


BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No.2

Term 1 Week 3

19 February 2025

 Planner – Term 1					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	17 February	18 February Parent Information Sessions Years PP - 3 4:30pm - 5:00pm Years 4 - 6 5:10pm - 5.40pm Swimming Trials Booragoon 7:30am Red & Blue Faction	19 February Newsletter	20 February Swimming Trials Booragoon 7:30am Green & Gold Faction	21 February
4	24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February	28 February Faction Swimming Carnival – Booragoon LeisureFit 9:00am – 12:30pm
5	3 March Public Holiday Labour Day	4 March Area 14 Kings Park Excursion	5 March Assembly – Area 12 Newsletter	6 March	7 March

Principal's Message

Parent Information Evening

It was a busy night for staff and families with information sessions for PP-6 held across the school. If you were unable to make it, please be assured that your child's class teacher/s are available to meet with you throughout the year. Our partnerships with our community are highly valued and all students are best supported when home and school work closely together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher/s in the first instance.

We would ask you to try to please avoid the short time before school begins where possible as this is a busy time for teachers as they prepare for the day ahead. Appointments can be made directly with the class teacher or through the school office via email to banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

Faction Swimming Carnival

Our Faction Swimming Carnival will be happening **Friday 28 February** at LeisureFit Booragoon, Marmion Street Booragoon. All students in Years 3 to 6 will be attending the carnival as either spectators or swimmers. Due to booking restrictions and to allow travel time all students will need to be at school by **8:00am** as buses will depart at **8:10am** sharp. We will return to school by approximately **12:30pm**. We hope to see everyone there showing support for their children and their faction.

Please return consent forms and payment by tomorrow **Thursday 20th February** if you have not already done so.

School Board

We had a wonderful response from our community with 5 parents nominating for the School Board. We greatly appreciate these parents who have been willing to nominate and commit their time to supporting our school through the Board. We also had a wonderful response from the school community with some 90 responses and a close distribution in the voting with our new Board parent representatives Rebecca Fanha, Louise Hookham joining the Board and Rod Silvey returning for a second tenure. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Week 7 Tuesday 18 March**.

Hats

There are two classes now that have 100% school hats. Congratulations to Area 10 and Area 6. We are transitioning all students to the school hat along with the full school uniform this term, so well done to all those students who are already wearing their BPPS hats. You all look fabulous.

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/plain



Please be reminded the uniform shop opening times are **every second Monday starting week 2 from 2:30pm – 3:00pm**. We also have some second-hand uniforms available for purchase for a small cost. Donations of quality uniforms (and hats) your child has outgrown are also gratefully received and can be forwarded to the school office or direct to the uniform shop. Orders are available online via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/> OR in person (EFTPOS is available). Online orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Class Reps

A big thank you to Melissa Hudson for organising our 2025 parent reps for each class. Each classroom has a **parent representative** whose role is to support the class however they can. Parent representatives provide a connection between families in each class and can be a great resource if you would like to be more involved in our school. They support communication and information about the many things happening every day. They are always ready to lend a helping hand or at the very least point you in the direction of someone who can assist. Appreciation in advance to those parents who have volunteered to take on this role in 2025.

A1 Bilbies (Kindy) – Tasha Ewart

A1 Joeys (Kindy) – Angela Law

A2 (PP) – Deleeni Bye

A3 (PP) – Bryony Loller

A4 (Year 1) – Tamara Sparg

A6 (Year 1/2) – Louise Hookham

A7 (Year 2) – Carly Pickering

A10 (Year 3) – Daniela Niv

A11 (Year 3/4) – Carly Mouritz

A12 (Year 4) – Shannon Davis

A13 (Year 5) – Rebecca Chan

A14 (Year 6) – Abby Conlon

Kings Park Excursion

Tuesday 4 March, Week 5 our Year 6 students will head off on their excursion to *Rio Tinto Naturescape* in Kings Park. The purpose of this excursion is to participate in a 'Day Camp' which will include practical activities, such as learning bush survival skills and orienteering. This will provide an excellent foundation for our planned Year 6 Camp, which is scheduled to take place in November.

Assembly Week 5

Area 12, Year 4 will be hosting the assembly which will be held on **Wednesday March 5**. We look forward to seeing everyone for the first full assembly for the year.

P&C Fundraising Movie Night

The P&C is always working hard to support our school with additional funds through fundraising. All monies raised go directly to a range of projects at our school. This year they have a raft of fundraising and community events planned and are starting it off with another Movie Night after the success of last years event. We would encourage all families to save the date and join P&C reps for a movie night under the stars. Tickets are available on the night. More information is on our P&C section of this newsletter.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2025 Update

Our Year 3 and 5 students are busy preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN testing which takes place in **Weeks 6 and 7** of this term. **March 12 to March 21**.

Parents are asked to avoid making any appointments during the testing period where possible. A NAPLAN testing timetable for Banksia Park has been included below. Please direct any questions or queries regarding NAPLAN to Mr Cianfrini. For more information about NAPLAN, the link below will direct you to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) web page.

<https://nap.edu.au/about>



BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPLAN TIMETABLE

NAPLAN 2025 – Week 6 & 7

Wk 1	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Time
Mar 12 To Mar 14			Year 5 A13 - WRITING Year 3 A10 - WRITING Year A11 - WRITING	Year 3 A10 - READING	Year 3 A11 - READING	9am
	Morning Recess					
			No testing	Year 5 A13 - READING	Year 5 A 13 – <u>CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE</u>	11:15am
Lunch Break						1:10 - 1:50

Wk 2	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Time
Mar 17 To Mar 21	Year 3 A 10 <u>CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE</u>	Year 3 A11 NUMERACY	Year 5 A13 NUMERACY	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	9am
	Morning Recess					
	Year 3 A 11 <u>CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE</u>	Year 3 A10 NUMERACY	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	11:15am
Lunch Break						1:10 - 1:50

Mathletics

Our newest initiative to support student learning is an online Maths platform – Mathletics. We are extending this for use **at home** for all students Years 1-6. Mathletics is proven to improve students' maths performance with an engaging, personalised online learning experience. The school will fund home access to Mathletics 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. We hope to have all classes Years 1-6 up and running on Mathletics by the next newsletter.

Voluntary Contributions

Mathletics joins new school subscriptions to PLD, Study Ladder, Typing Tournament, Inquisitive and Elastik. These new online platforms are the next stage of our concerted focus on building technology access across the school. These subscriptions are new costs to our school make our fundraising and Voluntary Contributions even more important to the provision of our teaching and learning program. Last year we achieved an all time high of 85% of Voluntary Contributions paid to our school which is well above the average for most school - so **thank you**.

These fees remain voluntary, however, they play an integral part of our planning and supplement our ability to provide an expanded range of resources. All families are encouraged to consider paying voluntary

contributions annually and remember we can assist with payment plans if that is more convenient. **Thank you to those families who have already paid via Campion.**

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

Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Cyber Safety

Corpus Christi College has kindly invited our school community to a special event on Cyber Safety. They will be hosting Paul Litherland who is renowned for his Cyber Security and Internet Awareness presentations. Paul Litherland will deliver invaluable insights into navigating the online world, offering strategies to help parents stay one step ahead in the ever-evolving digital landscape. His presentations are not only packed with crucial information for every parent but are also engaging and entertaining, leaving audiences both informed and impressed.

This session is highly recommended for parents and guardians of both Junior and Senior School students. Don't miss this opportunity to gain crucial knowledge and tools to better protect your children in the digital age.

Event Details:

- **Date:** 19 March
- **Time:** 6.30pm
- **Location:** [Caroline Payne Theatre, Corpus Christi College](#)
- **Audience:** Parents and Carers (Adult-Only Session) and do not have to be affiliated with Corpus Christi College
- **Tickets are FREE:** Bookings are essential [here](#).

Ukulele

Merredith Higgins is once again returning to Banksia Park at lunch times for BUGS (Banksia Ukulele Group). BUGS is for all interested students in Years 2 and 3. Notes will be distributed to all Year 2 and 3 students this week with detailed information. Students meet in Area 8 once a week at lunch time, eat their lunch and learn to play the ukulele. Each year they put together a special performance to share their music making. The days will be confirmed depending on numbers participating but are generally in the latter part of the week.



Serena Gosnay
Principal

Phone: 9266 6400

Email: banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Crunch & Sip

Don't forget to pack your crunch and sip daily. Cut up vegetables and/or fruit are easiest for students to snack on. Please pack separately in a small container ready for our Crunch & Sip time.

Crunch on vegetables!

This term our school is encouraging families to get excited about eating vegies by packing them as often as possible for Crunch&Sip®.

Why vegetables?

Vegetables and fruit are both important food groups packed with a range of nutrients that promote good health. However, while most primary school children are doing a great job of eating enough fruit, **only 1 in 16 are eating enough vegetables**. That's why it's important for children to get an extra serve of vegetables during Crunch&Sip® breaks.

Benefits of eating vegies for Crunch&Sip®

- Vegetables contain lots of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre which help promote healthy growth and development.
- Vegetables can be a very cost-effective option - a serve of carrots or celery costs less than 30c!
- Do you have a fussy eater? When kids see their peers eating different foods, they are more likely to join in and try something new.



We encourage you to support us in this initiative by providing a healthy snack of whole or cut up vegies as the preferred option for Crunch&Sip®.

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News from the Art Room



Welcome back to another wonderful year at Banksia Park Primary School. We look forward to exciting times in our school art room.

Art Shirts – Well done to all students who arrived in week 1 with their art shirts. Every class launched into a painting activity as their first art tasks so it's important every student has an art shirt. Please ensure your child brings one ASAP if they haven't already.

Art extension 2025, renamed Gifted and Talented Art. This specialist class will run for one hour per week before school on Thursdays commencing week 4. Students selected will be from year 5&6 only. Letters offering selected gifted students a place will be issued in coming days.

Ms Cullen's Music Matters



This term we are exploring beat and rhythm through pen drumming at different levels appropriate to the age of students and their experience.

The school has purchased what I call drum desks but also double up as a desk to write on if needed.

Students are learning a series of grooves and rhythms and these skills will help for any would be drummers in the future.

This is how the pens are used:-

BASS Heel of hand on table

HI-HAT Tip of pen on table

SNARE Pen flat on table

TOM TOM Vertical pen on table

HAND TAP Flat hand on table

So far I have been very impressed with the way students have responded to pen drumming.

Just a reminder if your child is not returning to Choir this year, please return your Choir shirt to the admin office.

Ms Cullen Music Teacher



School Chaplin's Chat



It has been wonderful to meet with students during the first days of school in 2025 and to find them in their new classrooms. I am looking forward to another year as YouthCARE chaplain for the Banksia Park PS community. I will continue to be at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. If parents or children would like to contact me for support, please speak with your class teacher, find me at school, place a note in the box in the school office, or email (louise.lathbury@youthcare.org.au).

YouthCARE chaplains support the social, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of students, families and staff in their school community, irrespective of their personal belief system, and with respect for individual families' convictions. We are available to listen compassionately, refer to extra help where necessary, and run programs that address issues and create positive cultures within schools. This support helps students achieve their potential both academically and in their social and family lives. These are some ways that I have supported the BPPS school community in the past:

1. Assisting the development of students' social and emotional wellbeing by providing lunchtime activity sessions for students as an alternative to outdoor play.
2. Under the guidance of the class teacher, providing support to students while they are engaged in in-class activities.
3. Meeting with small groups of students (when requested by staff) to provide another perspective on friendship issues.
4. Meeting with individual students (when requested) and providing support during times when they may be experiencing anxiety, anger/frustration, or issues with friends.
5. Providing support to students and their families during times of grief and loss- through individual meetings or the Rainbows Program (small group).
6. Providing resources about various aspects of social and emotional wellbeing to parents.
7. If required, linking school community members with support agencies and organisations.
8. Providing an opportunity for students to develop empathy for others by participation in community service activities- including encouragement gifts and cards for FIFO workers, meal packs for the homeless, and snack packs for patients and family members at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

Student participation in the chaplaincy program is voluntary. If you DO NOT want your child/ren to have one-to-one involvement with the chaplain, then please register your intention at the office.



Find us on Facebook: Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen/ BPPS Band Parents
banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com

Welcome New and Returning Families!! 😊😊😊

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) – Overview

The Role of the P&C: To support and collaborate with the school teaching body to provide the best environment and journey for its students. The P&C is a registered Association incorporated under the P&C Associations Act and abides by the rules and regulations of this Act.

Who is the P&C: Parents/Caregivers who volunteer their time to create ideas, implement change and fundraise for resources.

When does the P&C Meet: Twice a term.

Who can attend Meetings: Any member of the BPPS School Community (parents, caregivers, grandparents).

Purpose of Meetings: To discuss ways the P&C can assist the school via fundraising, events, collaborations, band, uniform shop, canteen etc.

Next P&C Meeting – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM for the P&C is held at the very beginning of each school year. This is where the key members of the P&C Committee are sworn in. Without these key members, BPPS cannot run a Canteen, a Uniform Shop nor any essential fundraising events. Everyone is welcome and you will get an inside view of how the school runs or even have a say in your child's journey at BPPS (small or big).

Date: Tuesday 25 February 2025, 7pm, Staff Room.

Membership Cost: \$1.00/year – please bring this to the meeting with you.

The following positions are required to run the P&C and all roles held in 2024 will become vacant and will need to be filled at this meeting for the P&C to run throughout 2025:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| President | Vice President |
| Treasurer | Secretary |
| Uniform Shop Co-ordinator | Fundraising/Events Co-ordinator |
| Newsletter Co-ordinator | Parent Representative Co-ordinator |
| Canteen Convener | Band Convener |
| Sport Parent Liaison | |

UNIFORM SHOP 🛍️

Uniform Orders: via or in person. Online orders will be delivered to class.

Uniform Shop Hours: 2:30pm-3:00pm every second Monday, starting week 2 (EFTPOS available).

CANTEEN 🍽️

Opening Times: every Wednesday and Friday.

****Please update your children class on Spriggy****

Order: via <https://www.spriggy.com.au> or via Canteen by 08:50am.

Volunteers: Canteen volunteers are much needed to help our Canteen Manager Mai to run the canteen please. The online **Food Safe Handling** course is compulsory for canteen volunteers and can be accessed via <https://foodsafeline.com.au/> for **FREE** by using the code provided: **FSWASCA2024**

COFFEE POD RECYCLING + CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE ☕♻️



Used coffee pods and drink containers can be recycled by dropping off in the respective bins located in the undercover area, near lost property and the canteen.

For those who wish to donate funds for us, please use our code **C10419600** when dropping off your cans or bottles at the collection centres. Thanks!

MEMBER NUMBER
BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOC INC



FUNDRAISERS

Term 1 Fundraising Calendar

Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2025

GOAL: Upgrade to Kindy & Early Learning playground space

GOAL: TBC after election results as amazing donations coming our way for the playground space

TERM 1

Friday, 21st February

Shrek Movie Night

6:30pm Gates open for

7:30pm Movie start

Sausage sizzle, drinks, lolly bags, icy poles and glow sticks available on the night

Saturday, 8th March

Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Bacon and egg rolls, sausage sizzle, drinks and baked goods available from 8am until sold out.

Coffee van also available from 8am

Wednesday, 9th April

Easter Raffle

Tickets will go on sale towards the end of term, so stay tuned for donation call out.

Ongoing

Car Park Raffle

Footy Tipping

Containers for Change

Entertainment App

Who Gives a Crap*

*Band fundraising

Fundraising 2025 🌟🌟🌟

Welcome everyone to 2025! The fundraising committees have been hard at work planning a fun year ahead full of events not only for the children, but the parents of our lovely school. We have set a personal team goal of \$20 000 to be raised this year. Yes! It's a lot but we will work hard to get as close to our goal as possible.

Of course, we can't accomplish this without your help but as always, these fundraising events are completely voluntary. We will keep you all updated each newsletter about how much we have raised so you are all up to date with us.

Should you want to be a part of our wonderful team or have some ideas or queries about any events please send us an email at bppsevents@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you in advance everyone for your support this year. Let's make it the best one yet!

Bec and Chloe
(Fundraising Coordinators)

Election BBQ and Cake Stall 🏠

This will take place on Saturday, 8th of March. As always, we will be asking for baked goods for our cake stall. We don't mind if you bake it yourself or buy from the shops, any donation is appreciated. We will send more info out next week. We will also be looking for some volunteers to man our BBQs so please if you have a couple of hours spare put your name down, we really appreciate any help we can get.

Easter Raffle – Prize Donations and Raffle Tickets 🐰🥕🍪

As we do every year, we will have our Easter Raffle drawn the last week of school at the assembly. Closer to the date, we will do our call out for prize donations. We are hoping to do things a little different this year and ask not only for chocolate goodies but also and non-perishable items such as crafts, toys etc. that may be used by kids during school holidays to keep them entertained. We all know the Easter Bunny is very generous and we would like to decrease the sheer volume of chocolate given out.

BPPS Movie Night on FRIDAY 🎬🍿

Big shout out to everyone who has already purchased their tickets and grazing boards for Friday night! Grazing boxes will be available on the oval for pickup from 7pm.

Our BBQs, drinks, icy poles, lolly bags and glow sticks will be ready to go from 6:30pm, so pop down early and fill up. The sausage sizzle will close when the movie starts at 7:30pm. Lolly bags, drinks and icy pole sales will continue until near the movie end.

Movie will start at 7:30pm.

Presales have now closed but if your plans have changed and you are now wanting to attend our movie night under the stars you can purchase your ticket on the night.



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SHREK UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY FEB 21ST, TAKE A SEAT FROM
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AT THE SCHOOL OVAL

\$20 PER FAMILY

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DRINKS, LOLLY BAGS
AND GLOW STICKS
FOR SALE ON THE
NIGHT**

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**SATURDAY 8TH MARCH
FROM 12PM @ BEASLEY OVAL, LEEMING**

with Junior vs. Parents matches throughout the afternoon, accumulating with an Ammo's vs. Veterans match @ 3pm



Spread the word. Bring the family or bring a friend. Everyone is Welcome



If you have any queries or would like to sponsor the event in some way
please contact emmabodin@hotmail.com (BLJFC)
or kaseyreid@outlook.com (BL Amateur's)

STRICTLY NO BYO. BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FROM 3PM



