

# BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 3

Term 1 Week 5

04.03.2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	March 2 Public Holiday	March 3	March 4 Assembly – Area 13 Year 6  Newsletter	March 5	March 6
6	March 9  Uniform Shop 2:30-3:00	March 10	March 11  NAPLAN	March 12  NAPLAN	March 13  NAPLAN
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## Principal's Message

### 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.

NAPLAN provides a snapshot of students' literacy and numeracy skills and helps schools understand how students are progressing. While the assessments are important, it is helpful for children to approach them feeling calm and confident. Parents and carers can support their child by maintaining healthy routines during the testing period. Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time will help them feel prepared for the day.

Continue encouraging regular reading at home and practising numeracy through everyday activities such as cooking, shopping, or playing number games to support and help build confidence. Most importantly, reassure your child that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. Encourage them to simply try their best and remind them that it is okay if some questions feel challenging.

### Swimming Carnival

Swimming carnivals are a much-loved tradition in Australian schools, and we're excited to offer students another positive, inclusive and enjoyable experience this year. Our 2026 carnival will be held on **Wednesday 18 March** at the LeisureFit Centre Booragoon, Marmion Street Booragoon., shortly after the completion of NAPLAN. All Year 3-6 students will attend.

Students will need to arrive at school by 8:30am for an 8:40am departure. The students will then depart the pools at 12:30pm arriving back at school by 1:10pm. Notes were sent home yesterday with your child. Please complete and return to the office by March 9.

Payment of **\$15.00** can be made by Direct Deposit which is our preferred method of payment.

(Name: **Banksia Park PS** BSB: **066 040** ACCT No: **19907101**)

Payment can also be made by EFTPOS or Cash. Spectators can attend at a fee of \$1.00 and must enter through the front reception area. The day is designed to celebrate both team spirit and individual effort. Students are encouraged to cheer on their peers and participate in events that match their confidence and ability. They may nominate for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly in either 50m or 25m distances. To support all swimmers, kickboards and pool noodles will be available for the 25m events, and a lifeguard will walk alongside swimmers in every race.

There will be **no school swimming trials** this year following feedback and organisational challenges, particularly with NAPLAN and the highly limited availability of pool access for school carnivals. Students who wish to enter the 50m Championship events are encouraged to practise over the coming weeks. Reminders of event details will be posted on Compass.

### **School Uniform – New Shirts 2027**

Following feedback from our school community, we will be introducing a new school shirt in 2027. Once the new shirt design is selected and available for sale, it will be phased in gradually over a five-year period. This transition will allow families to continue wearing existing uniforms, enable the P&C to sell through current stock, and provide opportunities for second-hand uniforms to be passed down to siblings. During this transition period, students will be permitted to wear either the current shirt or the new shirt.

Feedback from the community has shown a strong preference for a mostly navy shirt made from an easy-care, breathable fabric to ensure durability and comfort for students. We would like to ensure there is thorough consultation with our community when selecting the final design.

In Week 8 this term, anyone interested in participating in a Parent Uniform Committee is invited to attend a meeting in the staff room at 6:30pm, prior to the P&C meeting. At this meeting, guidelines for the new uniform will be discussed and a consultation plan will be developed.

The aim is to present 2–3 uniform design options to the whole school community on Parent Night, where families will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred design.

If you are interested in being involved, please **save the date** in your calendar and consider staying for the P&C meeting at 7:00pm.

### **Documented Plans**

Today a note has gone home to families about documented plans and adjustments to teaching and learning programs to support individual student needs. Some families in our school will already be familiar with the documented planning process.

Historically, documented plans have been provided to formally record the teaching and learning adjustments being made to support individual student's needs. Teaching and learning adjustments are made every day in classrooms to meet the differentiated needs of students. These can be as simple as targeted seating arrangements or providing visual supports through to specialised support programs such as MiniLit or MacqLit.

The Department of Education has recently provided guidance for schools on documented plans for individual students. This advice provides greater clarity on how adjustments are **recorded** for students and who requires them. It should be noted that the adjustments teachers make every day to support student's differentiated needs will **NOT** change. **Adjustments for students who need them will continue to be provided.**

What is changing is the administrative task of developing a formal written plan to record these adjustments.

This change is simply designed to enable teachers to spend more time with students, and less time on administrative tasks. Where adjustments are being made, teachers will still communicate these with parents through other communication channels such as parent/teacher meetings, emails, and conversations.

At Banksia Park Primary School, we are highly committed to supporting the learning of students. Some children will continue to have a documented plan, however others, who may have previously had a documented plan, will no longer have one. Please be assured that those strategies previously outlined in the plan will continue to be accommodated through quality differentiated teaching practices and these adjustments will be explained and recorded in other ways. Thank you for supporting our teacher's workload. By reducing administrative tasks, they can spend more time engaged in preparing and delivering differentiated, impactful, teaching and learning with our students.

### Harmony Day Assembly

Banksia Park Primary School will celebrate Harmony DAY this year with a dress up day and special assembly on **Wednesday 25 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 25 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. Children who dress up are asked to also forward a GOLD coin donation. This year all monies raised will go to **Save the Children** on behalf of the Banksia Park school community.

### Premier's Reading Challenge is BACK

Discover the joy of reading together with the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Register your child for the Premier's Reading Challenge, where stories come alive, reading becomes a shared joy and weekly prizes can be won.

The challenge runs from 23 March to 12 June 2026. To complete the challenge:

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students read 12 or more books
- Year 7 to 12 students read 6 or more books.

The challenge is not just about finishing books – it is about encouraging a love of reading. Plus, weekly prize draws add an exciting twist! Readers who complete the challenge will receive a special certificate of completion signed by the Premier. Your child could be one of the lucky prize winners! Simply log their reading each week to go into a random draw for the chance to win. Explore the [Premier's Reading Challenge prizes](#). To help your reader get started, create a parent account and add your child's profile. This will allow you to actively support and encourage them on their reading journey, making it easier to track progress and celebrate their achievements together.

### 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.

## Uniform Shop

Please note the hours for the uniform this term. The opening times are **2:30pm – 3:00pm every second Monday starting week 2.**

## 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 if your child has misplaced something and remember to make sure everything is labelled with your child's name.

## Voluntary Contributions & Online Subscription

We have had a fantastic response from the school community for payment of Voluntary Contributions and the Online Subscriptions. **Thank you** to all those families who have paid either through the Campion booklist at the start of the year, or by paying directly to the school. We have even had a few families try to pay twice, forgetting that they ticked yes on the booklist. Where this has occurred, we will advise you and reallocate your payment to a future billing item. **If you are not sure if you have already paid, please give the office a quick call or send an email as there is some workload in adjusting double payments.**

If you have not paid – and would still like to please see below our bank details.

**Account Name** : Banksia Park Primary School

**BSB** : 066-040

**Account Number** : 19907101

Please use your child's name as reference if paying by DD.



Serena Gosnay  
Principal



## Crunch & Sip

### 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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Learn more at [crunchandsip.com.au](http://crunchandsip.com.au) **Crunch&Sip®**



## Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 4 March 2026 –

Emmeline. D – Area 4  
Parvathi. S – Area 6  
Mia. B – Area 7  
Jasleen. C – Area 10  
Zoe. W – Area 11  
Luca. A – Area 12  
Elsie. B – area 13

Leo. G – Area 4  
Kagura. S – Area 6  
Ava. M – Area 8  
Jordan. M – Area 10  
Abel. P – Area 11  
Talon. K – Area 13

Thomas. R – Area 5  
Bijou. A – Area 7  
Yenn Cyn. C – Area 8  
Jye. H – Area 10  
Erin. K – Area 12  
Santiago. A – Area 13

Luca. W – Area 5  
Abigail. W – Area 7  
Riti. B – Area 10  
Ana. M – Area 11  
Matilde. W – Area 12  
Jack. R – Area 13

Music Honour Certificate: Area 11

## News from the Art Room



This week we have a vibrant new art display in our school office, showcasing the creative talent of our year 5/5s Area 10 and year 6, Area 13.

Both classes have experimented with graffiti style art using fonts of their own design and colour to enhance this fun style.

We will also have some amazing art works adorning the art room walls in the coming week. Families and friends are welcome to come and view these art displays throughout the school term.

## Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,

Our first choir performance will be at the Harmony Day Assembly on Wednesday 25th of March commencing at 9.00am. We will also be singing a whole school community harmony day song.

A friendly reminder -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.

Also, if you child has outgrown their choir shirt please return it and I will give them one the next size up.

Janis Cullen-music specialist

## School Chaplin's Chat



### WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you eat your lunch?	<b>Try this:</b> → Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you have a good day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you learn at school?	<b>Try this:</b> → Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you do today?	<b>Try this:</b> → I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.

## Point Walter Golf Course



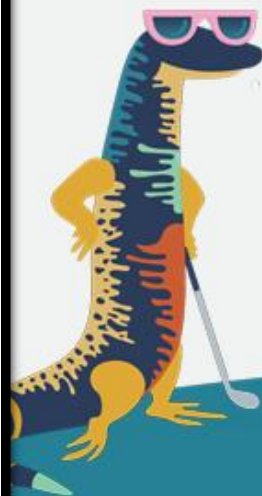
**Goanna Golf, Perth's best 18-hole mini golf course that rivals the most challenging and high-end mini golf courses in Australia.**

### **GOANNA GOLF PARTIES \$30 PER PERSON**

- Bookings are essential - minimum 10 children.
- A party table is reserved at the conclusion of golf and we cater on the day.
- Confirmation of numbers and payment is required 7 days before the event.
- To maintain our venue and for the comfort of others, glitter, party poppers and horns are not permitted.
- BYO cake is permitted (please BYO paper plates and forks if doing so)

### **CATERING PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Party Pies, Sausage Rolls, Mac and Cheese Bites, Veggies and Dip, Pizza, and a Juice Box



# Specialist Programs

Applications Open for Year 7, 2027



**MELVILLE**  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## 'Unlock your child's potential'

Gain access to unparalleled opportunities where your child can excel in their passions and prepare for a successful future.

Melville Senior High School offers Approved Specialist programs in:

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Apply today at : <https://melville.wa.edu.au/school-programs/>

Applications close Friday 13 March 2026



Registration due date: 24 April 2026



Lynwood  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## ENVIRONMENT & LIFE SCIENCES PROGRAM

### 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.

Students in EaLS also participate in cross-curricular projects in school, incursions, community partnerships and excursions. The additional educational opportunities offered in EaLS focus on sustainability, environmental education, STEM skills and increasing the overall academic performance of students.



**REGISTER NOW**



Apply via QR code

**CLOSING DATE FOR SPECIALIST PROGRAMS YEAR 7, 2027 APPLICATIONS**

Friday 24 April 2026



[Lynwood.SHS.Enrolments@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Lynwood.SHS.Enrolments@education.wa.edu.au)



08 9354 0600

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

**Next AGM: Tuesday 24th March at 7pm (Staff Room) – All is welcome!**

**UNIFORM SHOP 🛒**

**Uniform Orders:**

Orders can be placed online via [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) or in person during opening hours. Online orders will be delivered directly to your child's classroom for convenience.

**Uniform Shop Hours:**

Open 2:30pm–3:00pm every second Monday, commencing Week 2. EFTPOS available.

**Please note:**

We're unable to offer refunds unless an item is faulty. However, we're very happy to exchange items for a different size, provided the original swing tag is still attached.

Thank you for supporting our P&C Uniform Shop ❤️

**CANTEEN 🍴**

**Opening Times:** every Wednesday and Friday

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

**FUNDRAISERS**

<b>Banksia Primary P&amp;C Fundraising 2026</b>
<b><i>GOALS TBD at next P&amp;C Meeting</i></b>
<b>Upcoming events</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST - Easter Raffle</b> Donations can be dropped at the office from Mon March 9th until Wed March 25th. Tickets available via Spriggy March 9th - 25th at 10pm.

**Fundraising 2026**

**Movie Night**

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to Movie Night! 🎬 ✨

We were blessed with glorious weather, lots of great chats, and happy kids having fun with their friends – what more could we ask for!

A massive shoutout to our amazing fundraising committee, their hubbies and kids for helping with setup, food sales and cooking, and pack down – you're absolute legends! ❤️

And thank you to everyone who gave up their Friday night to support us. We truly appreciate it! 🙌

A big thank you to Stephen Pratt for donating the sausages and buns for the sausage sizzle. Because of his donation and our wonderful turnout we managed to raise **\$793**.

## EASTER RAFFLE

🐰 🌸 EASTER EGG RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED AND TICKETS ON SALE **MONDAY MARCH 9TH UNTIL WED MARCH 25TH @ 10PM!** 🌸 🐰

Hoppy news! 🐣 🥚 It's time for our Annual Easter Egg Raffle, and we need your help to make it egg-stra special! 🎨 🍫

While we still love chocolate donations (because who doesn't? 🍫 🥚), we'd also love non-perishable goodies—think crafts, activities, or anything fun to survive the school holidays! 🎨 📖 🐣 (Don't worry if it's not Easter-themed—every little bit helps!)

📅 **Raffle Draw: Wednesday, April 1st @ assembly. Tickets available via Spriggy**

📍 **Drop Off: From Monday March 9th until Wed March 25th - find our donation basket in the office!**  
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Let's make this the most egg-citing raffle yet! 🥚 🇺🇸 Thanks for your support! 🤍 🐰 🌸

## Fundraising with Entertainment Membership

WE ARE FUNDRAISING WITH  
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**ONE MEMBERSHIP FOR YOU. MORE IMPACT FOR US.**

Buy an **Access All Areas Entertainment Membership** in March and we'll receive a **double donation of 40%**.  
That's **over 20,000 valuable offers** across Australia, New Zealand and Bali for **only \$75!**

**MARCH BONUS**  
We receive \$30 from every Entertainment Membership sold  
+  
You receive entry to their biggest competition ever  
**SUPPORT US to ENTER!**

**BOARDING PASS**  
Destination: ANTARCTICA  
Date: 14 Nov 2027  
Duration: 12 nights  
Departs: Buenos Aires  
Arrives: Ushuaia  
Ship: SEABOURN

Go in the draw to win:  
**The Ultimate Expedition to Antarctica**

VALUED AT \$39,566

**SUPPORT US NOW**

\*T&Cs apply

## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Buy an **Access All Areas Entertainment Membership** in March for only **\$75** for 12 months with the following benefits:

- Access discounts in cities across **Australia, New Zealand & Bali**
- Go in the draw to win an all expenses paid **Expedition to Antarctica**
- **Support Banksia Park Primary School** – we receive \$30 from each purchase made in March

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](https://au.whogivesacrap.org/)**

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



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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.**