

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 14

Term 3 Week 5

19 August 2026

 Planner - Term 2					
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5	August 17 Bullying – No Week Science Week	August 18 Kindy Incursion Better Beginnings	August 19 Assembly Year1 Area 6 Newsletter	August 20 Kindy Incursion Better Beginning	August 21
6	August 24 Pupil Free Day	August 25 Interschool Cross Country – Shelley Reserve	August 26 Parent Night – 5:00 – 7:00pm	August 27 Father's Day Stall	August 28
7	August 31 Swimming Lessons Commence	September 1 Swimming Lessons	September 2 Swimming Lessons Newsletter	September 3 Swimming Lessons	September 4 Swimming Lessons

Principal's Message

One of the things I have really enjoyed seeing since joining Banksia Park is the way our staff work together and support one another. Schools are busy places, and there is always plenty happening behind the scenes to make each day run smoothly. What stands out is the willingness of our staff to step in, lend a hand, share ideas and work together to support our students.

It is often the little things that make the biggest difference: checking in on a colleague, helping with an event, sharing resources, covering when someone needs support or simply noticing when an extra pair of hands is needed. These everyday actions contribute to the positive culture of our school and reflect the genuine commitment our staff have to each other and to our students.

I have also really valued the opportunity to connect with our parents and community through our recent School Board and P&C meetings. Both have been incredibly positive experiences, with thoughtful conversations, great ideas and a genuine willingness to work alongside the school. Our families care deeply about Banksia Park and want to play an active role in supporting our students and the future direction of our school. Building these strong partnerships between home and school will continue to be an important focus.

This collaboration extends across our whole school community. Our students benefit when staff, families and community members work together, share responsibility and support one another. I look forward to seeing our school community come together at our Parent Open Night on Wednesday 26 August. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to visit the school, celebrate the learning taking place in our classrooms and connect with staff and other members of our community. I hope to see many of you there!

National School Opinion Survey

Our National School Opinion Survey is now open, and we would love to hear from all of our families. A Compass message was sent on Monday 17 August with information about the survey and a direct link to complete it. Your feedback is an important part of understanding what our school is doing well and where we can continue to grow and improve. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to share their views and contribute to the future direction of Banksia Park Primary School. Please visit Compass to find the message and direct survey link.

SCISA Interschool Cross Country

Selected students from Years 3-6 have been invited to represent our school at the SCISA Interschool Cross Country Carnival, which will be held on **Tuesday 25 August** at Shelley Reserve.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from the venue. All participating students are required to arrive at school by **8:15 am** for an **8 :30 am** departure.

Students are asked to bring:

- A drink bottle
- Snacks and lunch
- Appropriate running shoes
- A raincoat and warm clothing should the weather be cold or wet.

Permission notes and payment forms were sent home last week. **Please ensure that all completed permission notes and payments are returned to the school office by tomorrow, Thursday 20 August.**

Please see the timetable below for event times.

Event	Distance	Time
Year 4 Girls	1500 metres	9.45
Year 4 Boys	1500 metres	10.00
Junior Girls (Year 3 & Under)	1500 metres	10.15
Junior Boys (Year 3 & Under)	1500 metres	10.30
Year 5 Girls	2000 metres	10.45
Year 5 Boys	2000 metres	11.00
Year 6 Girls	2000 metres	11.15
Year 6 Boys	2000 metres	11.30
Presentations		11.55

Book Week & Dress-up Day

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in this years “Symphony of Stories” themed Book week parade and helping to make the day such a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see our school filled with so many creative, colourful and imaginative costumes inspired by favourite books and characters.

Thank you to all the students and families who put so much effort into their costumes. Our parade was a wonderful celebration of books, reading and imagination, and it was clear that fun was had by all!

We are so proud of the enthusiasm and joy our students showed throughout the day. Events like Book Week remind us that reading can take us on amazing adventures.

Well done everyone and thank you for making our Book week celebration such a memorable one.



SCISA Interschool Carnival

On Tuesday 11 August, our students proudly represented our school at the SCISA Interschool Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with enthusiasm, encouragement and plenty of team spirit.

We were incredibly proud of the way our students participated and gave their best throughout the day. Whether competing on the field or cheering on from the sidelines, every student contributed to making the carnival a successful and fun event.

Thank you to all students for their hard work and commitment and a special thank you to Mr Cassir, Ms O'Reilly, Mrs Watson, Mrs Panomarenko, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Trescuri and Miss Heyden.

A special mention to our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers, Tania Quainton, Nick Davies, Brian Kay, Jodie Maiolo, Penelope O'Brien, Harper O'Brien and former student Chloe MacMahon who without your contribution, would not make this day possible.



Habitat For Wildlife Update

The year six students have been busy behind the scenes working on their Habitats for Wildlife Project. This week marked a major milestone as we installed our three bird boxes in the banksia woodland near the Early Childhood playground.

The boxes have been installed at varying heights and face different directions. We also have taken steps to discourage insects such as bees and wasps from occupying them. The purpose of this project is to try to bring as many native birds as we can into this area. We are hoping to attract large native birds such as galahs and cockatoos to them. While we encourage you to look at the boxes, a

reminder that you should not enter this bushland as it is dieback-affected and you could transfer this disease to other native plants on your shoes and tyres.

We would like to sincerely thank the following people and organisations for their contributions to our project so far:

- Mr Rowan Loveland
- Banksia Park PS P&C
- Mr Stephen Pratt
- City of Melville
- Perth Zoo
- Mr Peter Scott-Dieback Working Group

We have now entered a monitoring and maintenance period of the project. We will continue to care for our woodland and monitor the bird life in the area. Fingers crossed we have some new “tenants” in our nesting boxes very soon!



Pupil Free Day

A reminder to all families that Monday 24 August is a Pupil Free Day. Students do not attend school on this day.

Our staff will be using the day to finalise our professional learning and whole-school work around Trauma Informed Practices. This work supports a consistent approach across the school and strengthens the way we create safe, supportive and positive learning environments for all students.

Parent Night

Parents and friends are invited to join us on Wednesday evening (Week 6) 26 August, for our annual parent open night. Activities will begin from **5pm** in the Performing Arts Centre undercover area with performances from our school choir, BUGS Ukulele and the Treble Makres band.

Classroom will be open from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Kindy Bilbies classroom will be open from 4:00 -4:30pm and Joeys 4:40 – 5:10pm.

Our parent open night is a fabulous opportunity to spend some time in your child’s classroom and celebrate their efforts and recognise their developing skills across all areas of learning. We look forward to seeing all our families and friends at this special whole school event.

Interm Swimming

A reminder to all parents that our Interm Swimming starts Week 7 Monday August 31 and will conclude Week 8 Friday September 11. All students will travel by bus to Riverton Leisureplex. Students are asked to wear their bathers under their school uniform on swimming days. They will need to change into their school uniform when they return to school. Students can wear thongs to and from the pool only.

Please ensure all students pack:

- Shoes and socks
- A towel
- Spare underwear
- Plastic bag for wet bathers/towel.
- Goggles if required

All items should be marked clearly with your child's name. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the office. We are very keen to assist and ensure that all students have access to participate in this important annual school program.

See the timetable below for allocated swimming times.

Lesson Time	Classes	Year levels	Predicted Students
9:20	A4 (22) + A8 (20) + A10 (27)	Year 1, Year 2/3 and Year 4/5	69
10:05	A5 (22) + A6 (22)	Year 1 and Year 2/3	44
10:50	A7 (22) + A11 (27)	Year 2/3 and Year 4/5	49
12:00	A2 (22) + A12 (28)	Pre-primary and Year 4/5	50
12:45	A3 (22) + A13 (31)	Pre-primary and Year 6	53

Father's Day Stall

The P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding their annual father's Day stall on **Thursday 27 August** in the Music Room with the Kindy Bilbies being held on **Tuesday 25 August** in Block 1. There will be a variety of gifts on offer for students to purchase. 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.



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Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday 19 August 2026

Area 2 – Billy. S, Alex. P **Area 3** – Nora. Y, Elston. Y **Area 4** – Alexander. M, Isla. S

Area 5 – Anrew. C , Daisy. W **Area 6** – Trent. B, Ethan. H **Area 7** – Rayce. S, Esme. C

Area 8 – Alice. C, Sienna. W, Ava. D, Ava. C **Area 10** – Charlotte. L, Everly. F

Area 11 - Fearghas. M, Amahli. C, **Area 12** - Logan. C, Izzy. T **Area 13** – Isabella. F,
Taj. B, Jack. R.

News from the Art Room



It is with great excitement we anticipate our annual parent night art exhibit. This exhibition comes in 2 parts for 2026. Firstly, every child from year 1-6 will have a stunning little creation on display in their classrooms. Additionally, we will have the second part at our art expo which is the 2026 Gifted and Talented exhibition. This will be on display in our school undercover area for a period of 1 week. We look forward to sharing the talents of our gifted artists with our school community. This is a not to be missed exhibit.



Ms Cullen's Music Matters

Hi Everyone,

In Music this term senior students will be learning about reading and writing musical notation, they will also be learning songs on the ukulele and writing their own compositions and songs. Year 4/5 students will also study musical theory and continue to learn songs on their recorders and create their own music.

Junior students will continue learning about melody and rhythm using their voices, body percussion and on percussion instruments.

A collection of four sports balls. At the top left is a soccer ball with white and dark blue hexagonal panels. To its right is a large orange basketball with black lines. In the foreground, there is a brown American football with white laces and a small white baseball with red stitching.

Commencing September 15 (Week 9) is our annual Faction Athletics Carnival. It will be a busy week with the Jumps and Throw events happening on the Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by the main event on **Friday, September 18**. Mr Edmonds is seeking parent volunteers to assist with the running of events. If you can assist on any of the days, please contact Mr Edmonds. Your assistance is greatly valued and helps to make this annual whole school event a success. Keep more information to follow in our next newsletter.



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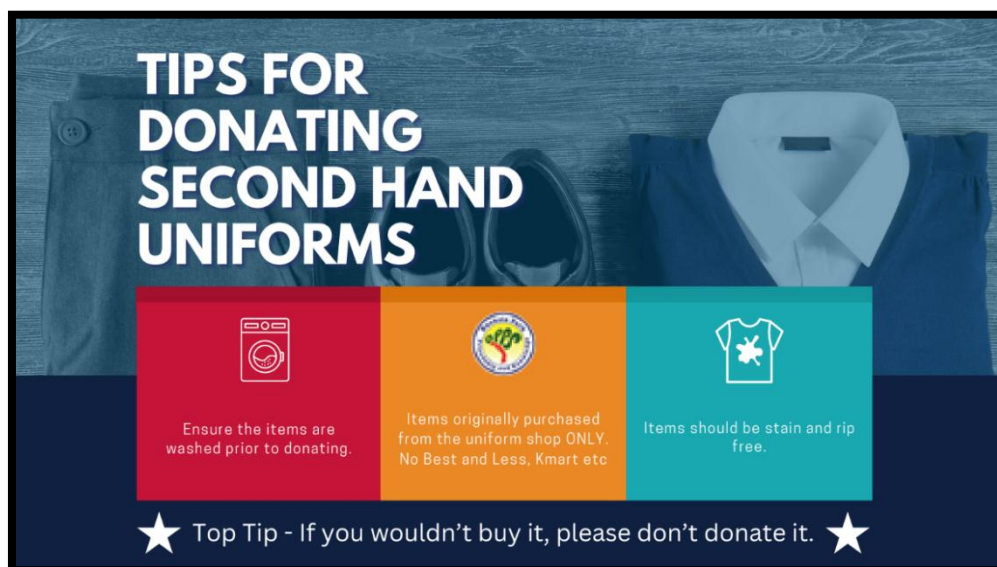
Find us on Facebook: Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 8th September 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).

***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!

Fundraising Goal - Build a Brighter Banksia

This year, we're excited to invest in brightening up our school. We've commissioned a local artist, Jocelyn Hobbs, 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 -

Tues Aug 25th and 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 and Raffle drawn for Adventure World voucher.
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Fathers Day Stall

Father's Day is quickly approaching, and our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on **Tuesday 25th August** for Kindy (Bilbies), Pre Primary and Year 1 and then again on **Thursday 27th August** for the rest of the school. If you'd like your child to pick out a special gift for Dad, Grandpa, Pop, or another special person, please remember to send them to school with some spending money on the day. As always, participation is completely optional - it's simply a fun opportunity for the kids to enjoy choosing a surprise gift themselves, and hopefully one less thing for us mums to organise before Father's Day!

Faction Carnival Merch and Cake Stall

🎉 Faction Carnival is here September 18th!

One of the biggest and most exciting days on the school calendar is just around the corner - Faction Carnival!

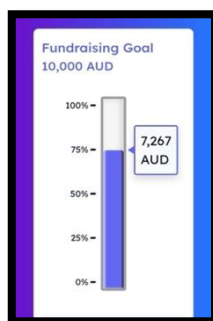
Of course, no carnival is complete without our ever-popular Cake Stall (and yes... the coffee van is already booked! ☕🍰). In the lead-up to the big day, we will be opening sales for our Faction Carnival merch. We'll have everything you need to cheer on your faction in style, including socks, sunnies, zinc, hairspray and more! Sales open Monday August 31st and will close Tuesday September 15th at 5pm. All items will be delivered to classes before carnival day. Let's make this year's carnival our biggest and brightest yet! 💙❤️🌱💛

End of Term Raffle

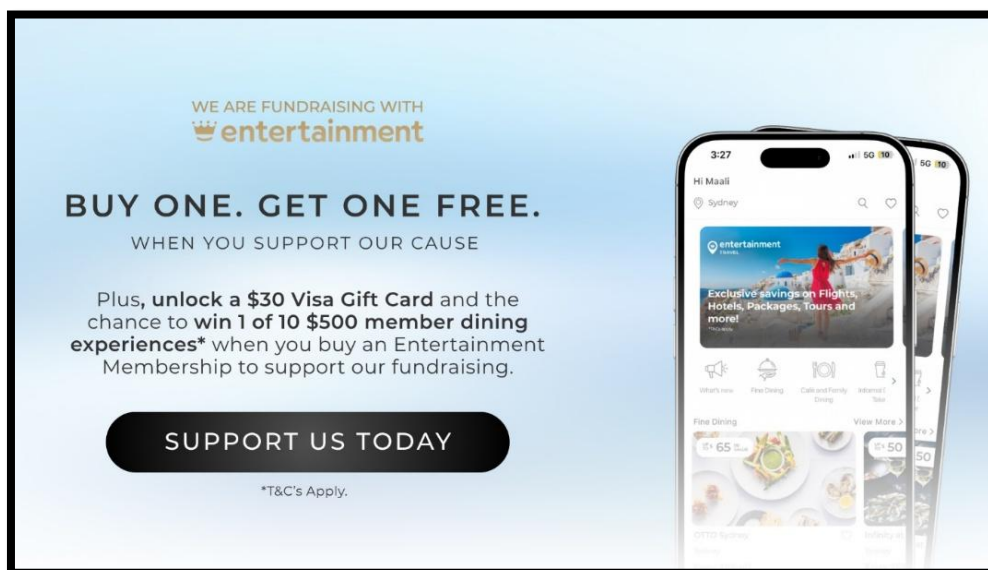
We are excited to announce that we will have up for grabs a \$600 voucher for Adventure World. Tickets on sale soon so stay tuned. Winner will be drawn at the Sports Carnival. Bring on Summer!!

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



Get your **\$75 Entertainment Membership** and save on **dining, travel, attractions and experiences** across **Australia, New Zealand and Bali**

- **Buy One Membership, Get One FREE** — ends 7 September
 - **FREE \$30 Visa Gift Card** — ends 7 September
 - **WIN 1 of 10 x \$500 Dining Gift Cards** — ends 30 August
- **WIN an Antarctic Expedition worth over \$39,000** – entries close 31 December
- **Support our school** – we receive 20% from each membership sold

Scan the QR code or use the link to purchase:

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





Join Us For Our Annual **Open Night**

Parents and caregivers are invited to celebrate
student learning at Banksia Park Primary School

Date: Wednesday 26 August

5.00 – 6.00pm: Sausage Sizzle & Drinks

*For sale outside Teaching Block 2
(cash only)*

5:30 – 6.00pm: Musical Performances

In the Performing Arts Centre

TREBLE MAKERS
BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL CHOIR
BUGS (UKELELE)

6.00 – 7.00pm: PP-6 Classrooms Open

**Note Kindy classroom opens at different times*

Bilbies: 4.00 – 4:30pm

Joeys: 4:40 – 5:10pm



We look forward to seeing you and your family!



SCIENCE MASCOT COMPETITION

**Who is
Professor Banksia?**



**COMPETITION OPEN FOR
Year 1-6**

**Design how Professor Banksia will look. Is it a boy
or a girl or even a human? Your A4 poster needs to
include a drawing of our new mascot and include
some fun facts about them.**



Ideas for your facts

**What is their favourite part of
science?**

Have they been to space?

**Do they work in a laboratory
or are they out in the
environment researching and
observing?**

**Do they make chemicals
explode everywhere or are
they neat and tidy?**

ENTRIES CLOSE

Friday 21st August

INFORMATION

**For more information, contact
Mrs Spector in the science room
These will be displayed for Parent Night,
ready for judging and prizes!**



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Bullying No Way: National week of action
17-21 August 2026



Bullying – important conversations to have with your child

Banksia Park Primary School is proud to participate in the Bullying No Way: National week of action – 17 to 21 August 2026.

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying.

Families play an important role in helping children understand bullying and know how to respond to it.

If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is.

You can learn more about [what defines bullying at bullyingnoway.gov.au](https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/what-defines-bullying).

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it [happens](#) again?

Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it.

Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed.

By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong. For more information, [visit bullyingnoway.gov.au](https://bullyingnoway.gov.au).

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