

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 6

Term 2 Week 1

22 April 2026



Planner - Term 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	April 20 First day of Term	April 21	April 22 Edu-Dance (Yr 1) Newsletter	April 23	April 24 Edu-Dance (PP, 2-6)
2	April 27 Public Holiday	April 28 Year 6 Incursion 2pm	April 29 ANZAC Ceremony 9:00am Edu-Dance (Yr 1)	April 30	May 1 Edu-Dance (PP, 2-6)
3	May 4	May 5 Year 6 Zoo Excursion Mother's Day Stall - Kindy	May 6 Assembly 4/5 - Area 11 Edu-Dance (Yr 1) Newsletter	May 7 Mother's Day Stall	May 8 Edu-Dance (PP, 2-6) SCISA Cricket Carnival

Principal's Message

Thank You, Mrs Gosnay

It is with genuine sadness that we farewell Mrs Gosnay from Banksia Park Primary to her new position as Principal at Mount Pleasant Primary. Mrs Gosnay has had a profound impact on the school during her time as Principal – leading with strategy, purpose, energy, and care. Her commitment and effectiveness in leadership are evidenced through the significant improvements that we continue to benefit from in our teaching and learning programs and school environment. It is difficult to express the depth of impact that Mrs Gosnay has had on our school – and it is in the spirit of the Banksia Park community that I am privileged to say 'Thank You' to her for all that she has done to shape who we are and, most importantly, the influence that we have on our students.

We will holding a special assembly to honour and celebrate Mrs Gosnay tomorrow (**Thursday 23 April**) in the Performing Arts Centre from 2.40pm. We invite and welcome all members of our school community to attend.

Welcome Back!

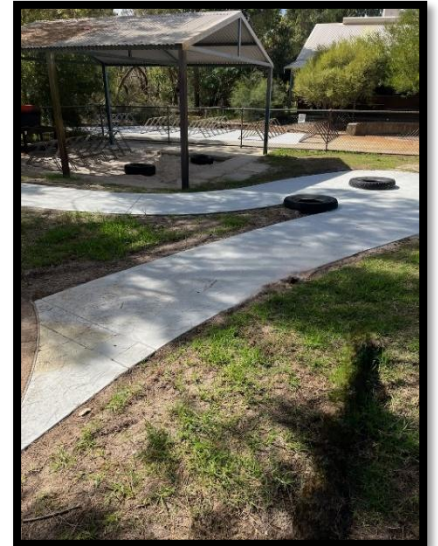
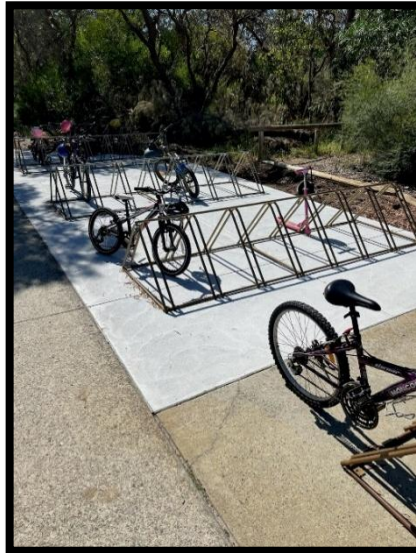
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a great Easter break and have returned happy, healthy and ready for a busy term coming. Some of the events ahead of us include Edu-Dance, our NAIDOC Celebration Day Assembly, and our SCISA Winter Sports Carnival. Our P&C also has a full schedule of fundraising, including the upcoming Mother's Day stall and disco.

School Improvement Update – Early Learning Area & Bike Racks/ Path

We are pleased to announce that work has been completed on upgrades to the veranda and bike track in the Early Learning Area, the bike rack pad, and pathway at the Gracechurch Crescent

entrance of the school site. We are excited with the result, so please make sure to take a look the next time that you are in the school. **Parents, please note that remediation work is also planned to reestablish the lawn in this space following the heat of summer.*

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr Stephen Pratt MLA for advocating on behalf of the school to secure funding from the Cook Labor Government and to our P&C for their significant contributions to this project. In addition, our gratitude is extended to Mitchell Cuijpers and the teams from Impressive Concrete (concreting) and Statement Homes (veranda) for their tireless efforts in delivering the work to fruition.



Edu-Dance

Edu-Dance returns to Banksia Park in Term 2 as a very popular addition to our whole school Physical Health & Education curriculum. Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will begin learning their routines in preparation for our Edu-Dance Concert. This will be held in Week 9 on **Friday 19 June** in our Performing Arts Centre at **2.20pm**. Please place this date in your calendar now for what is always a wonderful whole school event.

ANZAC Ceremony 2026

The BPPS 2026 ANZAC Day ceremony will be held on **Wednesday 29 April**. 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.



Guests of Honour

A note went home this week inviting any family or friends who have taken part in any service to attend our ANZAC Day ceremony as Guests of Honour. If you wish for your child to represent a family member, please complete the slip and return it to the office by the morning of **Thursday 23 April** to let us know who they are representing. These students, and the family member they are representing, will also be acknowledged formally and these students will be seated with our special guests for the duration of the assembly.

Guards of Honour

We have also invited those children who belong to Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Girl Guides or a similar group to wear their uniforms on the day and be our Guards of Honour and wreath bearers. If you would like your child to join our Guards of Honour, please return the ANZAC Day ceremony slip as soon as possible as it will also be finalised on the morning of **Thursday 23 April**.

Wreath

Part of the service is to lay a wreath near the flagpole. It would be greatly appreciated if flowers and ferns can be sent to the school in the morning on **Tuesday 28 April** for the wreath to be made. Please send the flowers to the kitchen area in Teaching Block 2. We are also seeking a parent volunteer/s to support with the creation of the wreath on this day. If you are available to assist, please contact: BanksiaPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au

ANZAC Morning Tea

We will be hosting a simple morning tea of ANZAC biscuits, tea and coffee after the service. All parents and community members are invited to join administration staff for this traditional morning tea in the staffroom.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Next **Monday, 27 April** is our ANZAC Day Public Holiday. We look forward to welcoming back our students on **Tuesday 28 April**.

Cricket Carnival (SCISA)

Due to the storms and severe weather forecast on the original date last term, the SCISA Cricket Carnival for selected Years 4-6 students had to be cancelled for the safety of all students, spectators and staff. The carnival has been rescheduled to **Friday 8 May** (Week 3). An updated permission note will be provided to students.

Mothers' Day Stall

The P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding their annual Mother's Day stall **Tuesday 5 May** for **Kindy (Bilbies)** and **Thursday 7 May** for **PP-Year 6 and Kindy (Joeys)** in the Music Room. There will be a variety of gifts, including some special items from local businesses. Students who wish to purchase a gift can bring cash (\$10 maximum) in a wallet or envelope to school.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to all our winners from our recent Easter raffle. Thank you to all the parents and families who generously donated items for the raffle baskets. Your contributions were very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the P&C and volunteers who gave up their time and effort to organise, assemble and coordinate the raffle. Events like these are only possible with the continued support and involvement of our wonderful school community.



Kindergarten 2027

We are now accepting applications for enrolment for Kindergarten 2027 for children born between **1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023**. We can accept out of boundary applications early in this enrolment period. If you know someone with a 3-year-old child, please remind them that enrolment across all schools close mid-year and they should complete enrolment as **soon as possible**.

In enrolling a student into Kindergarten, please bring in your child's birth certificate and a copy of their ACIR (Australian Childhood Immunisation Register). You can obtain a copy by emailing acir@humanservices.gov.au, phoning ACIR on 1800 653 809 or from Medicare. We also require

proof of your address in the form of either a lease agreement, utility bill or Council rates. Please go to our website for enrolment forms or you can collect a set from our office. Enrolments are due for return on **24 July 2026**.

Staffing Update

With Mrs Gosnay's departure, I am privileged to transition into the role as Principal for Term 2. To maintain the continuity of school direction, we welcome Mr Luke Walton in the position of Deputy Principal. Mr Walton will commence as of Week 2, and please join me in welcoming him to our special community.



Hi, my name is Luke Walton and I am excited to be the Deputy Principal at Banksia Park this term. Outside of school I like to spend my time with my family, tending to the over 30 fruit trees that I am growing, and playing ice hockey with my sons. I have a passion for education and helping students grow academically, socially and emotionally. I look forward to meeting you all, please feel free to come and say hi if you see me out and about around the school this term.

Mrs Natalie Tyers has left the school at the end of Term 1. We wish to thank Mrs Tyers for her efforts across Year 1 Science and PE as valued member of our school. To commence Term 2, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Spector will be increasing her time at the school to teach these classes.

Voluntary Contributions

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 Champion booklist at the start of the year, or by paying directly to the school. We have had a few families try to pay twice, as they had 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 call or send an email.**

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 direct debit.










In closing the Principal's Message for Week 1, I wish to sincerely thank the community for your support and trust in my leadership. In understanding the aspirations of our school, I seek to continue to lead with courage and integrity – and prioritise serving our students as we continue to build on the strong platform set. Wishing all families a safe long weekend ahead. Lest we forget.



Paul Cassir
Principal

Crunch & Sip

Swaps for protein

		
Cheese	Egg	BBQ chicken
		
Roast beef	Hummus	Tinned fish
		
Beans	Tofu	Edamame beans

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News from the Japanese Room

In 2026, Australia and Japan celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation (Friendship and Cooperation Treaty). The Friendship and Cooperation Treaty was initiated under Prime Minister Whitlam and signed in Tokyo on 16 June 1976 by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and Prime Minister Miki Takeo. The Friendship and Cooperation Treaty formally

recognised friendship, shared interests and independence as core principles, and established a framework for further cooperation.

These days this includes the many primary schools, high schools and universities here in Australia who offer Japanese as an additional language students can learn.

News from the Art Room



Welcome back to Term 2 and biggest welcome back to Banksia Park artists. Please assist your children to prepare for this week's art lessons by having all equipment ready.

In the last week of Term 1, every classroom was given a brightly coloured poster identifying the required resources and will be on classroom walls from this week to prompt students. Also, we still have a very small number of students without art shirts. This is a requirement for all students and can be a simple old clothing garment from home.

I look forward to many wonderful creations from our students this term and will continue to feature many artworks in upcoming newsletters.

Fiona Jackson – Visual Arts Specialist

Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,
The Choir will be performing at Mrs Gosnay's special assembly tomorrow from 2.40pm. They are to please wear their school uniform.
The Choir will also be presenting at the ANZAC Day ceremony on Wednesday 29 April.

Please ensure your child wears their choir shirt and blue shorts, skirt or skorts to the ANZAC Day ceremony. The front row choir members will wear their school uniform. Thank you.

Janis Cullen – Music Specialist

Physical Education News



Cross Country

Cross Country will be held on 28 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.

Running Club will be held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** starting in **Week 1** from **8.20am-8.40am**. This 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 in the training. Side to side activities, such as running, have been shown to help conversations between adults and young people as it minimises direct eye contact and can be seen as a more comfortable or less confrontational approach to communication.

Kyle Edmonds – PE Specialist

Science Corner



Congratulations to the successful Artemis II landing back home, safely. The classes have all enjoyed following the mission from start to finish and observe the new photographs from the dark side of the moon. Bring on Artemis III!

Back on Earth, the year 2/3 students have been exploring what's actually beneath our feet.

Liz Spector – Science Specialist



P&C News

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Next General Meeting: Tuesday 12th May at 7pm (Staff Room) – All are welcome!

As most of you may have seen coming into Term 2, we're thrilled to share the completion of several exciting upgrades around the school, including the new concreting and patio in the Early Learning playground, the bike rack pad, and entrance pathway.

This has been a long-awaited project and a key focus of our recent fundraising efforts, so it's incredibly rewarding to see it come to life.

A **huge thank** you to school parent Mitch and his teams at *Impressive Concrete and Statement Homes* for their hard work over the holidays to deliver such a fantastic result.

We can't wait to see our Kindy and Pre-Primary students enjoying their new play space, and our bike riders making use of the safer and more practical parking area.

Thank you to our school community for your continued support, this is a great example of what we can achieve together!

UNIFORM SHOP 🏪

Uniform Orders: via www.quickclig.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.**

Uniform Shop Donations Needed

Our second-hand uniform stock is running low. If you have clean, good-condition items **purchased from the uniform shop**, we'd love to recycle them back into circulation.

Donating helps reduce waste and keeps our sustainable uniform system running smoothly. Please drop items off during shop hours.

TIPS FOR DONATING SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

 Ensure the items are washed prior to donating.	 Items originally purchased from the uniform shop ONLY. No Best and Less, Kmart etc	 Items should be stain and rip free.
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★ Top Tip - If you wouldn't buy it, please don't donate it. ★

CANTEEN 🍴

Opening Times: every Wednesday and Friday.

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

We're delighted to share that Ashley will be joining our school as our new Canteen Manager, starting this Wednesday. Ashley brings such a warm, positive energy and we're very excited to welcome her into our school community.

A friendly reminder, over-the-counter sales have currently paused.

All canteen orders can be placed via the Spriggy app. If you need any assistance setting up your account, please don't hesitate to reach out via our Facebook page or email us at banksiaparkcanteen@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait for you to meet Ashley!

FUNDRAISERS

Welcome everyone to Term 2!

We have a busy Term planned with the annual Mother's Day stall and disco, our first DUGG event, an amazing prize to be drawn at the Edu Dance raffle and NAIDOC cookie sales. So stay tuned to the newsletter, Facebook group and parent reps for ongoing information.

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

SATURDAY MAY 23rd - DUGG lawn bowls event at Leeming Bowls club 4pm

FRIDAY JUNE 12th - School Disco. More info coming closer to the date.

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—it's so lovely seeing the kids choose the perfect gift for Mum ❤️

DUGG LAWN BOWLS

Tickets on sale now via Spriggy!!

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

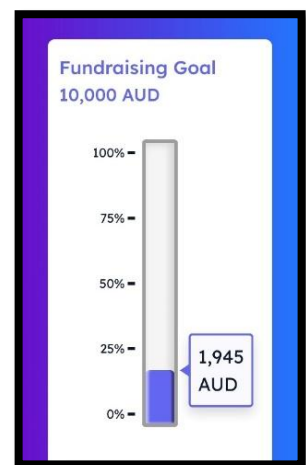
🍔 Sausage sizzle dinner available for pre order via Spriggy to have on the night

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.

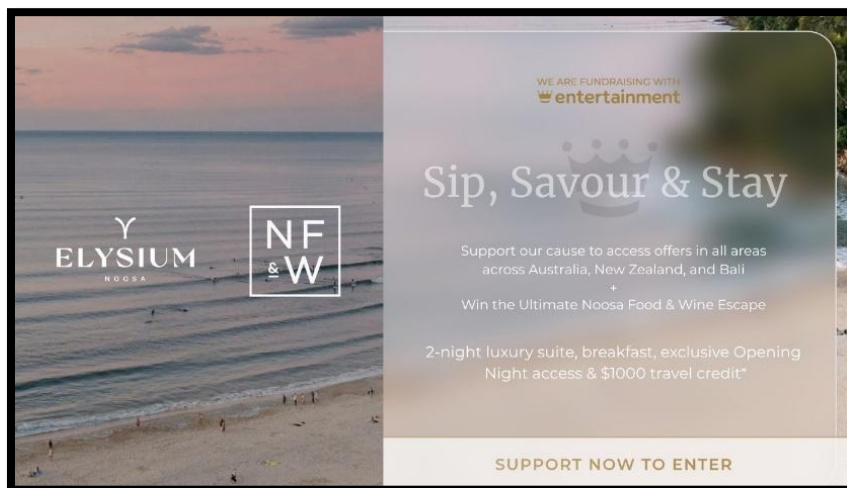
Ticket sales close next Thurs the 30th at 10pm as the club needs to organise for some volunteers to come out and teach everyone how to play.

Fundraising Goal Tracker

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$10,000. Building on last year's amazing success, we're looking forward to another great year of community events and opportunities to raise valuable funds for our school. We're excited to see what we can achieve together!



Fundraising with Entertainment Membership



Buy an **Entertainment Membership** in **April** for only **\$75** for 12 months and access discounts in 20 cities across **Australia, New Zealand & Bali**.

You'll also go in the draw to experience the ultimate **Noosa Food & Wine Festival escape** from **11th-13th June 2026** - including exclusive access to the **Official Opening Party**, a luxury **Panoramic River View Suite at Elysium Noosa** and a **\$1,000 Visa Gift Card** to complete your getaway. Offer available from now until 5pm AEST Thursday 30th April.

20% of your purchase supports **Banksia Park Primary School**

Simply scan the QR code here 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.



New date:
23.05.26

Do you like science?

**Come and see chemistry in action
at Murdoch University Open Day.**

Enjoy demonstrations of explosions using cryogenics and be entertained with illuminating science using everyday materials.

Enjoy the show and explore our campus for a wide range of experiences.

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University



Live & Explosive Show

Sat 23 May

10.30-11.15am and 1-1.45pm

Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre
(next to the library on Bush Court)