

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 5

Term 1 Week 9

1 April 2026



Planner - Term 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	March 30	March 31	April 1 Assembly 4/5 - Area 12 Easter Raffle Draw Newsletter	April 2 Last Day of Term Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation	April 3 Good Friday

School Holidays. Term 2 commences Monday 20 April 2026.

Principal's Message

Annual Report 2025

We are very pleased to share the 2025 Banksia Park Annual Report with our school community. This document has been now been uploaded to our school website and all are invited to review.

Harmony Day Assembly

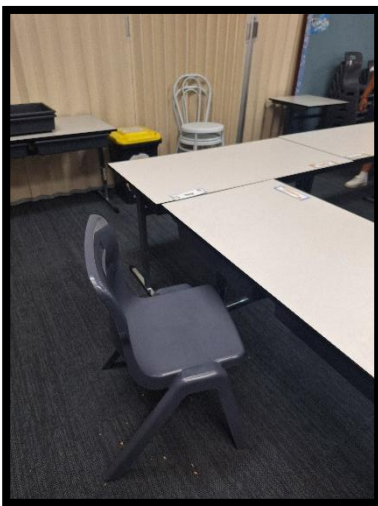
Banksia Park Primary School celebrated Harmony Day this year on 25 March with a dress up day and special assembly. The day was a huge success with some fantastic displays of students wearing cultural costumes and plenty of **ORANGE**. Congratulations to the lucky students who received a Harmony Day raffle prize. There were some great activities in classrooms with students learning about cultural heritage, celebrations, and the importance of respecting others.





School Improvements – Furniture Upgrade

We are excited to have finally received our brand-new chairs and desks into the classrooms. Over the past week, a lot of work has been done to remove the old furniture out in preparation of the new furniture, with classrooms now equipped with modern, comfortable and ergonomically designed furniture. We'd like to thank everyone involved in this project and the smooth running to transition to the new desks and chairs. Be sure to take a look next time you are on the school grounds.



We could not have done this without our wonderful school community. We would like to thank the amazing parents mentioned below, who generously gave their time and effort to assist in the removal of the old student desks and chairs on Tuesday 24 March. It truly shows what a wonderful school community we have here at Banksia Park Primary School. It is through the generosity and spirit of parents like you that we can continue creating a positive and supportive environment for our students.

Brittney. M, Warren. S, Cameron. H, Evan. L, Tanya. V, Shannon. D, Andrew. T, Simone. S and Jarred. S.

A special shout out to Mel. A, for posting the old furniture on the local Facebook community page. As a result, we had many of the community express their interest, and a significant amount of furniture has now found new homes. This effort has not only saved the school the considerable cost of removalists but has also helped reduce unnecessary waste going to landfill. Thank you ALL for your ongoing support.

Over the school holidays we will begin works on our planned Early Learning Area upgrades with the construction of a patio to extend the shade area along the veranda and the construction of a new bicycle path in this play space. This is the first stage of this project, and it will be exciting to complete this foundation so that efforts can begin for Stage 2 and the planned play equipment upgrades.

A special mention to the P&C for all their fundraising efforts to support this project and Stephen Pratt MLA, whose donations have made this project possible for our students.



Edu-Dance

A reminder our Edu-Dance program commences Week 1, Term 2 in the **PAC**, continuing every Friday for students Pre-primary to Year 6, with the exception of Year 1's who will be scheduled for every Wednesday for 9 weeks. The Concert will be held **Friday 19 June** in our Performing Arts Centre, with a time to be confirmed. Payments are due by the end of day today. 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.



ANZAC Ceremony 2026

This year we will be holding our annual ANZAC DAY service on **Wednesday 29 April 2026 from 9am**. It is a day when we remember and honour those who fought in the past and those that every day continue to give through service to our country. At this special assembly we will take the opportunity to remember with sincerity and pay our respects to ensure that as a nation, we never forget. Further details will follow early next term – including a request for donations for our wreath and nomination of Guests of Honour. Please save this date and we hope you will be able to join us for this special assembly.

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.



Celebrating Excellence

Each semester, Leeming Senior High School recognises students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence—those achieving 7 or more A grades in Years 7–10, and 4 A grades in Years 11–12.

Congratulations to our former Banksia Park Primary students on their achievements.



Last Day of Term 1

This is the final Newsletter for the Term. Thursday 2 April will be Banksia Park Primary Schools last day of Term 1. Students return on **Monday 20 April** for Term 2. Please remember to keep an eye on our school and, if you see any unusual behaviour, please phone School Security on 9264 4771.

Congratulations to all staff and students for your fabulous efforts throughout the term. We wish everyone a wonderful school holiday and look forward to seeing you all return in Term 2.



Serena Gosnay
Principal



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Iron for children

Why we need iron
Iron is a key mineral that helps carry oxygen around the body. Eating iron-rich foods every day supports oxygen flow, keeps your immune system strong and helps maintain energy.

Is my child getting enough iron?
Iron comes from certain foods that we eat. To boost your iron levels, make sure to choose a variety of iron-rich foods every day.

Many foods from the core food groups are rich in iron, such as lean red meat, eggs, legumes, leafy green vegetables, nuts and seeds, wholegrain breads and cereals. Our bodies are better at absorbing iron from animal sources than from plant sources. This means that even if a plant-based food and an animal-based food have the same amount of iron per serve, the gut will absorb more iron from the animal-based food.

At different ages, children have different iron needs.

- Children aged 4-8 years need 10mg/ day
- Children aged 9-13 years need 8mg/ day

Food sources

Plant Sources		Animal Sources	
Food	Iron (mg)	Food	Iron (mg)
170g tofu	4.9	65g cooked kangaroo rump	2.7
1 cup cooked chickpeas	3.1	65g cooked beef rump	2.1
2 Weet-Bix	3.0	100g tinned sardines	2.0
30g pumpkin seeds	2.6	65g cooked lamb rump	2.0
1 cup cooked kidney beans	2.0	2 large eggs	1.5
30g cashews	1.5	90g tinned salmon	0.9
½ cup bok choy stir fried	1.5	90g tinned tuna	0.7
½ cup cooked wholemeal pasta	1.4	100g cooked salmon fillet	0.4
1 cup baked beans	1.2	80g cooked chicken breast	0.4
30g almonds	1.1		
30g dried apricots	0.9		
½ cup cooked rolled oats	0.8		
1 cup raw spinach	0.8		
½ cup cooked brown rice	0.5		

Some cereals and breads also have iron added to the food. Look out for labels that say 'fortified' or 'iron-enriched' or check the nutrition information panel.

Crunch&Sip®

Fun ways to expose kids to new foods

Every exposure children have to a new food is a step towards a yum!

Create vegetable art
using cut fruit and veg as stamps for painting or pressing. Use hard veg like potatoes and carrots.

Try sensory bins
which contain new foods and help children explore new textures.

Play a sensory guessing game
by preparing veg or fruit in a few different ways. Using a blindfold, feel, smell, and taste (optional) each item and describe the sensation.

Use our snack mats
where children place cut vegetables on the picture to add details and depth.

Invite kids
to help with food preparation and cooking.

Involve kids
in food shopping. Try giving them a vegetable shopping list.

Read storybooks
or watch videos together that feature new foods.

Make food sculptures
using toothpicks and food to create a shape or character (think Mr. Potato Head).

You can find the instructions for each of these activities on our [website here](#).

Sponsored by **healthway** and **Cancer Council WA**

Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 1 April 2026 -



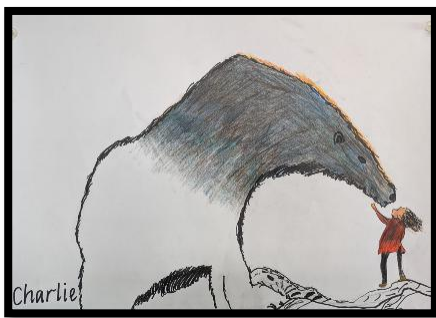
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Agnes. H Area 3	Ezekiel. C Area 3	Hunter. R Area 4	Sienna. L Area 4
Walter. D Area 5	Finn. G Area 5	Cullen. C Area 6	Arien. F Area 6
Joanna. C Area 6	Millie. W Area 7	Poppy. Y Area 7	Austin. C Area 7
Ellie. F Area 8	Danny. D Area 10	Mateo. E Area 10	Sam. M Area 10
Ryley. J Area 10	Aria. B Area 11	Tacean. P Area 11	Sia. D Area 11
Arianna. F Area 12	Mattin. S Area 12	Charlotte. B Area 12	Xavier. W Area 13
Sienna. Q Area 13	Maddison. C Area 13	Mieke. G Area 13	Music Area 5



News from the Art Room

Hannah Gold's debut novel "The Last bear" provided inspiration for Year 4/5 Area 11's book cover designs. Students used the elements of design, specifically colour, texture and value to illustrate the character "Bear".

These wonderful works are currently adorning our school art room walls. Year4/5 are to be congratulated on their efforts.



News from the Japanese Room



As the seasons change from hot Bunuru to cooler Djeran here in Perth, the seasons are changing in Japan. An acquaintance of my who lives in Hiroshima Prefecture in Japan said he saw the first Sakura of the season just a few days ago, a sure sign Spring has arrived in Japan.

In many of our classes in Japanese, our focus for the last few weeks has been numbers, starting from 1 – 10 with our younger classes and going into larger numbers with our middle grades. Knowing your hundreds, thousands, even ten thousands is useful if you go to a restaurant or a shop while in Japan and need to know the price for what you are buying.

Speaking of ten thousand, did you know the idea of taking 10,000 steps a day originally came from Japan? In 1965, Japanese company Yamasa Toki brought out the *Manpo-kei* ('10,000 step counter'), a pedometer. 10,000 in Japanese is 万 which is pronounced 'man'. The kanji character does look like a person walking, and it also happens to look like the English word 'man' when written in the Latin alphabet. The idea of taking 10,000 steps a day was used in the advertising for the *Manpo-kei*, which not only caught on around Japan, but around the world.

- Heald Sensei

Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,
Big congratulations to the choir on their first performance for this year and especially to the Year Three choir members on their first performance ever at our Harmony Day Assembly. Well done to the whole school singing "Everyone Belongs" You sounded fantastic.

Another reminder that 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.

Finally, well done to everyone for your efforts in music this term. I am very

proud of you and the way you participated with such enthusiasm.

Janis Cullen-Music Specialist

Physical Education News

Congratulations to Green Faction again on the Victory at the Swimming Carnival! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered or came out to support! Here is a list of students who excelled on the day.



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		Champion	Runner Up
3	Girl	Willow M	Ava M
	Boy	Timothy W	Austin C
4	Girl	Ana M	Alice H
	Boy	Max P	Fearghas M
5	Girl	Mia S	Jasleen C
	Boy	Connor W	Danny D
6	Girl	Isabella P	Isabella F / Milan C
	Boy	Talon K	Cooper L-D

Select students were also nominated by the staff for excelling in Sportsmanship, Friendship or Resilience. They were Millie J, Amiria E, Wyatt R, Connor W, Blaze S, Isla N and Imogen LD.

Cross Country

Cross Country is currently pencilled in for 28th of May. Distances for Cross Country are 1.2km for the Juniors (1-3), 1.5km for Year 4s and 2km for the Seniors (5-6). Cross Country is an excellent way for students to work on their overall fitness and resilience.

Runner Club will begin on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** starting in **Week 1** from **8.20am-8.40am**. These will be endurance-based training getting students accustomed to running for longer periods of time. Parents are welcome to come and walk/ jog/ run laps with their children. Faction Tokens will be on offer for all participants.

Training at home can also be a big help. For the level of fitness needed for 2km a 10-to-15-minute brisk walk/ jog 2-3 times a week will be enough. For jogging keep the pace at a slow conversational pace. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Side to side activities, such as running, have been shown to help conversations between people as it minimises direct eye contact and can be seen as a more comfortable or less confrontational approach to communication.

For students and parents looking for a goal to chase there are 5km nearby Parkrun events in Shelley, Bibra Lake and Applecross that start at 8am on every Saturday morning (register at parkrun.com.au). For these events children under the age of 11 years old are the responsibility of their parents or guardians and need to be accompanied at all times before, during and after the run. It is a longer than needed run but could be a good family activity. There are always walkers with prams, so speed is not an issue. Finishing time usually vary from 20 minutes (very fast) to 50 minutes (walking). There is also the HBF Run for a Reason the Saturday prior to Cross Country. Currently the Half Marathon is sold out but the 3km and 12km events still have places.

Science Corner

Science room has been 'rocking out' with some rock hard lollies to test weathering patterns. We had some serious arm workouts to get the most impact in our 'rock cannisters' and some evidence of course was eaten once again. Great experimenting Year 4/5!



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

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 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 4 (11th May), however online orders will commence from first week back. (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. **Please note we have stopped over the counter sales until further notice.**

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

This year, we're excited to invest in brightening up our school through our "Making Banksia Bright Again" project.

We're commissioning a local artist to refresh our ground markings and play activities, adding colour to the school to encourage more imaginative play and create inclusive, engaging spaces for all our kids.

We'll share more details and updates in the coming weeks!

Upcoming events

THURSDAY MAY 7TH – Mother's Day Stall

For Pre-Primary to Year 6 Classes + Kindy Joeys Class.
An extra session will be held for the Kindy Bilbies Class on **Tuesday 5th**

EASTER RAFFLE

🎉 Congrats to all our Easter raffle winners! 🙌

Huge thanks to everyone who bought tickets and donated—your support means so much! ❤️

Thanks to the last minute surge in tickets we managed to raise an amazing \$1152 🙌

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Mother's Day is coming 🌸 and so is our annual Mother's Day Stall!

📅 Thursday May 7th at school

💰 Send money with your child if you'd like them to buy a gift (optional)

🎁 Gifts range from \$2-\$10

One of our favourites events, it's so lovely seeing the kids choose the perfect gift for Mum ❤️

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

👨👩👧👦 All ages welcome

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.

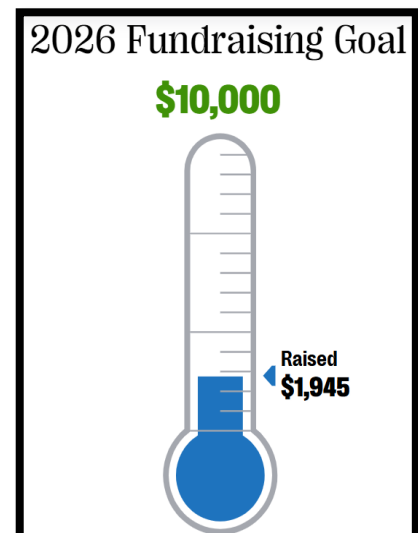
More details coming soon — for now, save the date!

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 😊

Fundraising with Entertainment Membership

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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: 30 nights
Departs: Buenos Aires
Arrives: Ushuaia
Ship: SEABOURN

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

SUPPORT US NOW

*T&Cs apply

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](#)

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 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.

Cricket Star Academy is excited to be partnering with Banksia Park Primary School to deliver cricket programs onsite.

To ensure we schedule sessions at the most convenient times for families, we invite you to complete the Expression of Interest form here: <https://forms.gle/8tmjaGZphdBkRSXo6> and indicate your preferred days and times for your child(ren).

As a thank you, all families who register their interest will receive a FREE session for their child. 🏏

Cricket Star Academy is a division of Sport Star Academy (SSA), a leading provider of sporting programs across 390+ schools nationally. We recognise that every child is on their own journey, whether building confidence, developing skills, or progressing toward higher levels of sport. Our programs are designed to support each child to grow, enjoy and thrive. 🌱

We look forward to welcoming your child to the program.





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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Specialist Netball

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2027 CLOSE SOON

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Apply today at:

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school-programs](https://melville.wa.edu.au/school-programs)

Applications close
Friday, 24 April 2026

Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities

Preparing young people for the many pathways and opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students
Henderson

AMC Jakovich Centre – Lake Coogee Room
4 McGrath Road, Henderson
Wednesday 6 May 2026
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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Information session for parents and students
Harrisdale

Harrisdale Senior High School – Library
1 Laverton Crescent, Harrisdale
Wednesday 19 August 2026
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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Information session for parents and students
Online • Webex

Wednesday 20 May 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday 18 June 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday 10 September 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities

Preparing young people for the many pathways and opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students
Armadale

Armadale District Hall – Kim Fletcher Gallery
90 Jull Street, Armadale
Wednesday 9 September 2026
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm