

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 12

Term 3 Week 1

22 July 2026



Planner - Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 July First day of Term 3 for students	21 July Kapture School Photos	22 July Newsletter	23 July Kapture School Photos	24 July
2	27 July Aus Alert National Test 12pm	28 July	29 July Melville Mayor visit Assembly 2/3 – Area 8	30 July	31 July
3	3 August	4 August Board Meeting 3.30pm	5 August Newsletter	6 August	7 August

Principal's Message

Hello Banksia Park families,

It is a pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of Banksia Park Primary School. I am excited to be joining the Banksia Park community and can't wait to get to know our students, families and staff.

Over the past 25 years I have worked in a variety of roles across Western Australian public schools, including as a teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal. These experiences have reinforced my belief that great schools are built on strong relationships, high expectations and a shared commitment to helping every child succeed. I'm looking forward to building on the wonderful work already happening at Banksia Park and working with our staff, students and families to ensure every student has every opportunity to succeed.

Over the first few weeks, you'll see me out and about in classrooms, around the playground and at school events. My priority is to get to know our school, learn what makes Banksia Park special and hear from the people who know it best. If you see me around the school, please come and say hello. I'd love to meet you, hear your story and learn what you value most about our school.

I am also looking forward to working alongside our P&C and School Board. They play an important role in supporting our school and I value the partnerships we build with our parent community. Together, we can continue to create the very best opportunities for our students.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and to a fantastic Term 3.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all staff, students and Banksia Park family and friends. We hope everyone enjoyed some fun times and relaxation over the school holidays. It is another busy term ahead with some of our favourite whole school events including Book Week, Parent Night, Interm Swimming and our Faction Athletics and Jumps Carnival, just to name a few. With so much on once again, it is important to ensure that your contact details are up to date as we send most communication

through Compass. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, assistance can be found through our friendly staff in the front office. See our school website for information, updates and contact details **banksiaparkps.wa.edu.au**.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN Individual Student Reports have now been sent home to all Year 3 and Year 5 families. These reports provide information about your child's achievement in literacy and numeracy at the time of the assessment. They are one source of information about your child's learning and should be considered alongside classroom assessments, school reports and teacher observations.

Further information about our school's NAPLAN results and what they tell us about student learning will be shared with families later this term.

Assembly Week 2

Our first assembly for Term 3 will be held on Wednesday 29 July in the P.A.C. Area.

Our Year 2/3 class will be hosting the assembly, and we look forward to seeing them showcase their learning. Families and members of our school community are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Safe Travel to and from School

As we begin a new term, it's a timely reminder to talk with your child about staying safe when travelling to and from school.

Simple conversations at home can help children feel confident and prepared. Please remind your child to:

- Use their usual route to and from school.
- Cross roads at designated crossings where possible.
- Walk with a friend or group when they can.
- Never get into a car with someone they do not know, or with someone they were not expecting, even if that person knows their name.
- If they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable, move to a busy place and seek help from a trusted adult, such as a teacher, parent, crossing guard, police officer or staff member at a nearby business.
- If plans for collection change, they should return to the school office or follow the plan you have agreed on as a family.

From time to time, concerns may be raised about a suspicious person or vehicle near a school. If your child reports an incident or anything that makes them feel unsafe while travelling to or from school, please contact the school as soon as possible. Prompt reporting enables us to work closely with WA Police and the Department of Education to assess the information and determine any necessary action. Where appropriate, families will be provided with confirmed information and any advice relevant to the school community.

Regular conversations at home are one of the most effective ways to help children develop safe habits and know what to do if they ever feel uncertain.

Kapture Photo Day

Our school photo day is being held this Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 July. You will have already received a flyer to order your school photographs. If you have misplaced your order form, please contact our administration team for a replacement. A schedule for the two days is available below:

Tuesday 21 July		Thursday 23 July	
8.20	Staff Photo	9.05	Kindy Joeys
8.40	Choir	9.25	Y1 A5
9.00	Kindy Bilbies	9.45	Y2&3 A6
9.20	PP A2	10.05	Y2&3 A7
9.45	PP A3	10.25	Y2&3 A8
10.05	Y1 A4	10.50-11.20	Photographer break - no photos
10.30-11.20	Photographer break - no photos	11.20	Y6 A13
11.20	Y4&5 A10	11.50	Grad & Grad Muck Up
11.45	Y4&5 A11	12.00	All Student Leaders
12.10	Y4&5 A12	12.10	Student Councillors
12.45 on	Siblings: families with Bilbies or PP	12.15	Captains
		12.25	Clarinet
		12.35	Flute
		12.45	Guitar
		12.55	Brass
		1.10 on	Siblings: Joeys and catch ups

AUS Alert – National Notification System

In October 2026 the Australian Government is launching AUS Alert – a new national warning system that uses technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile phones, tablets and smart watches. It's a fast and reliable way to help keep you informed so you can act quickly during local and national disasters. On Monday, July 27, 2026, at 12noon AWST there will be a national test. At the time of this test, an alert will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia at the same time. This is during school hours in all states and territories. During the test a message may appear on device screens, and a loud alert may sound for approximately 10 seconds. We will ensure the students are aware of the test in the lead up to the date.

Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.ausalert.gov.au/alerts-explained/national-test>

WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

All Western Australian school students with an active enrolment at a public school, non-government school or registered for home education are eligible for the WA Student Assistance Payment. You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

The fastest and most convenient way to claim is through the ServiceWA app. More information on how to claim through the ServiceWA app is available at [WA.gov.au/WASAP2026](https://www.wa.gov.au/WASAP2026)

All claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.

Book Week & Dress-up Day

Book Week commences week 4, August 10. All students are invited to come to school on Friday 12 August dressed as a character from a book. Students may choose to dress up as a character from a book or even just bring along their favourite book to share. More details will follow leading up to the event.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2027

A reminder that enrolments for Kindy in 2027 close this **Friday, July 24**. Families can download our enrolment forms from our website or visit our administration team between the hours of 8:30am 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact the school for more information on 9266 6400.

Unwell Students

During the cooler months, students are encouraged to be prepared and bring the appropriate warmer clothing and practice good hygiene. Please be reminded that students who are unwell

should not come to school. The best place for them is home so they can rest and recover properly.

Voluntary Contributions

A friendly reminder that voluntary contributions are now due. The money collected from voluntary contributions provides our school with the opportunity to purchase much needed resources and materials to support the curriculum content for your child's learning journey. If you have already paid via Campion, we thank you for your contribution.

The contribution amount approved by the School Board is \$60.00 per child.

Payment can be made by cash or card at the front office, or via direct debit as follows:

Account Name: Banksia Park Primary School
BSB: 066-040 Account Number: 19907101
Reference: VC and Students Surname

Thank you for your contribution.



Rebecca Lancel
Principal

Phone: 9266 6400

Email: banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au

News from the Art Room

Welcome back to the wonderful world of art everyone!

To launch into Term 3 we will begin by acknowledging the death of one of the worlds most celebrated artists, David Hockney. Together, classes will celebrate the immensely important, extraordinary art of Hockney with a range of exciting creative projects in our art room.

Hockney's "Joy of Looking" and "Love of Life" will be embraced as students pay tribute to a truly iconic artist.





News from the Japanese Room

This week students are participating in our annual calligraphy activity. The character they are writing this year is “Warau” which has the meaning of “laugh and smile”



Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,

We have a fantastic music incursion coming to perform at our school on Monday 3 August - the Silver Threads Brass Band. Their show is all about making music fun. It will enrich and engage the students and optimises audience participation. The band is made up of retired musicians. The school will cover the cost of this incursion.

Janis Cullen

Science Corner



Exciting term ahead for the students in Science who are exploring Physics!

Year 1- Strength of push and pull forces

Year 2/3-Sound energy and how energy can transfer from one thing to another

Year 4/5-Forces being exerted through friction and light energy

Year 6-The transfer of energy through electrical circuits.

Watch this space

Sport Update



Physical Education Update – Term 3

We have a huge Term 3 ahead in Physical Education, with lots of exciting opportunities for students to get involved and demonstrate the respectfulness and resilience.

Upcoming Events:

- Winter Carnival (rescheduled): 11 August
- SEDA AFL Visit: 12 August
- Interschool Cross Country: 25 August
- Swimming Lessons: Weeks 7 & 8
- Athletics Carnival Week (Week 9):
 - Tuesday 15 September – Long Distance & Throws
 - Wednesday 16 September – Long Jump & Triple Jump
 - Friday 18 September – School Athletics Carnival

Please keep an eye out for further information and permission notes as these events approach. We look forward to an exciting and active term!

School Chaplin's Chat



5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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Next General Meeting: Tuesday 11th August at 7pm (Staff Room) – All are welcome!

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, online orders will continue. (EFTPOS available).

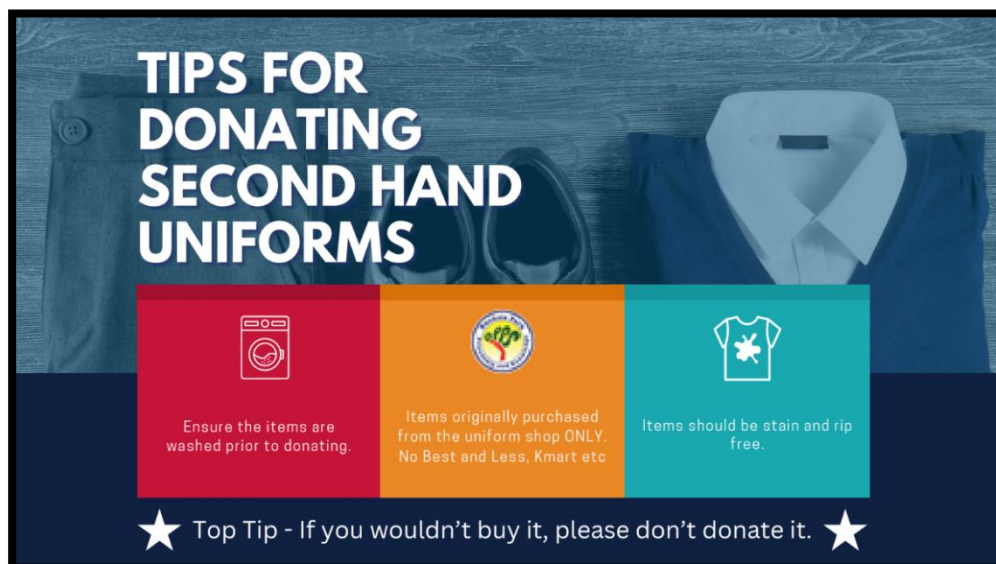
Winter Fleece Jackets in Stock!

Our winter fleece jackets are still available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. With the colder weather here, now is the perfect time to make sure your child is warm and ready for the school day,

We are gratefully accepting donations of good quality second hand fleece jackets. If your child has outgrown their jacket, please consider donating it. Choosing to donate and reuse uniforms not only helps make school clothing more affordable for families, but also supports a more sustainable future by keeping quality items in use and reducing waste. Please drop items off during shop hours.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

***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.

Order: via <https://www.spriggy.com.au>

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!

P&C News
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FUNDRAISERS

Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2026

Fundraising Goal - Build a Brighter Banksia

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.

Upcoming Fundraising Events -

Thurs Aug 27th -
Fathers Day Stall.

Tues Sept 15th - Faction Carnival Merch sales close. More info on ordering coming soon.

Fri Sept 18th - Faction Carnival Cake Stall

🧠 P&C artist update 🧠

Unfortunately the wet and cold weather along with our old bricks has slowed down progress, but Jocelyn has still been working her magic! Keep an eye out for the colourful line-up dots outside the

Year 1 classrooms, the beautiful new reading/chill nook, and our new Search & Find challenge. There are 31 small red painted kangaroo paws hiding around the school... can your kids spot them all? 🦘 👀

As soon as the weather warms up, it will be all systems go for the bigger outdoor artworks. Stay tuned as we will update you as works are completed.



Search & Find



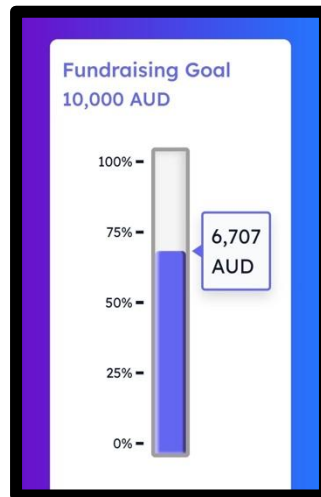
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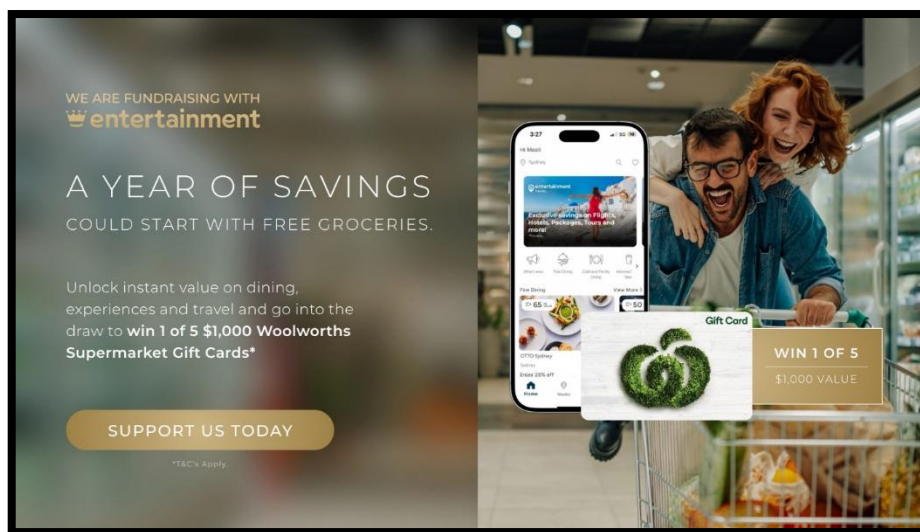
Year 1 lining up dots.

[Fundraising Goal Tracker](#)

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$10,000. 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 **July** for only **\$75** for 12 months and access discounts across **Australia & New Zealand**.

You'll also go in the draw to win one of 5 **\$1,000 Woolworths Gift Cards**.

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

Scan the QR code or use the link to purchase:

<https://www.entbook.com.au/860b40>



WGAC Toilet Paper Fundraiser

Support the school simply by buying **Who Gives A Crap** toilet paper. When you order through our fundraiser, **a portion of every sale comes back to the school at no extra cost to you.**

Ordering is now quicker and easier via the **Spriggy app** under **Events**. Run down your current stash and place your order before the deadline.

Orders close: 16th August Pick-up from school: 21st August





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Shaping the future

Free online workshops for parents Term 3, 2026

Who is running the workshops?

School Psychologist Consultants from the Department of Education WA.

What are the workshops about?

We are offering free, live online workshops to help parents and carers support their children. Most workshops are part of the **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**, which gives simple ideas to help children learn skills, behave well, and feel confident. Some workshops may focus on other topics to support families.

Who can join?

All parents and carers are welcome. The workshops are free and online.

How do I join a workshop?

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register. You will receive a confirmation email with a Webex link and reminder before the session.

Note: Webinars are live and not recorded. For the best experience, we recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) before the session.



Want to learn more?

You can register for a range of free face-to-face, live online, or self-paced parenting programs via the [Department of Education WA](#) website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/triple-p>.

Child and Parent Centres also support families across WA with early learning programs, health services, and family support. Visit the [Child and Parent Centres WA](#) website to find a centre near you: <https://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au>.