


# BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No.3

Term 1 Week 5

05 March 2025

 <b>Planner – Term 1</b>					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	<b>March 3</b> <b>Labour Day</b>	<b>March 4</b> <b>Area 14 Kings Park Excursion</b>	<b>March 5</b> <b>Assembly – Area 12 Year 4</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>
6	<b>March 10</b> <b>Uniform Shop – 2:30 - 3:00pm</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 12</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>March 13</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>March 14</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>
7	<b>March 17</b> <b>NAPLAN</b> <b>Harmony Week</b>	<b>March 18</b> <b>NAPLAN</b> <b>Board Meeting 3:30pm</b>	<b>March 19</b> <b>NAPLAN</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>March 20</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>March 21</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>

## Principal's Message Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the staff and students on the recent swimming carnival event in Booragoon. A very big thank you to Mr Edmonds, who along with Mr Cianfrini, staff in the faction bays and a hardworking group of volunteers ensured the day ran smoothly. The students did a great job in all the events. A lot of work behind the scenes is required to ensure the success of large events such as this, so well done to all and special mention to **Red** faction who finished the day on top.

The Results of the 2024 Swimming Carnival were:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Champion Boy: Fearghas. M Green Faction	Champion Boy: Connor. W Green Faction	Champion Boy: Talon. K Red Faction	Champion Boy: Ethan. L Blue Faction
Runner Up: Mateo. E Blue Faction	Runner Up: Alex. L Red Faction	Runner Up: Jack. R Red Faction	Runner Up: Max. R Green Faction
Champion Girl: Alice. H Gold Faction	Champion Girl: Mia. S Gold Faction	Champion Girl: Isabella. P Gold Faction	Champion Girl: Sienna. C Red Faction
Runner Up: Charlotte. L Red Faction	Runner Up: Sophia. W Green Faction	Runner Up: Presley. L Blue Faction	Runner Up: Seren. D Red Faction

## Area 12 Assembly

Congratulations to Area 12 for volunteering to host the first assembly for the year today. Our Year 6 Faction Captains, AV Techs and Library Monitors also received their badges and are congratulated for their leadership roles in 2025.

Student Councillors		
Harlah H	Harriet F	Jobe M
Lucas T	Max R	Seren D

Year 6 Faction Captains			
Blue	Red	Gold	Green
Rhythm. B Sienna. S	Lachlan. Q Sienna. C	Tyler. D Louis. B	Eloise. E Kaiden. T

AV Techs & Library Monitors		
AV Tech	Henry. P	Anvika. H
Library Monitor	Melody. H	Marie.S

## Area 14 Kings Park Excursion

Have you ever been to the Rio Tinto Naturescape at Kings Park? Well, we have, and here's what happened.

First, we travelled by bus into the city. We chose where to sit and chatted to our mates. Then, we arrived at Kings Park and entered the Naturescape, led by Oliver from Kings Park Education. We found a shelter and sat in groups to have a snack.

Next, Gemma (another teacher from Kings Park) showed us how to build our own shelter, called a hutchie. After assessing our surroundings, we had to use a slipknot to tie tarps to sturdy trees. After we built our shelters, we rehearsed a first aid scenario, involving a snake bite for one of our team members. While the shelter building was taking place, some people were tasked with making 'Survival Milo Balls'. They were amazingly delicious, and we kept the recipe! We shared the tasty snacks with our team and then had a lunch break.

After lunch, we participated in an orienteering challenge. It was amazing and very difficult. Some groups worked really well together; others struggled to be a strong team. Unexpectedly, we kind of crashed a wedding. It was an interesting experience and some of us even got to see the Bride. We now know what orienteering is and are (sort of) ready to have another go at it when we go to camp.

At the end of the day, we had a little free time to explore the Naturescape. Some people built a dam out of rocks, while others enjoyed a paddle in the creek.

It was an epic day and we feel very grateful to parents Carlee, Tania and Rachel, who volunteered their time to come along and help us.

-Written by Area 14



### Early Years Learning Area

EAs are setting up the Early Years learning space for the day before school and students are not permitted to play any ball games or climb on school equipment in this area without teacher supervision. We would ask that parents please support us by not allowing your children to climb on this equipment **before** school in this fenced area, or to climb on the water pump and tray in the sand pit **before or after** school as it is being damaged through inappropriate use and is once again broken.

After school we understand many families play and gather in these community spaces at the end of the day and we value this as a wonderful feature of our school community. Please supervise your children closely at these times if you are permitting them to climb on the equipment and we would encourage you to ensure that normal school rules such as not climbing on the pump, running, pushing or other unsafe play is also enforced after school when playing on this equipment when staff are on site.

We have also noticed a number of children climbing the fence to access or leave the early years play area. Safety latches are fitted to the fences to ensure that adult supervision is provided when entering or leaving this space. Please ensure that these gates are opened and **closed** by an adult (or older child) at all times and be mindful of all children arriving and leaving, as they should be accompanied by an adult/older sibling at all times.

All students have been reminded of the school rules about climbing these fences and we are hoping for the support of our community to remind students that this is not permitted.

We are currently making plans for improving this learning area. We have had a significant donation of \$15 000 from our school community and the school has matched this funding through our one-line budget. Plans. We would like to kick off community consultation to this project immediately before our next P&C meeting at **6.30pm Tuesday 25 March**, (P&C Meeting starts at 7pm). All interested parents are welcome.

### State Election

This coming weekend is the state election, so don't forget to get down to Banksia Park Primary School to cast your VOTE...and support the P&C sausage sizzle and cake stall fundraiser. There will also be a coffee van onsite.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is just around the corner. Students from A10, A11 and A13 will be completing practice NAPLAN testing this week in preparation for week 6 and week 7. Please avoid booking appointments over the testing schedule. The testing schedule is included below. For any questions see your class teacher or Mr Cianfrini.

## NAPLAN 2025 – Week 6 & 7

Wk 6	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Time
Mar 12 To Mar 14			Year 5 A13 - WRITING	Year 3 A10 - READING	Year 3 A11 - READING	9am
			Year 3 A10 - WRITING			
			Year A11 - WRITING			
<i>Morning Recess</i>						10.50 – 11.10
			No testing	Year 5 A13 - READING	Year 5 A13 – CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE	11:15am
<i>Lunch Break</i>						1:10 -1:50



Wk 7	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Time
Mar 17 To Mar 21	Year 3 A 10 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE	Year 3 A11 NUMERACY	Year 5 A13 NUMERACY	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	9am
<i>Morning Recess</i>						10.50 – 11.10
	Year 3 A 11 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE	Year 3 A10 NUMERACY	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	CATCH-UP TESTING	11:15am
<i>Lunch Break</i>						1:10 -1:50

### Attendance – Holidays During Term

Analysis of attendance data from 2022 to 2024 shows an increasing trend for student vacations during the school term at Banksia Park. We are working to change this trend. Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. This is why we strongly encourage you to avoid travelling during school time. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught. At school, many concepts (particularly literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later, and while teachers are adept at addressing learning gaps and cater for individual differences every day, lengthy absences during term make this more challenging.

The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for students to take holidays during the school term which means that time off for in term holidays must be recorded as an “unauthorised absence”. There are situations where a trip during school term can be deemed as reasonable, such as participation in a sports competition or family funeral. Please continue to advise staff of any upcoming absences during term and where appropriate please seek approval from the principal if it may be appropriate for the absence to be classified as a “reasonable absence” in school attendance data systems.

### Behaviour Management Policy

In 2024 the Banksia Park School Board reviewed and endorsed an updated whole school Behaviour Management Policy (BMP) and Good Standing strategy which supports this policy. Our Behaviour Management philosophy is grounded in restorative practices, which prioritise accountability, empathy, and the opportunity for growth and healing. Staff have shared this updated policy approach once again with students at the start of the year and with parents in our parent information sessions. I would encourage everyone to review the full policy through the school website.

### Harmony Day – Dress up and Gold Coin Donation

Banksia Park Primary School will celebrate Harmony DAY this year with a dress up day and special assembly on **Wednesday 26 March**. All students are encouraged to celebrate Australia’s multiculturalism by dressing up in a traditional costume from their country of origin or by wearing **ORANGE** to recognise our diversity and celebrate our many and varied cultural backgrounds. All students who come to school on the 26 March in a cultural costume, or dressed in orange, will be invited to join a Harmony Day parade and go into the draw for a Harmony Day prize which will be drawn at our special parade assembly. There will be a small prize drawn for each year level. The assembly will be held in the Arts Centre at 9am. All are invited to join us for this assembly and even dress up or wear orange too and celebrate diversity and multiculturalism with us. All monies raised will go to our Health & Wellbeing projects.

### Lost Property

Our schools lost property is located in our Performing Arts Centre outside of the uniform shop. Please feel free to come and have a look through the large black bin if your child has misplaced something, and remember to make sure everything is labelled with your child’s name.



### Sharing Excellence Together

A huge congratulations to Presley L from Area 13 for being selected in the Calisthenics Association of Western Australia's (CAWA) State Team, competing in the Australian Calisthenic Federation's AusCali Carnivale being held in Adelaide in July 2025. This is a wonderful achievement as being a State Team representative is something many strive for but only a few are chosen. Presley is one of 21 girls in the Sub-Junior Tier 1 team aged 8-10 years, as part of a total team of 102 girls and personnel representing Western Australia.

On behalf of everyone at Banksia Park, we wish Presley the best of luck.

### HATS – Transitioning to the School Hat

Students have been doing a great job supporting our transition to the school hat. The Year 6 students will receive their hats this week to set the standard and lead by example. Area 6 and Area 10 have already achieved 100% hats and received a small reward with an icy pole to finish off the day. This was particularly welcomed in the hot weather we have had for the start of the year. This reward is still available to any class that also achieves 100% bucket hats by the end of Term 1.



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## Crunch & Sip

### Foods allowed for Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a break that encourages kids to reach for vegies, fruits and water to refuel in the classroom. Support these healthy behaviours by only providing foods from the "Allowed" list below.

✓ ALLOWED	✗ NOT ALLOWED
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✓ Cooked vegies	✗ Processed fruit products (straps, roll-ups, bars)
✓ Raw or fresh fruit	✗ Vegie or potato crisps or chips
✓ Tinned fruit in water or juice only	✗ Baked goods (pies, cakes, fritters, quiches)
✓ Dried Fruit - in limited amounts	✗ Grain snacks (popcorn, crackers)
✓ Water	✗ Any drinks other than plain water



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### Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 4 March 2025.

Thea. E	A3	Leo. G	A3	Georgia. K	A3	Fletcher. D	A2
Sienna. L	A2	Cullen. C	A4	Hailey. S	A4	Matilda. E	A6
Grace. K	A6	Ze'. D	A6	Travis. A	A7	Mia B	A7
Bethany. W	A11	Abel. B	A10	Hadley. O	A10	Jun Bing. F	A10
Area 10	Music	Connor. W	A12	Jasleen. C	A12	Charlie. R	A12
Dylan. E	A11	Samuel. M	A11	Millie. J	A13	Elijah M	A13
Taj. B	A13	Blaze. S	A13	Lucas. T	A14	Ethan. L	A14
Billie. D	A14	Anvika. H	A14				

### Science Corner



The students from Year 1 – Year 6 are all learning about Physics this term. Physics is all about forces and the effects that they have on things. It includes pushes and pulls, sinking and floating, sound, light, heat, magnetism, friction, electricity, gravity and motion. The different classes are learning different aspects from this list. We have discovered that we use Physics all the time, especially when we are doing sport or music. Ask your child why these subjects are actually Physics!!! Talk with your child and look at how often we use Physics in our daily lives.

You may have heard about our resident skeleton, Mr Funny Bones. He is very cheeky and changes each week. We never know what he is going to be doing each week when we come into the science room. Make sure you ask your child what he was up to this week and why!

Have fun exploring  
Mrs Waghorn

### Ms Cullen's Music Matters



If anyone has any instruments in their home that they don't need or use anymore and would like to donate them to the music room at BPPS it would be greatly appreciated. We have some xylophones being donated very soon.



Our school Choir is up and running. They rehearse Tuesday morning from 8.10-8.50am. Their first performance will be at the **Harmony Day Assembly** on Wednesday 26th March. The whole school will also be singing a song.



## News from the Japanese Room

Since 2013, the Perth Japan Festival has been an annual celebration of Japanese culture, fostering friendship between Japan and Perth. The festival features authentic Japanese food and retail stalls, cultural displays like Ikebana and tea ceremonies, and thrilling stage performances showcasing martial arts, traditional music, and pop culture.



## School Chaplin's Chat



### 7 Things to Say to Help Your Kids Be Better Siblings

**1. "Sometimes you need a break from each other, and that's ok."**

Taking space helps prevent conflicts from escalating and teaches kids that respecting personal boundaries strengthens relationships. It normalizes the need for independence while maintaining connection.

**2. "Friends will come and go, but siblings are for life."**

Highlighting the permanence of sibling bonds encourages kids to invest in these relationships and value their siblings as lifelong allies.

**3. "Be the sibling you'd want to have."**

This promotes empathy and reflection, helping kids think about their actions and how they affect others, fostering mutual kindness.

**4. "You don't have to agree, but you do have to respect each other."**

Teaching respect amid disagreements builds emotional intelligence and ensures that conflicts are handled constructively, preserving the relationship.

**5. "Fair doesn't mean equal. Everyone gets what they need."**

This helps kids understand that fairness isn't about sameness but about meeting individual needs, reducing resentment and promoting compassion.

**6. "Family is your safe place—make it feel that way."**

Framing family as a haven encourages kids to create a supportive, nonjudgmental environment, where everyone feels loved and accepted.

**7. "Celebrate each other's wins."**

Teaching kids to cheer for their siblings' successes helps reduce jealousy and fosters a spirit of teamwork and shared joy.

By teaching these simple yet powerful lessons, you can help your kids build stronger, more compassionate relationships with their siblings. Over time, these values create a family culture where love, respect, and support thrive—laying the foundation for lifelong connections.





P&C News

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Find us on Facebook: Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen/ BPPS Band Parents

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25/03/25, 7:00pm, Staff Room

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM met on Tuesday 25th February 2025 and the following roles were filled for this year:

President	Deleeni Bye
Vice President	Alexis Catelli
Secretary	Melissa Hudson
Treasurer	Elizabeth Pearce
Uniform Shop Convener	Kelly Nightingall
Canteen Convener	Liana Tempest
Fundraising Conveners	Rebecca Goff and Chloe Killgour
Newsletter Co-ordinator	Theresa Wee
Sport Parent Liaison	Rebecca Fanha

**A huge thank you to everyone for stepping up to these roles! We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!**

*\*\*Remember anyone from the parent community is most welcome at meetings. Come along to find out what goes on and have your say.*

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### **\*\*News Update\*\***

Size 4, 6 and 8 gold polos are back in stock. Online orders will be filled late this week.

**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. **\*\*Canteen Volunteers are always needed\*\***

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

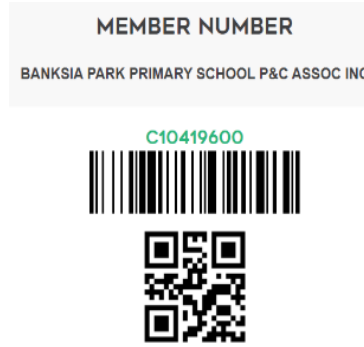
**Volunteers:** Thank you in advance to spend some free time to help our lovely canteen manager Mai.

The online **Food Safe Handling** course is compulsory for canteen volunteers and can be accessed via <https://foodsafonline.com.au/> for **FREE** - Please contact Liana or Mai for the new code.

### 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!



## FUNDRAISERS

### Term 1 Fundraising Calendar

Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2025	
<b>GOAL:</b> Upgrade to Kindy & Early Learning playground space <b>GOAL:</b> TBC after election results as amazing donations coming our way for the playground space	
TERM 1	
<b>Saturday March 8th</b> <b>Election BBQ and cake stall</b> Bacon and egg rolls, sausage sizzle, drinks and baked goods available from 8am until sold out. Coffee van also available from 8am.	<b>Wednesday April 9th</b> <b>Easter raffle drawn</b> Tickets will go on sale towards the end of term. Stay tuned for donation call out!!

### Fundraiser Update: Shrek Movie Night

🍷🌟 A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to our event! 🌟🍷 We raised a total of **\$653.71!**

❤️ Shout out to our amazing friends who helped us put together the grazing boards – absolute legends! 🏠

👏 To our fabulous fundraising team and their awesome hubbies – you guys totally nailed it and

kept the night running like a dream team! 💪👩

🔥 A massive thank to **Jocelyn Bennett** from Mortgage Choice for the lolly bags and the **Hon. Klara Andric** for the generous BBQ donation – you're both are the BEST! 🍌❤️

🌟 And of course, a big thank you to **Nicole Robbins** for jumping in and helping with the sausage sizzle – you're a lifesaver! 🙏❤️

☁️ The night was cool, but hey, we lucked out with the rain in the end! 🌈

🌟 What an EPIC start to the year – here's to many more fun times ahead! 🍷🧡🌟

## Election BBQ and Cake Stall



This will take place on Saturday the 8th of March.

As always, we are 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 be collecting donations on Friday from 2:30pm and Saturday from 7am. Please include a piece of paper with the item name and ingredients with your donation. Alternatively, there are labels that you can fill in available at the front office you can collect.

We are also looking for volunteers to man our BBQs and cake stall so please, if you have a couple of hours spare put your name down, we really appreciate any help we can get.

<https://signup.com/go/aJNSZzC>

### 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.

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

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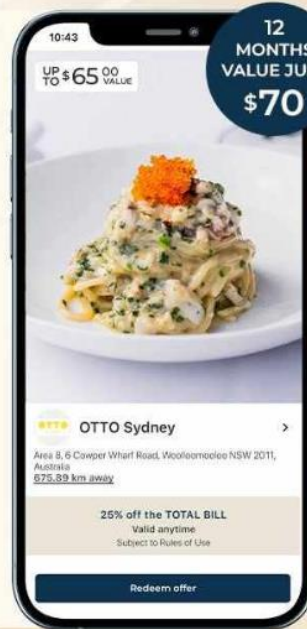
**Club Med Bali** valued at  
**\$3,800 total** for 2 adults,  
plus **\$1000 Virgin Airlines**  
flight credit\*



**\$200 Entice Dining**  
**Redemption Code** every  
month for 12 months\*



**\$1000 David Jones**  
shopping spree\*



\*When you purchase a Single City Entertainment Membership. All prizes have individual terms and conditions.

Looking forward to meeting you

# TWILIGHT TOUR

Tuesday  
March 18  
5.30 PM

Meet our Student and Staff Leadership





## 2026 SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

**Science and Technology**  
(Approved Specialist Program)

**Japanese**  
(Approved Specialist Program)

**Academic Extension - AEP**  
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Year 6 Application for  
2026 Placement  
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## Career Conversations

Get ready, Leeming! Career Conversations are back – Pathways and opportunities for 2025

We're excited to announce that the Department of Education is returning to Bentley on Wednesday 2 April, to bring you Career Conversations - Pathways and opportunities 2025.

This is your chance to join us for an inspiring, free event where you and your young people can dive into a conversation about post-school options and hear directly from our industry experts. Whether you're curious about career pathways, university options, or training opportunities, this event has something for everyone!

Don't miss out – reserve your place today by booking through the link below:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/en/careerconversationsevents>

**Career Conversations**  
Pathways and opportunities 2025

**Preparing young people  
for the many pathways and  
opportunities available.**

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**Information session for parents and students  
Bentley**  
Bentley Technology Park – Seminar Room 1  
The Hub, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley  
Wednesday 2 April 2025 · 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



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## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Environment and Life Sciences Program at Lynwood Senior High School is an academic enrichment program that provides students with access to an accelerated curriculum in key learning areas.

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Friday 2 May 2025



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## JOIN OUR **SOCCER ACADEMY**

### **ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

The Lynwood Senior High School Soccer Program is an approved sports specialist program through the Department of Education.

Students in the Soccer Program participate in school and regional competitions. There are opportunities provided to students within the program to achieve coaching and referee licenses as well as attend International Tours.

Three Scholarships are awarded each year to one male student, one female student and one Aboriginal student who display leadership qualities.



**REGISTER NOW**



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