

# BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 2

Term 1 Week 3

18 February 2026



## Planner - Term 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Feb 16	Feb 17 Board Meeting 3.30pm	Feb 18 Parent information Night PP – Y3 4:30 – 5.00pm Y4 – Y6 5.10 – 5.40pm Newsletter	Feb 19	Feb 20  P&C Outdoor Movie Night – Inside Out
4	Feb 23	Feb 24 School Tour 2pm  P&C Meeting 7pm	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27
5	PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY	March 3	March 4 Assembly Area 13 Year 6  Newsletter	March 5	March 6

### Principal's Message

#### Year 6 Camp

Last week our Year 6 students set off for school camp at Point Walter Outdoor Education Centre, where they spent three wonderful days and two nights building confidence, teamwork and independence. Throughout the camp, students participated in a wide range of engaging activities that challenged them to step outside their comfort zones and support one another. All reports confirm that our students had an incredible time, behaved beautifully and demonstrated outstanding resilience. It was fantastic to see new friendships forming and existing ones growing even stronger.

The teachers and camp staff were extremely proud of the students and the positive way they represented our school. The memories and experiences from camp will stay with them as they continue their final year of primary school.

I had the pleasure of joining camp overnight on Thursday evening and was incredibly proud of both our students and staff as Principal. It was clear how much effort had gone into planning and organising such a valuable event. School camps take a significant amount of preparation and commitment from staff, and I commend Mrs Watson, Mr Edmonds, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Trescuri for their dedication in making this wonderful experience possible for our Year 6 students.





### Parent Information Evenings

A reminder to all parents that we will be holding our Parent Information evening tonight. Please see times below.

- **PP to Year 3 : 4:30 – 5.00pm**
- **Years 4 to 6 : 5.10 – 5.40pm**

### NAPLAN 2026

All Year 3 and 5 students are scheduled to sit the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in the testing window commencing **Wednesday, 11 March** and concluding on **Monday, 23 March**. Tests will be scheduled early within this window due to our swimming carnival.

The 'NAPLAN 2026: Information for parents and carers' brochure has been sent home and is also available via Compass. If you know that your child will be absent for any date/s within this period, please advise the school's administration team or your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Students are being supported in learning the skills to navigate the platform and style of questioning through practise tests in their classes. From booklist items, if your child does not have a pair of headphones at school, we would greatly appreciate these being provided.

### COMPASS Update

Compass is the school's primary channel of communication with families. If you are currently **not** receiving email notifications for new posts made for the class or whole school newsfeeds in Compass, this likely due to the communication preferences that you provided at your child's enrolment. If you would like to receive newsfeeds to more than one family contact, please let the office know and we will update your preferences so that you receive email notifications as well as the 'push' notifications from the app.

If you are having any other issues in Compass, contact the school office and we will assist.

### Swimming Carnival – Save the Date

Our Faction Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 students is coming soon on **Wednesday March 18** at the LeisureFit Booragoon, Marmion Street Booragoon. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### Student Sign in & out

Just a friendly reminder that all students leaving early and arriving after the bell has gone **must** be signed in or out through the school office **by a parent or carer**. Please sign them out at the office using Passtab **BEFORE** collecting students from their classrooms. When returning to school, they also need to be signed **in** before going back to class. This process ensures the whereabouts of the student during the school day and with Compass now active, will eliminate the absentee texts you would normally receive.

### School Board 2026

Banksia Park Primary School Board is pleased to welcome Liana Tempest as our new Parent Board Representative for 2026. Congratulations to Mr Warren Staples, who has been returned as Board Chair for another year. We sincerely thank Mr Michael Everett and Mrs Jane DiSabato, who have completed their terms on the Board. We greatly appreciate their dedication and valuable contributions throughout their time

serving our school community. For more information about the School Board and the important role it plays at Banksia Park Primary School, please visit our school website.

### School Website

Banksia Park Primary Schools website is now updated and live for the 2026 school year. We encourage all families to visit the website for information on calendar and term dates, newsletters and other useful school news, announcements, policies and enrolment information.

### Labour Day Public Holiday

A reminder to all parents **Monday March 2** is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Enjoy the day off with your families.

### Lighthouse Maths Project

Banksia Park Primary School was proud to receive a significant grant delivered by SciTech and sponsored by Chevron Australia. Classroom teachers Mrs Watson and Mrs Panomarenko participated in this highly regarded program alongside 30 teachers from 16 primary schools. The impact of the project has been outstanding. Student performance results were exceptional, with data showing growth of up to two years within a single year of learning. As a result of this success, Banksia Park was featured in media coverage highlighting the program and the impressive outcomes achieved by our students. We are excited to continue building on these achievements by sharing this professional learning program more broadly across the school. The initiative strengthens teachers' skills and confidence in using problem-solving and reasoning strategies to teach mathematics effectively in every classroom, ensuring sustained improvement in student outcomes.



© Banksia Primary School students have been mastering maths. Credit: anthea auld photographer

### Banksia Park Primary School students complete two years of maths in one

\* If you would like to read the full article here is the link - [Banksia Park Primary School students complete two years of maths in one | PerthNow](#)



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## Crunch & Sip

### What to pack for Crunch&Sip®

**Water**  
A clean bottle filled with plain water.

**Grab and go**  
A whole carrot, celery stick or apple is perfect for older kids - no chopping required!

**Finger foods**  
Pack sugar snap peas, cherry tomatoes, corn kernels, grapes or strawberries in a container.

**Chopped**  
Fill a container with chopped vegetables or fruit such as cucumber or capsicum sticks, broccoli bits or chopped melon. Don't forget a fork for juicy vegetables and fruit!

**Canned**  
Fresh is the preferred choice but canned veggies or fruit canned in juice or water is OK sometimes. Don't forget to pack a spoon!

**Not allowed**  
All other foods and drinks are not permitted for Crunch&Sip® including:  

- other drinks (e.g. fruit or vegetable juices)
- fruit or vegetable products (e.g. fruit leather, popcorn, fruit or vegetable bread)
- fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- flavoured or marinated canned and bottled vegetables
- foods other than fruit or vegetables (e.g. cheese cubes, yoghurt, muesli bar, crackers)

**Cooked**  
Pack steamed, mashed or roasted veggies or fruit if your child prefers different tastes and textures.

**Dried fruit**  
Dried fruit like sultanas or apricots are allowed for Crunch&Sip® but should be limited.

**Tips!**

**Be prepared**  
Make sure the veggies and fruit you pack for Crunch&Sip® are low mess and quick and easy to eat. Pre-chopped veggies are ideal and can be prepared ahead of time. To maintain freshness store in an airtight container in the fridge, cover with a wet paper towel for added moisture.

**Bite sized pieces for little ones**  
Chop small whole fruit and vegetables like grapes and cherry tomatoes into halves or quarters for younger children to reduce the choking hazard.

**Hygiene**  
Wash vegetables and fruit. Make sure your child's water bottle is cleaned regularly and clearly marked with their name.

**Crunch the rainbow**  
Choosing different coloured vegetables and fruits keeps it interesting and is good for health! Go red with tomatoes or strawberries, green with snow peas or peas, orange with capsicum or a mandarin, purple with purple carrots or grapes, and white with cauliflower or bananas.

**Take the veg pledge**  
Research shows that while most kids eat enough fruit, only 6% consume enough vegetables. Sending vegetables for Crunch&Sip® is a great way to develop healthy habits and boost these numbers!

## News from the Art Room



All our wonderful Banksia Park artists are 100% back, engaged and creating in our school art room. Bright, bold summer artworks will be on display shortly. I welcome parents and families to pop into the art room when dropping off or picking up children. The art room is open Wednesdays and Thursdays this year.

Thank you to all parents/cares who have assisted students to prepare art resources for the year ahead. Most of our student body have come fully prepared and for those still acquiring final items, these are the requirements for Art in 2026:

Lead Pencil, Eraser, Sharpener, Glue Stick, Coloured Pencils, Wind-up Crayons, Black Marker Artline 70 and scissors.

Thank you for providing these items, ensuing students are prepared to engage with a variety of exciting art processes.

## News from the Japanese Room



Konnichiwa!

As part of students' studies in Japanese, they are learning to read the Hiragana script, one of the three writing systems used in Japanese. While there will be time as part of our classwork to practise, students are *encouraged* to do regular, short hiragana reading practice outside of class time.

Have you seen the new range of Japanese *konbini* (convenience store). I've tried out their curryrice *onigiri*, and their range of breads - they're great!

Heald Sensei

## Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,

Choir commenced on Tuesday 8.10-8.50am in the music room. It is going to be another beautiful choir.

Please return any choir shirts if your child is not returning to choir this year as we will be needing them for our newest members. Thank you in advance.

Janis Cullen-music specialist

## School Chaplin's Chat



It has been wonderful to meet with students during the first days of school in 2026 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](mailto: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. Participating in classroom activities and excursions, under the guidance of the class teacher.
3. Meeting with individual students (when requested) and providing support during times when they may be experiencing anxiety, anger/frustration, or issues with friends.
4. Meeting with small groups of students (when requested by staff) to provide another perspective on friendship issues.
5. Facilitating the Gelato Club for students (nominated by class teachers) over a series of 5 lunchtime meetings.
6. Providing support to students and their families during times of grief and loss- through individual meetings or the Rainbows Program (small group).
7. Providing resources about various aspects of social and emotional wellbeing to parents- either through the school newsletter or after an individual request.
8. If required, linking school community members with support agencies and organisations.
9. Providing an opportunity for students to develop empathy for others by participation in community service activities- such as the Happy Meal program.

**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.**

**P&C News**  
**banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com**

Find us on Facebook: [Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen](#)

Next AGM: Tuesday 24th February at 7pm (Staff Room) – Come along with \$1 coin!!

**UNIFORM SHOP** 🍴

**Uniform Orders:** via [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) 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, starting week 2.

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

**\*\*NEWS UPDATE\*\***

A HUGE thank you to Alan Harrington of South Local Electrical for his help with installing our brand-new oven in the canteen. Alan came out first thing in the morning to make sure we were up and running ready for a busy Friday service and we are so grateful!!

Please also remember to update your child area numbers in Spriggy!!

The canteen volunteer roster has been distributed to the class reps this week, if you can spare any time to help out in our canteen, please let your class reps know!

Your Canteen Committee

**FUNDRAISERS**

<b>Banksia Primary P&amp;C Fundraising 2026</b>	
<b>GOALS TBD at next P&amp;C Meeting</b>	
<b>Upcoming events</b>	
<b>Friday, February 20th</b> <b>Outdoor Movie Night – Inside Out</b> A nice welcome to the school year. Tickets on sale now until Friday, February 20th	<b>Wednesday, April 1st</b> <b>Easter Raffle</b> We will be collecting donations soon, so watch this space!

[Fundraising 2026](#)

[Outdoor Movie Night](#)

Outdoor Movie Night – Friday 20th February

Join us on the school oval for a fun family movie night! We'll be screening Inside Out 🌈

🎫 Tickets: \$20 per family

📱 Available via Spriggy until 10:30am this Friday

🍷 Sausage sizzle, drinks & popcorn available on the night

Bring a rug or chair and enjoy a great evening under the stars! ⭐ 🎁



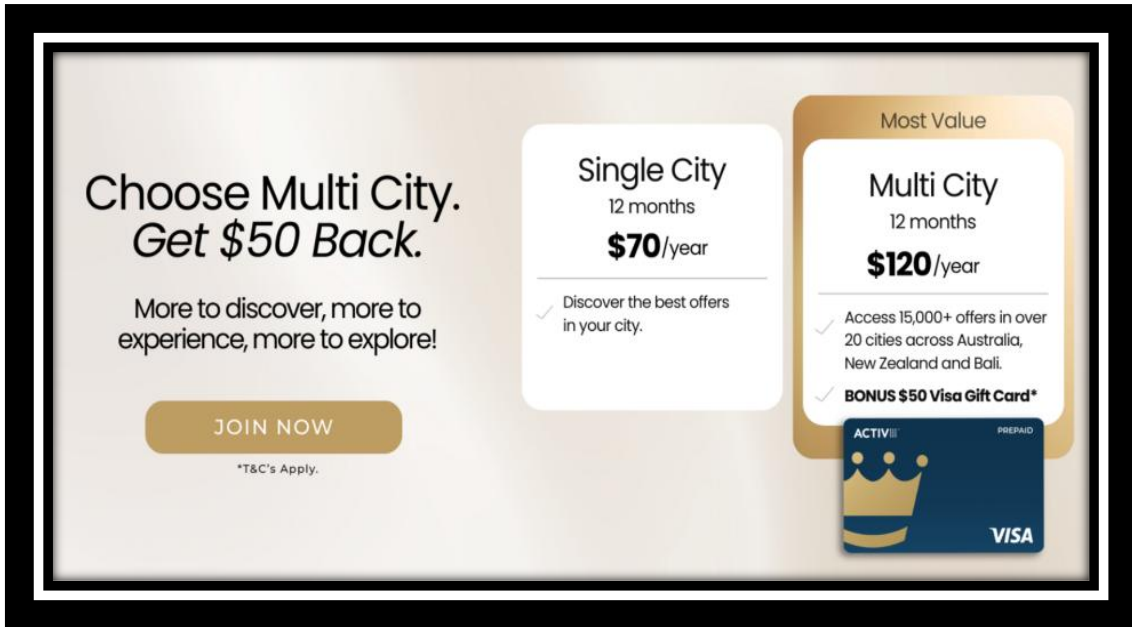
[Easter Raffle](#)

Stay tuned, more info coming soon.  
One thing we do know is the annual Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Assembly on April 1st.

[Fundraising with Entertainment Membership](#)

An **Entertainment Membership** gives you access to **thousands of valuable offers** on dining, travel, retail and experiences- all while supporting local businesses. Best of all, **20% of every Membership sold goes directly to our school**, helping to raise funds for extra school resources.

Current Promotion - Purchase a Multi City Membership and receive a \$50 VISA CARD....



The graphic is a promotional advertisement for Entertainment Membership. It features a light beige background with a black border. On the left, the text reads "Choose Multi City. Get \$50 Back." followed by "More to discover, more to experience, more to explore!" and a "JOIN NOW" button. Below the button, it says "\*T&C's Apply." In the center, there are two membership options: "Single City 12 months \$70/year" with a checkmark and the text "Discover the best offers in your city." and "Multi City 12 months \$120/year" with a checkmark and the text "Access 15,000+ offers in over 20 cities across Australia, New Zealand and Bali." Below the Multi City option, there is a checkmark and the text "BONUS \$50 Visa Gift Card\*" next to an image of a blue Visa gift card with a gold crown logo. The top right corner of the graphic has the text "Most Value".

Simply scan the QR code below or click on the link to purchase:

<https://www.entbook.com.au/860b40>



**Who Gives a Crap (WGAC) Toilet Paper Fundraiser** 🇺🇸

Order now for your usual products through BPPS and BPPS will receive a group-buy discount which comes back to the school fundraising efforts. The more we spend, the more we raise. Friends and family are welcome to join in. Please visit their website to work out what eco-friendly items are available:

<https://au.whogivesacrap.org/>

- 100% Recycled Toilet Paper 48 \$60
- 100% Recycled Toilet Paper 24 \$38
- Premium 100% Bamboo Toilet Paper 48 \$66
- Premium 100% Bamboo Toilet Paper 24 \$40
- Tissues 12 \$26
- Paper towels 6 \$20
- Dream cloths 3 \$12

**Place your order:**

Email: [bppstoiletpaper@gmail.com](mailto:bppstoiletpaper@gmail.com) confirming your Surname and your order items

**Payment details:**

BSB: 036019

Account: 385099

\*\*Please complete your order by Week 4 and you will get them by Week 5.

**NOTE: Do not order on the WGAC Website.**



# BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

## Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

The Better Health Program is a **FREE**, online and flexible program for you and your 6-12 year old child.

### The program includes



**Health coach support** – Families will be paired with a qualified health coach who will take the time to learn about their health goals and provide personalised support over 10 calls that last up to 30-minutes each. These calls offer flexible timing so busy families can still get support.



**Online learning modules** – Families also get access to a library of bite-sized learning resources and fun online activities to enjoy with their child, and will receive a voucher for completing the program.


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RESOURCES!

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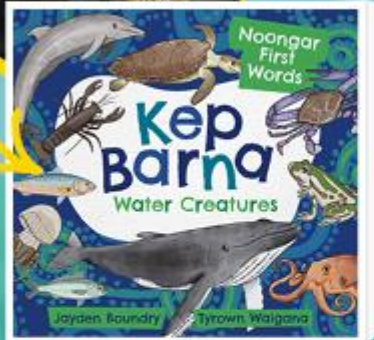
Book launch



Dancing



Face Painting



Date:	Sunday, 15 February 2026
Time:	10.00am to 12noon
Location:	AH Bracks Library + Creative Space
Cost:	FREE!
Ages:	Suitable for 0 - 5 years and their siblings. Bring the whole family

