

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 15

Term 3 Week 7

2 September 2026



Planner - Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	August 31 Swimming Lessons Commence	September 1 Swimming Lessons	September 2 Swimming Lessons Newsletter	September 3 Swimming Lessons	September 4 Swimming Lessons
8	September 7 Swimming Lessons Commence	September 8 Swimming Lessons P&C Meeting 7pm	September 9 Swimming Lessons	September 10 Swimming Lessons	September 11 Swimming Lessons
9	September 14	September 15 Athletics Carnival 400m/800m & Throws Years 1-6	September 16 Athletics Carnival Long & Triple Jump Years 1-6 Newsletter	September 17	September 18 Athletics Carnival Years 1-6 9am - 3pm

Principal's Message

A huge thank you to all our families and students who joined us for our Parent Open Night. It was wonderful to see so many people coming through our classrooms, celebrating student learning and enjoying the evening together. Our staff and students did a fantastic job preparing for the night, with a great deal of time, effort and pride going into showcasing the wonderful learning happening across our school. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and it was fantastic to see our school community come together to make the evening such a success.

Thank you also to our parents and families for helping students get organised and ready for swimming lessons. The first few days have gone by quickly and successfully, with students settling into the routine well. Our teachers and staff are doing a great job supporting students at the pool, helping with changing and keeping everything running smoothly. There is certainly a lot involved in getting everyone to and from the pool each day! Hopefully the weather is kind to us for the remainder of the program.

The next few weeks are shaping up to be busy and exciting, with our Athletics Carnival quickly approaching. Please keep an eye on Compass and take the time to read information coming from the school and our P&C so you don't miss any important updates. There is plenty to look forward to and we are excited to see our students enjoying all the activities and events ahead.

A reminder to our families that our Parent Survey is currently open and we would really value your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts about Banksia Park Primary School. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve, particularly as we develop our new Business Plan. The survey closes on Wednesday 16 September, so there is still time to have your say. Weekly reminders will continue to be sent to give as many families as possible the opportunity to participate. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.

With just over three weeks until the school holidays, there is still plenty of learning and activity ahead. I encourage all our students to keep working hard, stay focused and make the most of the remainder of the term.

Interm Swimming

Interm Swimming Lessons for all children commenced Monday 31 August and will conclude Friday 11 September.

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 student's pack:

- Shoes and socks
- A towel
- Spare underwear
- Plastic bag for wet bathers/towel.
- Goggles if required
- Dressing gown or oodie to stay warm

All items should be marked clearly with your child's name. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the office.

Faction Athletics Carnival

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 & Wednesday, followed by the main event on **Friday, September 18**. We are all looking forward to a great week.

During the carnival students will be supervised by teachers and will be required to stay in the student bays. They will have an opportunity to join parents at recess and lunch times. Recess will be from **10:30am to 10:50am** and the lunch break will be **12:20pm until 12:50pm**, regardless of where we are in the events program.

Pre-primary students will return to class following the first event after the recess break. Both Pre-primary and Kindergarten students are welcome to join their family for the lunch break (**12:20pm-12:50pm**). If the student is departing for the day, they will need to be signed out through the Office. If a Pre-primary or Kindergarten student is signed out for the day, we kindly request that they leave the school premises and not spectate the events. This helps us to ensure that all students are safe.

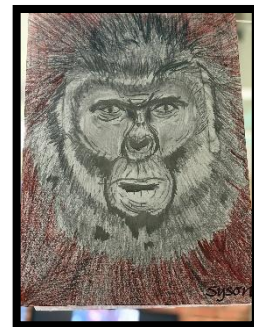
Mr Edmonds is seeking parent volunteers to assist with the running of events. If you can assist on any of the days, please contact Mr Edmonds. Information was sent out this week on Compass. Your assistance is greatly valued and helps to make this annual whole school event a success.

Class Placement Requests 2027

Each year, our staff work collaboratively to develop class structures and place students in classes that best support their learning, wellbeing and individual needs. This is a detailed process that considers a range of information and data, along with the staffing and resources available to the school. We will soon begin planning our class structures for 2027, including student and staff allocation. If you have important educational considerations that you believe may assist us when considering your child's class placement for 2027, please provide these in writing. Please note that requests for specific teachers cannot be considered and any requests made in previous years will need to be resubmitted. All written requests should be addressed to the Principal and emailed to banksiapark.ps@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 16 October 2026.

Parent Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Parent Open Night. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and our school community coming together to celebrate the learning happening across Banksia Park. The Gifted and Talented Art Gallery display on the stage and the Choir's performance provided a wonderful introduction to the evening, with a big thank you to the parents who supported their children in preparing for the musical performances. Congratulations to all staff and students for the outstanding displays of learning across the school. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms, chatting with families and seeing the high standard of work our students are achieving. Well done, everyone!



2027 Student Numbers – Returning to School

Forms have recently been sent home to families to confirm student enrolment numbers for the 2027 school year. This information is extremely important as our student numbers help determine school funding, staffing requirements, class planning and the resources we will need for the year ahead. We ask all families to carefully complete and return the form, even if your child will be returning to Banksia Park in 2027. If your child will not be returning next year, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Accurate enrolment information allows us to plan effectively and ensure we are well prepared for 2027. **Please return all completed forms to the school office by Friday 11 September.**

Bike Safety – A Reminder to Our Families 🚲

We would like to remind all families about the importance of bike safety when travelling to and from school. Recently, we have noticed a number of occasions where students riding their bikes have not been following the road rules, which is placing them at significant risk of being involved in an accident with a vehicle.

We encourage parents and carers to please take some time to talk with your child about safe bike riding and the importance of following the road rules at all times. Children should be reminded to **stop at intersections, obey traffic lights and signs, give way when required, and look carefully for vehicles before crossing roads or entering driveways.**

Students should also wear a properly fitted helmet every time they ride, use designated bike paths where available, and ensure they remain alert and aware of their surroundings. It is important that children understand that even when they are doing the right thing, drivers may not always see them. The roads around our school can be particularly busy during drop-off and pick-up times. We want every student who rides or walks to school to arrive safely and ready to learn, and to return home safely at the end of the day.

We ask all families to reinforce these important safety messages with their children. Following the road rules is not optional – it can make the difference between arriving home safely and being seriously injured.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and for working with us to promote responsible and safe behaviour in our local community.

♥ Education Assistant Appreciation Week ♥

31 August – 4 September 2026

This week, we are delighted to celebrate **Education Assistant Appreciation Week**, also known as Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and thank the incredible Education Assistants who play such an important role in our school community.

Our Education Assistants provide invaluable support to our students and teachers every day. They work alongside classroom teachers to help students engage in their learning, develop confidence, build independence and feel included and supported at school. Their care, patience, encouragement and dedication make a real difference to the experiences and achievements of our students.

Education Assistants contribute so much more than what happens inside the classroom. They build positive relationships with students, celebrate their successes, provide reassurance when things are challenging and help create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child can feel valued.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring team of Education Assistants at our school. Their willingness to go above and beyond, their commitment to our students and the relationships they build with our school community are truly appreciated.

To all of our wonderful Education Assistants – thank you! 🌸

Important Reminder: Late Arrivals and Early Departures

A friendly reminder to all families that **all students arriving late to school or leaving school early must be signed in or out at the Administration Office using our Passtab visitor management system.**

If your child arrives after the school day has commenced, please accompany them to the Administration Office and use the PassTab system to record their arrival. Likewise, if you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, please come to the Administration Office and sign them out using PassTab before your child leaves the school grounds.

This process is an important part of keeping our attendance records accurate and, most importantly, **ensuring we know which students are on school grounds at all times.** It also allows our staff to account for every student during the school day and supports our duty of care and safety procedures.

We ask that parents and carers **do not collect children directly from classrooms or the school grounds without first signing them out at the Administration Office.**

Parking Around the School

Please be aware that parking inspectors are regularly monitoring the areas around our school, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. We ask all families to take care when parking and ensure vehicles are parked safely and legally, including avoiding footpaths, nature strips, crossovers and other restricted areas. We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, however, following parking rules helps keep our students, families and wider school community safe, while ensuring pedestrians, prams and people with mobility needs can safely access footpaths.



Rebecca Lanzel
Principal



News from the Art Room

After analysing and deconstructing the elements of design used by Van Gogh in his famous Iris paintings, the year 6 students were asked to design a task using either the element of colour, line, texture, space, value and shade to develop their own creation. Many of these sensational artworks are currently on display in our school office for your viewing.



News from the Japanese Room

Five students from BPPS have been selected to represent the school at this year's Japanese Language Teacher's Association of WA's calligraphy competition. These students are:

Year 2 - Yenn
Year 3 - Joanna
Year 4 - Jun Bing
Year 5 - Mattin
Year 6 - Ken Lim



Ms Cullen's Music Matters

Hi Everyone,
I just want to congratulate the Choir on a great performance at Parents Night. Your commitment and dedication to your singing are commendable. I also loved how you joined in singing with the ukulele group. It was a great night all round.



Sport Update

Congratulations to our Interschool Cross Country Team on winning the Meritorious Shield for the second consecutive year!

The Meritorious Shield is awarded using a handicap system based on school size with Banksia Park being the smallest school competing. The even more remarkable result is being 3rd in the overall standings out of 8 schools.

This success was the result of a truly outstanding team effort, with every runner contributing valuable points through consistent performances across all events. Once again, it was fantastic to see such strong support from our parents and families on the day. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on our students, and we're grateful that the weather was kind to us as well!
Place Getters:

2nd Place Year 3 Girl: Bijou A
3rd Place Junior Girls: Georgia H
Champion Year 4 Girl: Ana M
2nd Place Year 4 Boy: Max P
3rd Place Year 4 Boy: Syson C

Champion Year 5 Boy: Noah DA

Special mentions to Zac N, Thomas R and Georgia H, who were the highest placed Banksia Park finishers as Year 1s and 2s in a race that also included Year 3 students.

40 Points are awarded to first place, 39 points to 2nd down to 1 point for 40th.

Final overall Standings:

1. Rossmoyne Primary School – 1087 points
2. Oberthur Primary School – 1031 points
3. Banksia Park Primary School – 935 points
4. Shelley Primary School – 807 points
5. Riverton Primary School – 802 points
6. Bull Creek Primary School – 752 points
7. Leeming Primary School – 688 points
8. Parkwood Primary School – 450 points



Science Corner



Big congratulations to the 4 winners of the 'Who is Professor Banksia?' Poster competition. Alex (year 5), Mateo (year 4), Sienna (year 3) and Maya (year 1), were awarded their cool prizes on Monday. The winning posters will be on display in the science room window and all the other designs will become our new back wall in Science over the next few weeks. I loved reading the amazing back stories that the student's created for their characters and the imaginative drawings were an impressive spectacle.

Well done to everyone who entered - Mrs Spector



School Chaplin's Chat



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P&C News

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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.quickcliq.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).

FACTION TOPS

Get ready to show your faction spirit at the upcoming Sports Carnival! Families are encouraged to order their faction tops by **Monday, 14 September** to ensure they arrive in time for the carnival.

Don't miss out on representing your faction in style!



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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Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising 2026		
<i>Fundraising Goal - Build a Brighter Banksia</i> 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		
Faction Carnival Merch on sale now. Closes Tues Sept 15th at 5pm. Order via Spriggy	Mon Sept 7th - raffle tickets on sale for a \$600 voucher for Adventure World. The winner will be announced at the sports carnival.	Fri Sept 18th - Faction Carnival Cake Stall and Raffle drawn for Adventure World voucher.

FUNDRAISERS

Fathers Day Stall

A huge thank you to everyone who sent their kids along with some \$\$ for our Father's Day Stall! ❤️ It was so lovely watching the kids take their time choosing the perfect gift for Dad! 🎁 We hope all the dads have a fantastic Father's Day! And as always, a massive thank you to our amazing mums who volunteered — we couldn't do it without you!

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! ☕🍰). Sales for our Faction Carnival Merch are now open and will close Tuesday September 15th at 5pm. We have everything you need to cheer on your faction in style, including socks, sunnies, zinc, hairspray and more! Numbers are limited so get in quick so as not to miss out. All items will be delivered to classes before carnival day. Let's make this year's carnival our

r biggest and brightest yet! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

End of Term Raffle

We are excited to announce that we will have a **\$600** voucher for **Adventure World** up for grabs. Tickets will go on sale Mon Sept 7th. The winner will be drawn at the Sports Carnival. Bring on Summer!!

Fundraising Goal Tracker

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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!



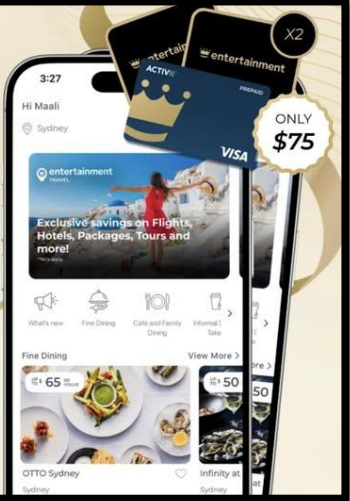
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