

# BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 7

Term 2 Week 3

6 May 2026



## Planner - Term 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	May 4	May 5 Year 6 Zoo Excursion  Mother's Day Stall - Bilbies	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
4	May 11	May 12 Uniform Meeting 6.30pm  P&C Meeting 7pm	May 13 Edu-Dance (Yr 1)	May 14	May 15 Edu-Dance (PP, 2-6)
5	May 18	May 19	May 20 Assembly – Area 10  Edu-Dance (Yr 1)  Newsletter	May 21	May 22 Edu-Dance (PP, 2-6)  P&C Day

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support in opening our busy Term 2 – a strength of our school continues to be our connection and shared partnership with families. While we have many events on the calendar, staff have been so pleased with the calm and considerate way that students are approaching their learning – and demonstrating our value of Friendship in their interactions inside and outside of the classroom.

As a school, we are placing a priority on maintaining consistent curriculum delivery across the school, and our efforts in this area continues to be reflected in strong performance and progress results. Staff have recently reviewed preliminary NAPLAN data for Years 3 and 5 students – and will be proud to present this when the finalised reports are available early next term.



### ANZAC Ceremony 2026

Banksia Park Primary held our commemoration for this special event last Wednesday. At this service we took the opportunity to remember the sacrifices of those who gave, and continue to give, service to our country and pay our respects to ensure that as a nation we never forget.

Some special mentions of appreciation from the service include:

- Mr McGuinness representing the Riverton RSL who addressed the assembly.
- Mrs McGuinness representing her family in support of her husband.
- Mr Victor Moss who played the Last Post and Rouse for us.
- The parent volunteers who arranged the flowers for our wreaths.
- The student councillors for conducting the service.
- The AV student technicians for their work in delivering the service.
- The student Guard of Honour who attended in their club uniforms.
- Students representing family members who have served/ are serving their country.

- Finally, to the servicepeople who took the time to join us for our special assembly, we thank sincerely for your service on behalf of all Australians.



### Faction Cross Country

Faction Cross Country will be held on the school oval on **Thursday 28 May** starting at 9:10am and is anticipated to finish by 1:10pm. Further information will be sent tomorrow (Thursday) on Compass.

### Habitats For Wildlife

Habitats for Wildlife is a project aligned with Perth Zoo and the City of Melville and we are so excited to be a part of it. The year 6 students with the Sustainability Coordinators leadership will be engaging in the program. The program helps out a specific species of animal to adapt in our school environment. We will be making a habitat for an animal of our choice. The program has involved many steps. First, we had an incursion with Scott from Perth Zoo. We learned how dieback affects trees and its great impact on the environment of our school. We also surveyed the school grounds and selected an ideal location for our habitat. We also observed nature in our school environment.

Yesterday we attended an excursion to Perth Zoo. The Year 6s explored the zoo in mini groups to learn about how we can help our chosen species, the Pink and Grey galah. We also learned how animals behave in their environments and how to monitor them.

Next steps will be learning how to create or modify a habitat at school to encourage more Pink and Grey galahs to our school grounds. This will also increase general bird habitat at our school.

The Sustainability committee is excited to lead this project to help our school's environment and the Pink and Grey Galahs.

We will need our community's help to make our habitat happen. More to come....

*Written by **The Sustainability Coordinators***



### Mothers' Day Stall

The P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding their annual Mother's Day tomorrow **Thursday 7 May** in the Music Room. There will be a variety of gifts on offer for students to purchase, including some special items from local businesses. Students who wish to purchase a gift are welcome to bring cash (\$10.00 maximum) in a wallet or envelope to school.

Our thanks are extended to the significant work of our P&C Committee members for their organisation and time invested in providing this opportunity for our community. This includes both work in preparation for the day, as well as those who managed the stall for the classes coming through.

### Student Equity Advisory Team (SEAT) – RoE Network Initiative

Congratulations to Danny and Samantha of Year 5 on their successful nomination to the RoE Network's SEAT program.

This program is designed to strengthen student voice by bringing together student representatives from across our network schools to contribute ideas and help shape initiatives that are relevant to our shared school communities.

Danny and Samantha recently attended an orientation day at Burrendah Primary School, where they proudly represented our school, met fellow student leaders from across the network, and began exploring a project of interest. We look forward to seeing the results of their work in the coming months.



### 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](mailto: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 see our website for enrolment forms or you can collect a set from our office. Enrolments are due for return on **24 July 2026**.

### Kangaroos on Oval

As the weather begins to cool, we are noticing an increase in kangaroo activity on and around the oval. While it is always an exciting time to see our natural wildlife, we remind parents to remain vigilant, especially during pick up and drop off times and remind students to always keep a safe distance.

The school will continue to monitor the oval and surrounds to ensure a safe environment.

### Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of valuable lost property stored in the school administration office. Items include clip purses containing money, reading glasses, jewellery, and other personal belongings. If you believe that your child has lost an item, we encourage a parent/ caregiver to visit the office at your convenience to check whether any of these items belong to your child. We also have a significant amount of lost property in the yellow bin within the PAC. We would encourage parents/ caregivers to check whether any items belong to your family. Periodically, we need to recycle/ dispose of any unclaimed items.

### P&C Day

**Friday 22 May** is P&C Day for WA, a day to acknowledge everything our P&C do for our school community. Banksia Park Primary School's P&C work tirelessly on initiatives that benefit our students – and we are fortunate to have such an active and engaged committee.

P&C Associations across the state are involved in many activities, from facilitating parent participation and involvement in the school, to acting as a forum for parents to discuss school issues and providing resources to the school via fundraising.

Each year, we seek to celebrate and acknowledge the magnificent contributions of our P&C Associations – and, specifically, the committed P&C that we have at BPPS.



### P&C Meeting & Uniform Subcommittee

A message has been sent on Compass on Tuesday of this week to remind families that we are holding a P&C meeting next **Tuesday 12 May** in the staffroom from 7.00pm. Before this meeting, we will be holding the second meeting of our Uniform Subcommittee from 6.30pm. We would encourage any interested members of the community to attend either, or both, of these meetings.

We wish all our families the best for the end of Week 3.



Paul Cassir  
Principal



### Crunch & Sip

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**Learning about wholegrains**

**What is a wholegrain?**  
Grains such as wheat, oats, and barley are made up of three layers: the bran, endosperm and germ. Wholegrain means that all three layers of the grain are present.

**Why should we eat wholegrains?**  
Wholegrains are bursting with fibre, vitamin E, B vitamins, healthy fats, iron, magnesium, and zinc. All these essential nutrients help with our children's digestion, growth, and development – as well as provide long lasting energy.

**Uh oh... my child only likes white bread!**  
We hear you. Children are often drawn to the soft texture and sweet taste of refined grains, whereas wholegrains can be a little more bitter or earthy and can be harder to chew. Introduce gradually by using one slice of white with one slice of wholegrain or make a rice blend using half white and half brown.

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## Honour Certificates



Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 6 May 2026 -

Ava. P	Area 2	Harvey. J	Area 2	Abigail. S	Area 3	Xavier. G	Area 3
Archer. M	Area 3	Amber. L	Area 4	Hudson. C	Area 4	Evelyn. L	Area 5
Maya. C	Area 5	Tobi. N	Area 6	Annie. T	Area 6	Ben. P	Area 6
Hannah. P	Area 7	Carter. J	Area 7	Marloe. C	Area 8	Andie. D	Area 8
Bradley. W	Area 10	Katelyn. H	Area 10	Eva. C	Area 10	Elizabeth. T	Area 10
Lily. M	Area 11	Charlie. R	Area 11	Ella. D	Area 11	Mia. S	Area 12
Summer. D	Area 12	Shinuli. P	Area 12	Blaze. S	Area 13	Imogen. S	Area 13
Liam. V	Area 13	Ella. D	Area 13	AREA 2 Music			

## News from the Art Room



Our gifted & talented class have been busy creating pencil drawings depicting the beauty of the natural environment of our school grounds. A sample of these works are on display in our school office. These highly skilled artists have demonstrated an ability to draw with exceptional realism depicting plants with stunning accuracy. They have illustrated with mastery of light and shadow to create a sense of realism and shown hyper focused detail in the textures of the leaf, veins and eucalyptus flowers.

This is a stunning example of both their giftedness and their talent. Congratulations year 5/6.



### News from the Japanese Room



Kisami S from Area 11 is our first Hiragana Reading Black Belt of 2026. He is also our first Hiragana Writing Black Belt of the year. Kisami has earned his black belt by showing he can read and write the Hiragana characters all by himself. Yoko dekimashita! Well done!



### Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,  
This term we will be studying Solfa (solfege) singing using the Kodaly method which uses syllables like "do, re, mi" to help students sing and understand notes. Kodaly uses hand signs for each note to give a physical and visual way to feel the notes. The voice is an instrument everyone has. Across the school different classes will also be studying the xylophone and recorder as well as exploring musical genre.  
Janis Cullen-Music Specialist

### Science Corner

The year 6's have been testing out some chemical reactions lately. New term, new topic and they are ready for the experiments.



### School Chaplin's Chat



**10 BENEFITS OF EXERCISE**      **EXERCISE EVERY DAY**

- Facilitates Motor Skill Development
- Better Balance and Coordination
- Improved Focus and Attention
- Increased Muscle Strength
- Boosts Confidence
- Supports Social Interaction
- Improved Flexibility
- Healthy Growth and Development
- Natural Stress Relief
- Foundation for Lifelong Physical Fitness

**EXERCISE EVERY DAY**

- ★ Active Playtime: Encourage unstructured play like tag, jumping rope, or climbing to keep kids moving and engaged.
- ★ Daily Walks: Make walking to school, the park, or around the neighborhood a daily routine.
- ★ Morning Stretch Routine: Start the day with a simple stretching routine to wake up muscles and increase flexibility.
- ★ Use Active Games: Incorporate physical games like hopscotch or Simon Says into daily activities to build coordination.
- ★ Dance Breaks: Schedule short dance breaks throughout the day to keep energy levels high and promote movement.
- ★ Outdoor Sports: Encourage participation in sports like soccer, basketball, or swimming to build strength and teamwork.
- ★ Homework with Movement: Integrate movement-based learning, such as practicing spelling words with jumping jacks or math problems with skipping.
- ★ Chores as Exercise: Turn household chores into physical activities, like sweeping, gardening, or vacuuming, to build strength and coordination.
- ★ Screen Time Swap: Replace some screen time with active alternatives, like a family bike ride or a nature hike.
- ★ Stretch Before Bed: End the day with a relaxing stretch or yoga session to wind down and improve flexibility.

**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](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 4 (11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CANTEEN 🍴**

**Opening Times:** every Wednesday and Friday.

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

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](mailto:banksiaparkcanteen@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support!

**FUNDRAISERS**

## Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2026

This year, we're excited to invest in brightening up our school. 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 7<sup>th</sup>** -  
Mother's Day stall

**SATURDAY MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** - DUGG lawn  
bowls event at Leeming Bowls club 4pm

**FRIDAY JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>** - 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!

We still need some more volunteers to help with the stall so if you can spare a little time we would appreciate it.

<https://signup.com/go/OxVDPSt>

- 📅 Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Ticket sales have closed. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. We look forward to hosting our first DUGG event.

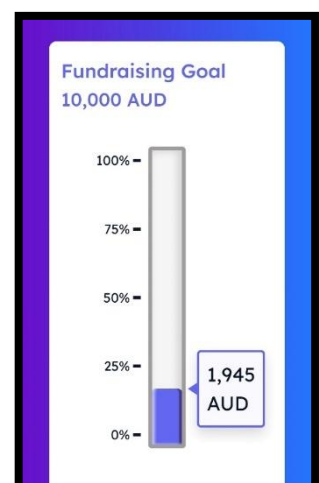
This event begins at 4pm on Saturday 23rd May at Leeming Bowling Club.

We will send out a reminder and more information closer to the date.

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

### 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

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VALUED OVER \$14,000.
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Stuck for a Mother's Day gift? Support **Banksia Park Primary School** with our Entertainment Membership BOGO offer.

From now until **12 May**, buy a \$75 Access All Areas Membership and get a **second one FREE**. It's the perfect gift for Mum (and a bonus one for you!).

**Why buy?**

- **Save:** Thousands of deals on dining, travel, and shopping.
- **Win:** Go into the draw for a **Baltic Cruise** and a trip to **Antarctica**
- **Support:** 20% of your purchase goes to our school fundraising

**Buy now:**

Scan the QR code or access 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 we 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 see which eco-friendly items are available and pricing:

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

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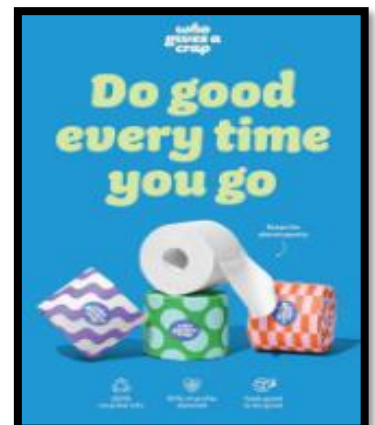
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# GIRLS

## Important Info

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**

Sunday 10 May

Trial Cost: \$30



**Phase 1:**

**Location:** Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont

**Date:** Sunday 17 May 2026

**South & Country:** Rego 12pm / Trial 12:30pm - 3:30pm

**North:** Rego 8am / Trial 8:30am - 11:00am

**\*Further trial information TBC\***



# SSWA NETBALL 12'S INTERSTATE TRIALS 2026

# BOYS

## Important Info

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:** Tuesday 28 April

Trial Cost: \$30

**Phase 1:**

**Location:** Gold Netball Centre

**Date:** Sunday 3 May 2026

**Time:** Trial 8am - 12pm

**Phase 1 Options**

Register and nominate to:

A - Attend Open Trial

B - Country (200km- from Perth only) submit 2-minute video (Match Play Video Footage)

C - Invited to squad training if selected from Association Championships

Phase 1B video submissions to be emailed to [courtney.george@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:courtney.george@education.wa.edu.au)

