



Planner - Term 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	March 16 NAPLAN	March 17 NAPLAN	March 18 NAPLAN Faction Swimming Newsletter	March 19 NAPLAN	March 20 NAPLAN
8	March 23	March 24 Uniform Meeting – 6.30pm P&C Meeting – 7pm	March 25 Harmony Day Assembly	March 26 SEDA AFL Clinics	March 27 SCISA Cricket Carnival – Riverton Reserve
9	March 30	March 31	April 1 Assembly Newsletter	April 2 Last Day of Term FREE Dress Day	April 3 Good Friday

Principal’s Message

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the staff and students who were involved in today’s swimming carnival event at Booragoon LeisureFit. A very big thank you to Mr Edmonds, who along with Mrs Wilson, 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 **Green** faction who finished the day on top.



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.

Next week (Week 8), anyone interested in participating in a **Parent Uniform Committee** is invited to attend a meeting in the staff room on **Tuesday (24 March) 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, we welcome you to attend the meeting and please consider staying for the P&C meeting at 7:00pm.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students, and their supporting teachers, for their successful participation in NAPLAN over the past week. The main testing sessions have now been completed, and we were proud of the calm and thoughtful way our students approached the testing. Individual student NAPLAN reports are received by the school for distribution at the start of Term 3.

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 who come to school on the day 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 Performing Arts Centre at **9am**.

All are invited to join us for this assembly and even dress up or wear orange in celebration of diversity and multiculturalism with us. Children who dress up are asked to please make a GOLD coin donation. This year all monies raised will go to **Save the Children** on behalf of the Banksia Park school community.

Pantomime Performance

Kennedy Baptist College's Year 10 Drama students will be performing a play of 'Rapunzel and other mixed up fairy tales'. These students have self-written the play and look forward to performing it for BPPS students in PP-Y3. This is a free event being held on the morning of Monday 23 March in the PAC.

Edu-Dance

Edu-Dance returns to Banksia Park as a very popular addition to our whole school Physical Health & Education curriculum. Next Term 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, Term 2, on **Friday 19 June** in our Performing Arts Centre, with a time to be confirmed. Permission and payment slips were sent home last week. Please ensure all permission and payment forms are directed to the office. We encourage you to place this date in your calendar now for what is always a wonderful whole school event.

Parking Around the School

For the safety of the school community please be reminded of the following rules for parking around the school:

- **No parking in Staff Car Park (especially parking in P&C Parking & Disabled Bay).**
- **No parking on or in front of community driveways on Hicks Street.**
- **No parking on verges or grass areas around the school.**
- **No parking on or over any footpath.**

Please note we have had reports from members of the community that the council is aware of the parking breaches from parents parking on footpaths, and they have been issuing fines to improve safety around the school.

FREE Dress Day

The Year 6 students are organising a Free Dress Day on the last day of Term, **Thursday April 2**. The theme is "Your Future Self" where students can dress up as their future self, think grown up or career. All funds raised goes towards the Year 6 gift to the school which will be presented at their graduation ceremony at the end of the year.

Last year's cohort purchased two new backboards which have been installed on our basketball courts.



Easter Activities

Many teachers will include some Easter activities over the next few weeks. If you do not wish your child to be involved, please see/contact your classroom teacher. Please also note that there is **NO EASTER HAT PARADE** this year due to NAPLAN in Term 1 and the Harmony Day whole school activities.

School Improvements – Furniture Upgrade

The school will be receiving delivery of new desks and chairs, as well as additional furniture such as teaching desks for our classrooms during Week 8. We look forward to enjoying the use of these items for the years to come. We're proud to continue investing in resources that create a positive and engaging space for everyone. Be sure to take a look next time you visit.

Sharing Excellence Together

The Shelley Sailing Club held the 52nd WA Minnow State Championships for 2026 on March 14 and 15. Congratulations to Year 5, Area 10 student Connor who won the State Minnow Novice Sailing competition. Connor placed first in all 6 races in the novice class, competing in his first sailing competition. Well done Connor.



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Crunch & Sip

Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day
Crunch&Sip® is a set time for children to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom

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News from the Art Room



In their classroom literature this term, Area 12 (Year 4/5) are reading the book, "The one and only Ivan." Ivan is the main character and is a gorilla. To integrate with this exploration of good literature, students have completed portraits of Ivan in recent Art lessons. These works are lead pencil drawings using 6B graphite sticks and are in the representational realism style. We currently have a display in the Art Room showcasing 9 of these "Portraits." They are well worth a look as they capture the spirit and personality of Ivan beautifully.



News from the Japanese Room



On Saturday, March 14, the Japan Festival was held at Langley Park in Perth. I was able to attend and see many displays about Japanese culture and geography, and taste lots of yummy Japanese food. It also provided me the opportunity to gather some new resources about different places around Japan for the Japanese Room.

Heald Sensei



Ms Cullen's Music Matters



In Term 2, students in Year 4/5 (classes Area 10, 11 and 12) will be learning recorder. If they do not have their own recorder feel free to purchase one for them or the music room could loan them one for the year.

Don't forget our first choir performance will be at the Harmony Day Assembly on Wednesday 25 March commencing at 9.00am. We will also be singing a whole school community Harmony Day song.
Ms Cullen

Science Corner



The science room has been all go exploring Earth and Space for Years 2-6. The year 2/3s have crafted Moon Phases using the icing from Oreo biscuits. Whilst the Year 4/5/6s modelled the Earth's 4 layers using Mars bars and M & M's.
Mrs Spector



This term in Year 1 Science, we've been busy little scientists exploring the amazing world of Biological Sciences! We've been learning all about what plants and animals need to survive. We've learnt some fantastic new vocabulary and had lots of fun getting out and about to discover creatures living right here in our school environment. Be sure to ask your child about our ant experiment - and the exciting moment we found a bobtail goanna hiding in the habitat of Banksia Park (see if you can spot him!).
Mrs Tyers





School Chaplin's Chat

The way we parent our children varies between families and is influenced by our cultural background. Our approach to interacting with and guiding our children is also shaped by our family dynamics, our own personal values, experiences and behaviours, and the specific situations in which we find ourselves. As parents, we aim to create an environment in our homes and in our relationships with our children that will develop our children's ability to manage the life events that they experience as they grow and eventually move out into the world as adults.

The process of parenting- raising, nurturing and supporting the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of our children is a rewarding and, at times, challenging experience. Sometimes, setting rules/boundaries/expectations that teach behaviour and responsibility, and equip our children to live life well, both as they grow, and as independent adults, can be challenging. Having a balance between nurture and structure can help everyone live together in a more harmonious and less stressful way and build a strong parent-child relationship so that they can depend on you to understand their struggles and provide guidance with problems that they encounter.

An article came into my inbox with some parenting strategies that I thought might be useful to share. Sometimes, we can become busy and set in the ways that we respond to the behaviour of others (not only our children). Perhaps you, like me, will find a few ideas on this list that can be implemented so that personal relationships are built and stressful family times are reduced.

- Praise positive behaviours- immediately and in a specific and sincere way.
- Ignore minor misbehaviour- wait for the positive behaviour and then provide praise.
- Validate feelings- actively listen and show your child that you understand. Pause before providing solutions for problems or trying to make them feel better.
- Build emotional vocabulary- by helping them identify their own feelings and the emotions they observe in others.
- Reward desired behaviours after they have been displayed- think about how to make the reward desirable, immediate, consistent, and achievable.
- Have one-on-one time with your child.
- Teach adaptive coping skills- so that uncomfortable or stressful situations can be managed in healthy ways, with strategies like breathing, counting, grounding, coping thoughts, or seeking help.
- Teach conflict-resolution and problem-solving skills- use "I feel" statements, give people time to become calm before talking about difficult subjects, look for solutions and be willing to compromise and try something else.
- Teach (and model) the importance of self-care- adequate sleep, time with friends and family, exercise, healthy eating choices, hobbies.
- Offer choices- within the boundary of desired behaviours, so that they have some sense of autonomy.
- Use when-then statements to motivate desired behaviours.
- Establish routines- while still allowing some unstructured time.
- Give specific directions- before you want the behaviour to happen. This can be done by requesting what you want to happen, by giving one direction at a time, allowing time for the action to occur, and providing praise when the action has been completed.
- Set clear and consistent expectations- even when your child has done the same activity many times.
- Provide warnings about transitions.
- Establish dedicated spaces for work, play, and rest- this may help with organisation and focus.

P&C News

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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: via 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).

*Please note we DO NOT offer refunds unless items are faulty. We are more than happy to exchange for another size provided the original swing tag is intact.

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.

FUNDRAISERS

This Term is short and sweet, so we have not planned too many events. Next Term we will have more to offer so stay tuned!! As always information will come via your class parent reps, our Parents of BPPS Facebook page and through the newsletter.

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

[Easter Raffle](#)

🐰 🌸 EASTER EGG RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED AND TICKETS ON SALE NOW 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: Now until Wed March 25th - find our donation box in the office!

Let's make this the most egg-citing raffle yet! 🥚 📺 Thanks for your support! ❤️ 🙌 🍀

[Dugg Lawn Bowls](#)

Save the Date!

We're excited to launch our first DUGG event (Dads, Uncles, Grandads & Guardians) with Barefoot Lawn Bowls on Saturday 23rd May at Leeming Bowls Club.

These events are aimed at male role models spending time with the kids. If the child does not have an appropriate male guardian, mums are welcome to come in their place.

🕒 4:00pm start

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Volunteers will be there to teach us the ropes

💰 \$10 per person

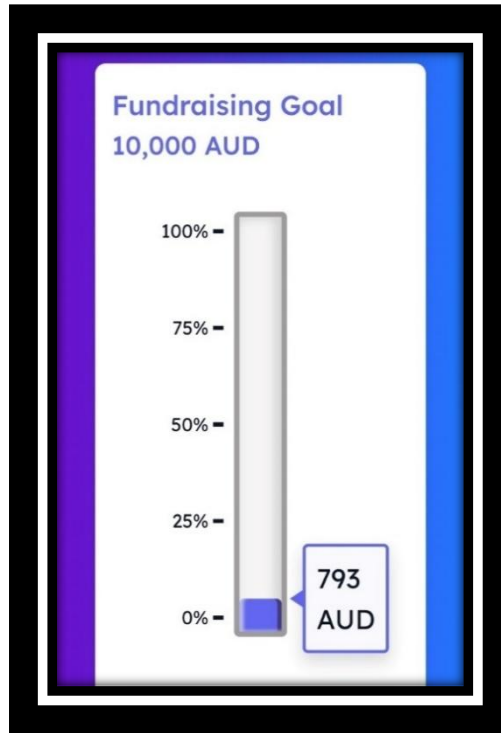
🍴 Sausage sizzle dinner available to purchase on the night

We're hoping to make DUGG events a regular thing, so if any dads are keen to help organise or host an event in the future, please get in touch with Rebecca Goff or Bryony Loller.

More details coming soon — for now, save the date!

[Fundraising Goal Tracker](#)

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$10,000. Without the Election BBQ or Quiz Night this year, we have had to be realistic after smashing all expectations last year! We're looking forward to hosting plenty of fun events for our school community while raising some great funds along the way, and who knows, we may surprise ourselves 😊



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- 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:
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[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.whoqivesacrap.org/>

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- 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.



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Extension Opportunities



MELVILLE
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NextGen Programs - Soar, Create, Pivot

Come Fly With Me - Year 5 Students

Cost: \$150

The Come Fly With Me program provides students with an exciting introduction to aviation and STEM at Melville SHS. Across eight weeks, students explore key aviation concepts, use our purpose-built flight simulators, learn about aircraft history, development and meteorology, and even experience a flight in a real aircraft. Led by our qualified commercial pilots, the program builds early enthusiasm for aviation while extending scientific learning for motivated and gifted students.

Friday Mornings - 8:40 to 10:30am, Every Term (Specific dates to be confirmed)

Concept Club: Intro to Graphic Design & Media - Year 5 Students

Cost: Free

Our Concept Club gives students the chance to explore graphic design and media while developing their artistic and creative talents. Using our industry-standard equipment, students gain hands-on experience with real creative tools and discover the exciting pathways available through the Melville SHS GDM course. This four week program is an inspiring introduction to the world of digital media and design.

Monday Afternoons - 3:30 to 4:30pm, Term 2 (Specific dates to be confirmed)

NextGen Netball - Years 4 & 5 Students

Cost: Free

Join the Melville SHS NextGen Netball Program, held in Term 3 at the MSHS Sports Hall. Kickstart your netball journey with our fun and engaging four week program. Designed for young players, this program helps participants build strong netball skills, learn essential techniques, and discover the exciting pathways and opportunities available in netball and sport at Melville SHS. It's the perfect way to grow, play, and get involved—don't miss out!

Monday Afternoons - 3:00 to 4:00pm, Term 3 (Specific dates to be confirmed)

Apply Online at: <https://melville.wa.edu.au/nextgen-programs-year-5-extension-opportunities/>
Applications Close: Friday 20 March 2026

Book into a School Tour for more information: www.melville.wa.edu.au

Payment for the Come Fly With Me Program will be taken upon confirmation of placement.





BOOK LAUNCH

Families are invited to the launch of **Super Deafingo**.

Super Deafingo is always ready for a new adventure.

He is strong
he is helpful
he is brave
... and he is **deaf**.



Free Community Event

Date: Monday 13 April

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: Success Regional Sport and Community Facility
359 Hammond Road, Success

What to expect:

- Talk by the author
- Book signing - by author Ben Findlay
- Kids activities
- Sausage sizzle



RSVP is a must!

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