

# BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No.4

Term 1 Week 7

19 March 2025

 <b>Planner – Term 1</b>					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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8	March 24 NAPLAN  Uniform Shop 2:30-3:00pm	25 Early Years Outdoor Area Consultation 6.30pm  P&C Meeting 7pm  AFL Clinics	26 Harmony Day Dress Up Day & Parade 9am	27	28
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## Principal's Message Banksia Park BAND

There is some very exciting news about BAND for Banksia Park students in Years 5 & 6. We have been working closely with staff at Leeming High School and we have collaborated on the introduction of a new **primary school combined schools junior band program**, which will be introduced for Term 2. Information for this exciting new opportunity is attached to this newsletter. The wonderful part of this initiative is that the new band opportunity will be open to **any** student in Year 5 and 6 who is currently learning an instrument, whether that is at school or through private tuition. It will also not be restricted to any particular instrument.

I am very hopeful that we are able to get this combined school's band initiative up and running effectively and continue to support as many children as possible to make music both individually, as a small group in partnership with IMSS and as a band in partnership with Leeming Senior High School. I will be consulting with the P&C in coming weeks to look at options for supporting BPPS students to participate, possible performance events and how we can support as many BPPS students to take up this wonderful opportunity. Because this partnership is with Leeming High School it will also have benefits for supporting our students to transition into high school as well as providing additional scholarship pathways for entry through music. A printed copy of this information has been sent home with our Year 5 and 6 students.

## Robotics – Junior

Enrolment notes have been sent out for Junior Robotics (Years 3 & 4 students). We have had an overwhelming response which is wonderful and a testament to the level of interest in this extra-curricular activity. We do not want any of our students to miss out and are working on solutions. Our difficulty is not the staff or the space to accommodate the large numbers of students wanting to participate, but rather the number of robots and kits available to students. We are going to see what we can do to borrow the resources we need including robot kits or find additional funds to support this program. As such, please send in your completed enrolment notes to the office if you would like to participate this semester. Please be patient as we work to organise a solution, and I will update the community soon.

## Early Years Learning Area – Community Consultation

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 giving us \$30 000 to start with. We also have a commitment of \$50 000 from Stephen Pratt, the new member for Jandakot so it's time to begin planning for improvements. We would like to kick off community consultation to this project immediately before our next P&C meeting at **6.30pm this coming Tuesday 25 March**, (P&C Meeting starts at 7pm). All interested parents are welcome. Come and share your vision for this space.

### 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 school aged 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, particularly when school staff are still on site.

We have also noticed a number of children climbing the fence to access or leave the early years play area or to open the gate latch. 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.

### NAPLAN

Banksia Park PS year three and year five students have completed all NAPLAN testing for 2025. Congratulations to all the students that worked hard on being their best on the day. Results from the testing will be released towards the end of term two. Parents will be notified when the reports will be sent home.

### Edu-Dance

Edu-Dance returns to Banksia Park as a very popular addition to our whole school Physical Health & Education curriculum. Students would have come home with the notes and payment form. Week 1, Term 2 students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will begin learning their routines in preparation for our Edu-Dance Concert which will be held in Week 9 on **Thursday 26 June** in our Performing Arts Centre at **2.20pm**. Put this date in your calendar now for what is always a wonderful whole school event.

### Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate that in Australia, *everyone belongs*. The spirit of Harmony Week brings important messages of inclusion, respect and belonging that all students should practice every day at school. Our whole school **Harmony Day** dress up day and parade celebration on Wednesday **26 March at 9am** in the Arts Centre. 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. A gold coin donation is being collected with all monies raised going to our Health & Wellbeing projects.

Our choir will be performing at this assembly. Choir students do **NOT** need their choir shirts for this performance and are encouraged to dress in orange or in dress representing their cultural heritage.

### Incursion – Year 6 Health & Wellbeing

Year 6 students had a guest speaker today from Telethon - Rise Up program delivering a workshop exploring key areas of emotional resilience and wellbeing. With topics including physical health, emotional regulation, self-awareness and connection, our Year 6 cohort had much to think about their health and wellbeing.



## Voluntary Contributions

A friendly reminder that voluntary contributions are now due. Funds raised through contributions allow us to enhance the learning environment at Banksia Park Primary School through purchasing resources and running programs to benefit all students. Whilst contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when all families contribute.

**The contribution amount approved by the School Board is \$60.00 per student.**

Payment 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.



Serena Gosnay  
Principal

Phone: 9266 6400

Email: [banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

## 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
✓ Raw or fresh vegies	✗ Dips, jams, or jellies
✓ 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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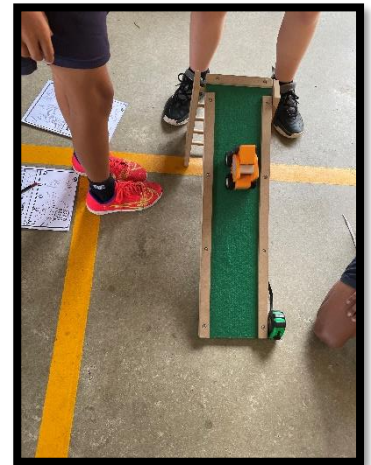
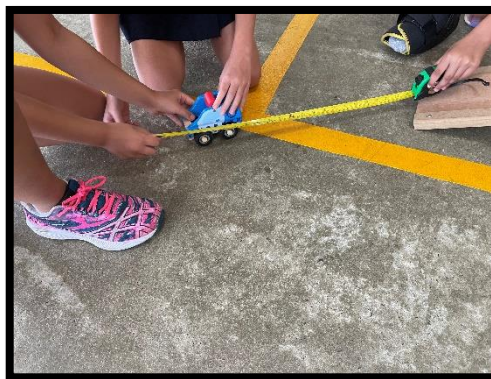
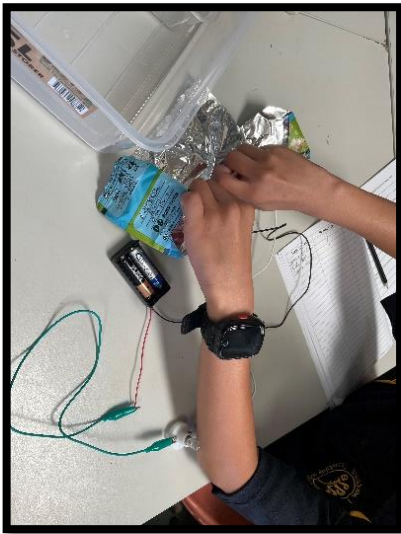
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## Science Corner

We have been doing lots of hands-on science this term. We have looked at the different forces' toys need to make them move. Some classes got to make paper helicopters and dropped them from the stage. We discovered that a bigger wing makes the helicopter stay in the air longer. Our Year 4 students have learnt about the effects of friction on a car travelling down a ramp. We talked about how this affects Formula 1 race cars and off-roading 4WDs. The Year 5s are learning more about light. We will be making some things in the next few weeks that use light in different ways. The Year 6s have been exploring simple circuits and finding out which materials are electrical conductors, and which are insulators. Ask your child what they have discovered this term in science.



Larissa Waghorn



## Ms Cullen's Music Matters



**CHOIR NEWS**-Choir shirts will be distributed shortly and are to be kept at home for the remainder of the year.

Their first performance will be at the **Harmony Day Assembly** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The whole school will also be singing a song.

Their second performance will be at the ANZAC Day Ceremony on Wednesday 30 April commencing at 9.00am. The whole school will also be singing a song.

Please note students are welcome to dress up for Harmony Day celebrations. Choir members are required to wear their choir shirt for the ANZAC performance only.

Ms Cullen  
Music Specialist

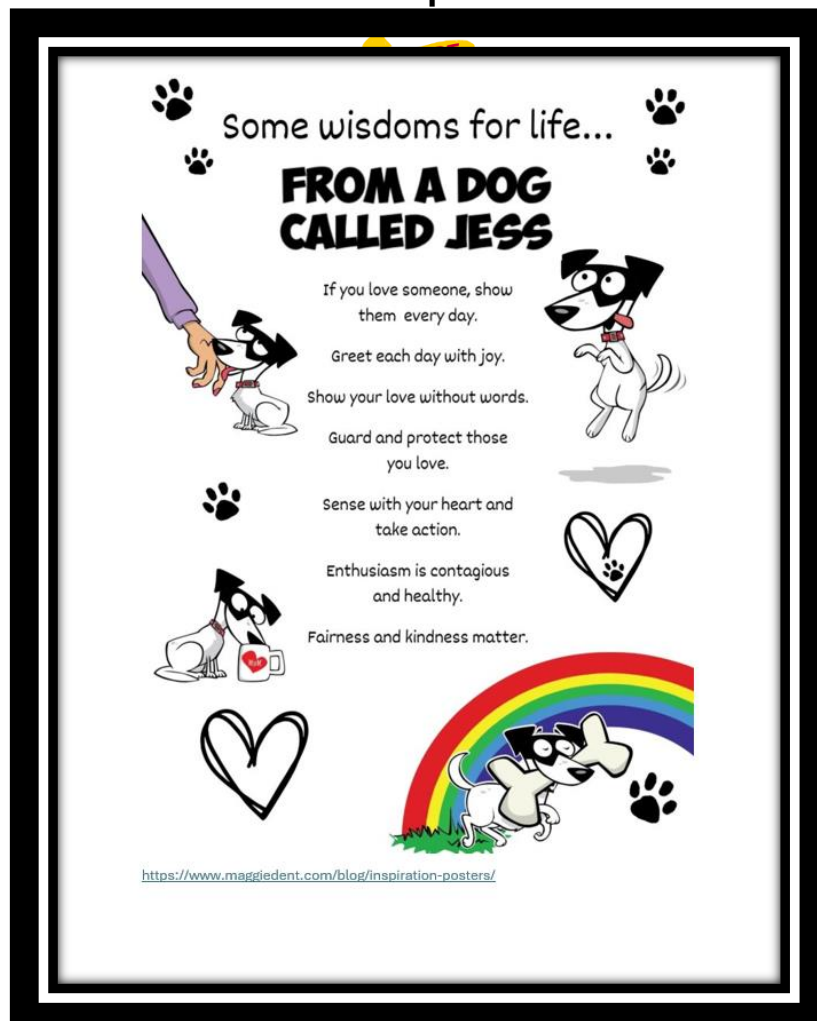
## News from the Art Room



All students from Year 1 to 6 have completed a unit of work on “Abstract Art”; exploring the idea that abstract art doesn’t aim for realistic representation. It prioritises the use of lines, shapes, colours and textures to evoke emotions and ideas, often without recognisable objects. These stunning pieces are inspired by young African artist Ace Liam. Our Year 1’s created works in the style of Ace Liam using acrylic paint, collaged tissue paper and oil pastels. Older students deconstructed the work of contemporary WA artist Waldemar Kolbutz. Students then took his methodology and applied it to their own individual creations. All of the above work samples can be seen in a sensational display in our school art room.

Ms Jackson

## School Chaplin’s Chat





## P&C News

[banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com](mailto:banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com)

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

## 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. **\*\*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://foodsafeline.com.au/> for **FREE** - Please contact Liana or Mai for the new code.

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

The canteen will be doing a special menu to celebrate Harmony Day. We will have:

- Hamburgers
- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Chicken Fried Rice
- Make your own Sundae – Vanilla ice cream with either Chocolate or Strawberry sauce with some exciting toppings

Pre Orders only – Orders will close 7pm Tuesday 25th March and will be available to purchase from Thursday 20th March.

We will be posting photos of our special menu on the BPPS Canteen Facebook page so keep an eye out to see what we have on offer! Any questions please reach out to us via Facebook or [banksiaparkcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:banksiaparkcanteen@gmail.com)

Please ensure that you have updated the Area number in Spriggy for your children.

## 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

C10419600



## 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

#### Wednesday April 9th - Easter raffle drawn

Tickets on sale now via Spriggy app and don't forget to drop your donations at the office by April 2nd.

#### Fundraiser Update: Election BBQ and Cake Stall

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> March for our Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall!

❤️🔥 Thank you to those who donated baked goods—your treats were a massive hit, selling out in record time! 🍞🍰🍪

📖🌟 A special shoutout to Ms. Edmondson for coming to our rescue when we locked ourselves out—you're a lifesaver!

👏 To our amazing cake stall team and the incredible group of Year 4 students who showed off their selling and math skills—you were stars! 🌟💰

🍳🔍 Those bacon & egg rolls and sausages were the perfect fuel for the day—huge thanks to our hardworking BBQ crews for keeping everyone well-fed! 🍔🔥

💰👏 It was a busy day with non-stop sales, and we're thrilled to announce we raised **\$2,231** for the school! 🍌🍌



## Easter Raffle – Prize Donations and Raffle Tickets

🐰🥕🥚 As we do every year, we will have our Easter raffle which will be drawn on April 9th at the assembly. Tickets are on sale via the Spriggy app now for \$2 per ticket.

We are hoping to do things a little differently this year and ask not only for chocolate goodies but also 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.

Drop your donations at the office by end of day Wed the 2nd of April.

## Entertainment Book Fundraiser

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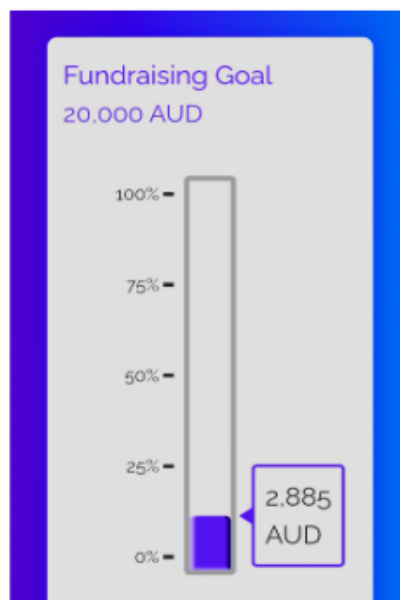
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## Fundraising Tracker

Two events down for the year and we are slowly getting towards our goal of \$20,000. Thank You everyone for your ongoing support!





**Come Try  
Day  
5th of April  
9am - 10am**



**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**



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YOUR LOCAL  
HOCKEY CLUB

We are looking for local families to join us this season.

**Why Hockey?**

Hockey is an Olympic sport that is very popular in WA.

It offers lots of action, but also relies on team work.

**Equality**

Hockey is played equally by both genders, which makes it a popular family sport.

At MCHC we have 50/50 membership with our male and female teams.

Clubrooms | Bar | Kitchen | Cafe | Grass Fields | Floodlit Turf





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**What is Hookin2Hockey?**

Hookin2Hockey is a modified version of hockey for mixed teams of kids from PP to Year 2. It is played on a smaller field with up to 10 per side at Morris Buzzacott Reserve on Saturday mornings.

**What is Junior 3/4s?**

Year 3 and 4's transition to larger fields with 11 per side, these games are more like hockey, and are preparing the player for hockey games in Year 5.



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