

December Newsletter



BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 20

Term 4 Week 9

10 December 2025

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 9 | December 8 | December 9 "Thank YOU" Community Breakfast 8:00am | December 10 Newsletter | December 11 | December 12 Free Dress Day |
| 10 | December 15 | December 16 Class Awards Assembly – P.A.C 9:00am | December 17 | December 18 Graduation Assembly 9:00am Last Day of Term | |

Principal's Message

FREE Dress Day

We are once again hosting a 'Free Dress Day' fundraiser this **Friday 12** December. Please send in a gold coin and support our final fundraiser for the year. Please come dressed in SunSmart, school-appropriate clothing and shoes of your choice on this day. We look forward to seeing you all in your outfits.

Year 6 Graduation Events

It is a very busy time for our Year 6 cohort in the lead up to the end of the year and their time at Banksia Park PS. Week 10 begins the celebrations including the Graduation Dinner Monday 15 December. Following this will be their Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 18 December commencing at 9:00am. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate this special occasion.

IMSS Music Showcase

A huge congratulations to all our student performers on a fantastic IMSS Music Showcase. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, effort, and talent displayed and it was wonderful to see your hard work shine through in every performance. This year marked an exciting new partnership, with Leeming High School with students from Banksia Park Primary School coming together with Leeming PS in the Combined schools band – now known as the Treble Clefs. We hope this is the first of many performances to come. Thank you to everyone involved, including our wonderful Choir, the BUGS Ukulele Group, and our individual and small group performers. Your enthusiasm and commitment made the event such a success.

"Thank YOU" Community Breakfast

Thank you to those families who attended our special "Thank YOU" community breakfast. Whether it was assisting in classrooms, organizing events, joining excursions, covering new books, lending a helping hand in various school sporting activities or just buying a raffle ticket to support a fundraiser, your contributions are appreciated and valued. Your involvement not only builds a sense of belonging to our school community but also impacts significantly on the experiences and

opportunities we can provide to our students. On behalf of the staff of Banksia Park – thank you for your assistance and support throughout 2025.



Social media minimum age restriction begins today

From today, **10 December 2025**, [age-restricted social media platforms](#) will be required to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 years old from creating or keeping an account. This change is designed to give under-16s more time to develop and strengthen their digital resilience. For more information, please access the eSafety Commissioner website.

[Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#)

End of Year Book Awards Assembly

Our end of year Class Awards assembly is **Tuesday 16 December at 9am**. There will be 2 students from each form receiving an award. They will also receive a book prize and personal citation presented by their classroom teacher/s along with a certificate. One student will receive the **Friendship Award** and one will receive the **Knowledge Award**. This assembly will also be an opportunity to farewell staff that are retiring and staff leaving.

We will be farewelling:

- Mrs Larissa Waghorn (Science)
- Mr Wayne Webber (Gardener)
- Mrs Elynne Hah (Specials Needs EA – retiring)

Baked Beans Bonanza

Recently Area 10 participated in a charity project that we called our 'Baked Beans Bonanza'. Each student was asked to bring in a large can of baked beans to donate to Foodbank. Foodbank is an organisation supporting many charities that help people in need by providing groceries that they may not be able to afford. We are proud to say that Area 10 have collected 27 cans of beans, which will now be distributed by Foodbank.



Compass Update

The 2026 school year will see the phasing out of Banksia Park Primary's use of Connect and **Compass** will become the primary channel of communication between the school and our families.

In anticipation of this transition, any parent/ caregiver who is registered with the school but who is yet to have activated a Compass account will be periodically sent log-in credentials from an automated email address. Over time, more features will be available in the Banksia Park Primary Compass app as the school progresses through the Department of Education's milestones for our implementation including event and payment processes, so please download the Compass APP ready for the new year. At any stage that you may require your log-in credentials reset or resent, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration team:

BanksiaPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au or (08) 9266 6400 and we would be most willing to assist you.

Colour Run – Prize Distribution

Our sincere thanks are extended to our team of parent volunteers who assisted with sorting and distributing our Colour Run prizes to classrooms last Friday for our 290+ students. Your support made the process an efficient and effective one – and we are grateful for this.

Board Vacancies 2026

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 will have a vacancy on the Board for a parent representative arising in 2026. We would like to invite all parents interested in nominating to complete the nomination form available on the website or through the school office. If we have more nominations than positions available, we will conduct school community elections for the vacant position in the new year.

Class Lists 2026

These will be displayed on the library window by midday **Thursday 29 January 2026**. If you are aware of families living inside our school boundaries that are planning to enrol at Banksia Park next year, please encourage them to contact the school now, as last-minute enrolments have the capacity to impact school organisational structures significantly.

We also still have 5 Kindy vacancies to fill and can always consider out of boundary placements for these vacancies, so if you know a family that has not enrolled their Kindy child for 2026, please let them know to contact the school.

Uniform Shop

Monday 02 February the uniform shop will be open to all families from 9am -10am. Please note the hours for the uniform shop for Term 1 2026. The opening times are:

2:30pm – 3:00pm every second Monday starting week 2.

Alternatively, families can order via QuickCliq or order form and orders will be distributed through classrooms. Thank you to our P&C Uniform Coordinator Kelly Nightingall for arranging to open the uniform shop before school starts and all her support throughout 2025.

Final Words - End of Year

With school holidays just around the corner, this will be the final Newsletter for 2025. Term 4 will conclude **Thursday December 18, 2025**. Term 1 2026 will commence on **Monday 02 February 2026**. Please remember to keep an eye on our school and, if you see any unusual behaviour, please phone School Security on 9264 4771.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to making 2025 another wonderful year at Banksia Park Primary School. It remains a privilege to lead BPPS, and I sincerely appreciate the support and efforts of our whole community, big and small, because each makes a difference.

In the final year of our current Business Plan, our review processes have confirmed another successful year, with whole-school data showing steady gains with a continued priority focus on reading and professional learning. We have also continued to improve technology across the school, strengthened our whole-school spelling approach, invested in decodable readers, introduced the Student Profiles data system, and further embedded Elastik and PAT to support evidence-based teaching through strong longitudinal data.

A special thank you to our School Board for their valued governance and guidance, and to our P&C, led by Mrs Deeleni Bye and the executive team, for their exceptional fundraising and volunteer support, including multiple events, uniform shop and canteen. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of staff throughout the year. Our students are at the core of all we do, and this continues to be true for every staff member at Banksia Park who have done their best to support the students whose learning we are entrusted with.

Congratulations also to the graduating cohort of Year 6 students. On behalf of all staff, I wish you well as you embark on this next stage of your educational journey. Remember the many lessons from Banksia Park and know... your attitude truly makes a difference. Be kind, smile often, laugh out loud, sing and dance whenever you can. Look for joy in the world every day. It is often there in the smallest of things, even when life is challenging. Good luck to you all.

My best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday over the extended summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back again for 2026, rested and ready to do it all again... Have a joyous Christmas.



Serena Gosnay
Principal

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TERM DATES 2026

Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 2 February - Thursday 02 April (9 weeks)

Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July (11 weeks)

Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 Tuesday 12 October – Thursday 17 December (10 weeks)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2026

- Term 2 Tuesday 2 June (week 6)
Term 3 Monday 24 August (week 6)
Term 4 Monday 12 October (week 1)

SCHOOL SECURITY

If you see anything suspicious around the school during the holidays, please ring the Police 131 144 or Education Security on 1800 177 777.

2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2026 school year begins on Monday 2 February 2026.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The School Office will close at 11am on Friday 19 December 2025 and reopens on Thursday 29 January 2026 AT 8.30am.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Semester 2 Reports will be available on Connect Tuesday 16 December 2025.

Crunch & Sip



Strawberry Santa Hats

Prep: 15 mins

Cook: 0 mins

Makes: Approximately 15 Santa Hats

Ingredients:

- 250 g punnet of strawberries
- 1 banana
- 100 g ricotta or cottage cheese
- 30 currants

Method:

1. Wash the strawberries and trim off the stalk
2. Cut a 0.5 cm slice off the top (the big end) of the strawberry and set aside
3. Cut the banana into 0.5 cm slices
4. Layer up your Santa Hats! Start with the strawberry slice, then add a slice of banana. Pop on a spoonful of ricotta and top with the rest of the strawberry (big end down).
5. Pop the currants in for eyes

P&C News

Message from our P&C President:

2025 P&C Wrap-Up!

What an incredible year it has been! 2025 has been another amazing chapter for our P&C, filled with a huge variety of fundraising and community events. From two movie nights, a quiz night, two election BBQs, and so many more activities throughout the year, our school community has really come together once again.

This year we absolutely smashed our fundraising goal of \$20,000, raising a total of \$26,000, an effort we should all be extremely proud of. So far, this money has gone towards:

- \$7,000 for a new concrete slab and bike rack at the end of the Gracechurch Crescent path
- \$5,000 for the Community Garden project (lead by Lauren Bruce and Ella Whamond)
- \$2,400 for new robotics kits
- \$3,000 towards the Year 6 graduation camp
- \$3,300 for a brand-new school-branded marquee

We are now eagerly awaiting final approvals to kick off construction over the holidays for the bike rack and Phase 1 of the Early Learning Area upgrade, including extending the undercover area and adding new concrete and patio space. Fingers crossed we get the green light before the break so families can see progress when they return!

A very special thank you goes to our fundraising committee and all the parents who helped throughout the year. But in particular, I want to acknowledge Chloe Kilgour and Rebecca Goff for the countless hours they've put into planning, organising, and preparing these events. Their commitment and the support of their families behind the scenes, it has been the backbone of our success this year.

We are incredibly lucky to have had them both. We're grateful that Rebecca will continue with us next year, and we send our warmest wishes to Chloe and her family as they head off on their exciting adventure around Australia. We will miss her dearly!

Our canteen has also gone from strength to strength this year. We trialled a new volunteer system which helped bring consistent support to our canteen manager, allowing us to continue providing healthy, homemade meals for our children. Thank you to every parent who put their hand up for a shift!

A huge shout out to Liana Tempest, our canteen convenor, for leading operations so smoothly, and to Rebecca Chan, who is truly the heart and soul of our canteen. Rebecca is always rallying the community, organising specials, and stepping in wherever needed. Her dedication has been

invaluable. Also a huge thank you to those regular volunteers who have showed up week after week to help keep the canteen running.

Thank you also to Kelly in the uniform shop, who shows up every fortnight (and often more!) to fulfil orders and make sure our kids have everything they need on time. We're so grateful for all your effort and reliability.

To our broader Executive Committee, thank you once again for your incredible work behind the scenes. The hours you put in ensure the smooth running of our P&C, and we could not function without your support and commitment.

If you're thinking about getting involved, we'd love to have you! We'll be advertising P&C roles on our Facebook page this week, please keep an eye out. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 24th February 2026 at 7pm in the staff room, and everyone is welcome.

Finally, thank you to our wider school community for showing up, supporting our events, and helping create such a positive environment for our kids. And a big thank you to the school and to Serena for your ongoing partnership and support.

Here's to another amazing year and to everything we'll achieve together in 2026!

Yours sincerely,

Dee Bye

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).

NEWS UPDATE

Last online orders for the year need to be received by 2pm Monday, December 15th.

The uniform shop will be opened from 9 -10am on the first day back of school – Monday, February 2nd.

CANTEEN

Opening Times: every Wednesday and Friday.

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 committee.

The one-off online Food Safe Handling course is compulsory for canteen volunteers and can be accessed via <https://foodsafeline.com.au/> for FREE with the code fsfdcr25 - Please contact Liana for more details.

NEWS UPDATE

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for all your volunteer support this year. Your time and commitment have kept our canteen running smoothly for our kids, and we're so grateful. The canteen will continue to operate as normal as we wrap up the year.

We'll be back in Week 2 of Term 1 next year — and we can't wait to see you then!

FUNDRAISERS

Term 4 Fundraising Calendar

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| Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2025 |
| <i>GOAL: Upgrade to Kindy & Early Learning playground space</i> |
| <i>GOAL: School community garden</i> |
| <i>GOAL: Concrete pad for bike racks near the snake path</i> |
| Upcoming events |
| To be continued in 2026 =) |

Fundraising 2025

🎄 Every Entertainment Membership purchased will come with a BONUS Visa Gift Card — a guilt-free reason for you to jump onboard, and support Banksia Park P&C.

🎄 Here's what you can choose from: Multi City Membership: Explore offers across Australia, New Zealand & Bali plus receive a \$50 Bonus Visa Gift Card.

🎄 Single City Membership: Stick to local favorites and score stacks of savings — with a \$30 Bonus Visa Gift Card as a cherry on top.

And that's a wrap!

What a year it's been. We've packed 2025 with fundraisers and events, and we couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved together.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible fundraising committee for your hard work, positivity and dedication. It's been fun, chaotic, stressful and everything in between—but we truly couldn't have done it without you. A special shout-out also to our wonderful friends who have stepped in to help (or provide emotional support!) whenever needed, and to all the husbands who have been roped in along the way with good humour and patience.

While we do sometimes face negativity, we sincerely hope the majority of you have enjoyed the events we've brought to life this year.

Thanks to the BPPS community's support we've surpassed our fundraising goal, allowing several school projects to get underway and enabling us to contribute to important causes and teacher needs. Final fundraising totals will be shared once available.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Bec Goff & Chloe Killgour

Christmas Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for movie night on Friday! It was a chilly one, but thankfully the rain held off. A big shout-out to our fundraising committee (and their husbands!) for all their help, and to Jasmin Woodyatt for saving the day with extra fairy floss supplies. Despite a few hiccups, it all came together.

We hope you had a great night!



Christmas Cookie Sales

Christmas cookies will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday this week so keep your eyes out!

Thank you to everyone who placed their orders.



PENRHOS COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2027

Open now!

Penrhos College is delighted to offer a range of scholarships for students entering their secondary education in 2027.

Our scholarships recognise girls who demonstrate academic excellence and/or co-curricular talent from the arts to sport, music and more.

If your daughter is ready to thrive in a supportive, future-focused learning environment, we encourage your family to apply.

Applications close Wednesday, 4 February 2026 at 9pm (AWST)

For more information or to apply, visit our website:

penrhos.wa.edu.au/scholarships

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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January 12-15 & 19-22
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