on the school calendar. Be sure to visit this space if you need any information about the school.

Attendance

The School Education Act 1999 requires that accurate attendance records are maintained for student attendance. An explanation of a student's absence is required as soon as possible from the time of the absence. Please send through an explanation for any absence as soon as possible. There are many ways to do this including Connect, BPPS website, email and a written note or verbal explanation to the classroom teacher. Students should be arriving at school after **8.30am**. Classrooms are opened for students to enter from this time to organise themselves for the day ahead. The school day begins at **8.50am**. We understand, on occasion, students may need to be dropped off ahead of this time or may arrive after the siren for the day sounds, but we would ask for your cooperation in minimising this.

Early Arrivals

Students arriving early for school are required to go straight to the undercover area to wait quietly for classrooms to open at 8.30am. Ball games and other toys/games from home are not permitted at school anytime and should not be brought to the undercover area for use before school. A reading book is a fabulous suggestion to keep your child busy if you need to drop them off earlier. We also we have OSHClub available to support our school community with before and after school care if it is required.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving after the school siren **must** come to the office and collect a LATE slip before going to their class for the day. Teachers complete the class roll as soon as the siren goes at the start of the day and begin teaching for the day. Attendance systems need to be altered to record the late arrival and this task is completed by office staff to prevent disruptions to lessons after the instructional program has commenced. The school day begins at **8:50am** students will be considered late if they are not in class by this time. All students should come to the office to collect a late slip before joining their class **if the siren has gone**.

Early Departure

All students leaving early **must** be signed out through the school office **BEFORE** parents or carers are able to collect them from the classroom. Parents/carers should sign students out using the school Passtab digital registration system. A sticker will be printed which should be given to teachers when collecting your child. This sticker advises staff that the attendance system has been updated by the office. **Staff are not permitted to release any student without this sticker**. Please assist us to keep students safe and maintain our attendance records as per legislative requirements by ensuring you go through the office when collecting students during instructional time.

Crunch & Sip

Banksia Park Primary School is a Crunch & Sip school. All students should bring along daily a small container of cut up fresh vegetables or fruit and a bottle of water. All classes will include a short break each day to snack on vegetables or fruit daily in the first learning block of the day.

Uniforms & Hats

Banksia Park has a **No Hat, No Play** in the sun school rule, so all students should ensure they bring a hat to use. We would particularly like to see more students wearing the **school hat** this year and will be encouraging a move to our school hat only along with the full school uniform throughout the year. To assist this transition, we will have some incentives and whole class rewards to encourage students to wear their school hat including providing our **Year 6 students a free hat through fundraising** to set a great example for the rest of the school.

Everyone looked fabulous this morning in their school uniforms with 100% of students in uniform. Well done everyone. Please support us to keep up this fabulous effort by also ensuring:

- Long hair is tied back
- Earrings are studs or sleepers
- Preferably no necklaces (if students do wish to wear a necklace for cultural/religious reasons) it should be tucked into shirts for safety.
- Socks should be white

Please be reminded we have second hand uniforms available for a small cost and the uniform shop opening times are **every second Monday starting week 2 from 2:30pm – 3:00pm**. Banksia Park has a school Uniform Orders: Online via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/> OR in person (Eftpos available). Orders delivered to class.

Connect

Banksia Park uses Connect as an electronic communication tool, if you have changed any of your contact details – especially your mobile phone or email address please advise the office as soon as possible so we can update information on our systems.

Voluntary Contributions

Last year the School Board reviewed and endorsed a change to school contributions and charges. Voluntary contributions are now set at a flat charge of \$60 per student. This is accordance with the Department's policy on Voluntary Contributions and Charges. These fees remain voluntary, however, they play an integral part of our planning and supplement our ability to provide a range of resources. For example, these funds have supported us to purchase significant new reading resources this year, contributed to technology upgrades including additional iPads and smartboard technology and science consumables in 2023. All families are encouraged to consider paying voluntary contributions annually and remember we can assist with payment plans if that is more convenient. Voluntary contributions are now due for the coming school year. The money collected will assist us to purchase additional resources and materials to support the curriculum content for your child's learning journey. Payment - \$60, can be made by cash or card at the front office, or via direct debit as follows:

Account Name: Banksia Park Primary School
BSB: 066 - 040
Account Number: 19907101
Reference: VC and students Surname

Thank you for your contribution. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Parking Around the School

For the safety of the School Community please be reminded of the following rules for parking around the school.

- No parking in Staff Car Park (especially Parking in P&C Parking & Disabled Bay).
- No parking on or in front of community driveways on Hicks Street.
- No parking on verges or grass areas around the school.
- No parking on or over any footpath.

Please also note that some parking bays along Gracechurch Street are for **pick up and drop off only**. Please do not park here and leave your vehicle. As it is always busy at the beginning and end of day, we ask that you take special care when driving around the school and understand that parking can be an issue. We would also like to encourage those that can walk to school, to consider making this a part of your daily routine. One of the greatest benefits aside from getting a little activity, is having a chance to spend some uninterrupted time talking with your child. What a wonderful opportunity to make this a special time every day.

Sharing Excellence Together

We love to share the achievements of our students outside of school, so please send through to our school office special events (and a photo or two) to share with our community if you have some exciting news to share about your child. We'll start this year with some fantastic news about our Henry Panomarenko. Over the holidays, Henry earned a finalist award at the Code Kids WA awards night in the *Best Game Design* category. This awards night was hosted by Code Kids WA and Edith Cowan University. Out of 190

entries, Henry's innovative game was chosen as one of the top 27 finalists, and he went on to secure a spot in the top 4. Henry's game, created using Blender, is a virtual reality experience designed to help children with hypermobility and other health conditions in hospital settings. It's an amazing project that combines Henry's passion for game design with a real-world impact. Henry participates in weekly coding classes at Rossmoyne Senior High School and is an active member of the Banksia Park Primary Robotics Club. A huge congratulations to Henry for this well-deserved recognition!



Swimming Trials

This year's swimming trials will be held on week 3, Tuesday February 18 (Red & Blue Factions) and Thursday February 20 (Green & Gold Factions) at LeisureFit Booragoon 7:30am – 8:30am. More information will be sent home closer to the date.



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Principal

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Triple P Positive Parenting Program.

All parents are reminded free online parenting courses are available for all school students under the age of 12.

Parents can receive 12 months free access to the resources on the Triple P site. See the link below to get started.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/>



NAPLAN 2025

During term 1, our year three and year five students will be taking part in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy. The testing is done by all year three and five students. Testing will take place **Week 6 (10-14th March)** and **Week 7 (16-21st March)**. Parents are advised to avoid scheduling any appointments, holidays over these weeks as it will impact student participation.

A parent information sheet will be sent home with all year three and year five students. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in NAPLAN testing, contact Mr Cianfrini.

For more information on NAPLAN, please refer to the information available at the weblinks below.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/understanding-online-assessment>

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>



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PEAC Catch Up Testing 2025

Information for South Metropolitan Education Region Year 5 Students, who missed PEAC Testing

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please be advised that there will be catch up testing sessions held for Year 5 students across the South Metropolitan and Peel regions who missed the PEAC identification testing at their school last year.

There will be two sessions held. Please register for one of the sessions through the link below. We require notice to prepare the test papers and your registration **is required before Monday 10 February 2025**.

Session One: Curtin Primary School
20 Goss Avenue, Manning WA 6152
Tuesday 11 February 2025

Please arrive promptly at 9.00am and follow the signage to enter the PEAC Centre. Please collect your child promptly at 11am from the front of the school. A PEAC Teacher will walk students out to the Goss Avenue side of the school for collection.

Session Two:
Atwell Primary School – Board Room 160 Lydon Boulevard, Atwell WA 6164
Wednesday 12 February 2025

Please arrive promptly at 9.00am at the front administration. Please collect your child promptly at 11am from the front administration.

If you would like to book your child into one of the above sessions, please register via the link or QR code below:

<https://bit.ly/PEACcatchup2025>

Kind regards,
Hannah Moore
PEAC Coordinator

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Email: Hannah.Dodds@education.wa.edu.au



Gifted and Talented Applications close soon!



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<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/programs/gifted-talented-program/>

or speak to our Gifted and Talented Coordinator,

Ms Susan Fahey on 9338 8900

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BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL TENNIS CLINICS



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For students between
Pre – Primary to Year 6

Monday mornings
at 7:45am – 8:30am

Term 1 2025 Commences
Week 2, Beginning 10th of
February. Ending 31st of
March (excluding 03 Mar)

Costs: 7-week term
\$115 for 1 session per week

Rackets can be provided or
purchased for \$35

RETURN SLIP: Please return to your coach on your first session.

Clinic Location	Banksia Park Primary
Child's Name(s)	
School Year	
Date of Birth	
Medical Condition(s)	
Parent/Guardian	
Email	
Contact No's	