

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 18 **Term 4 Week 3** **28 October 2026**

Term 4

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	October 26	October 27 Interschool Athletics – Riverton P.S Board Meeting 3.30pm	October 28 Newsletter	October 29 Interschool Athletics – Riverton P.S	October 30 World Teachers Day
4	November 2	November 3 Critters up Close 2pm (P-6) P&C Meeting 7pm	November 4 Assembly PP – Area 2	November 5	November 6 Japanese Matsuri
5	November 9	November 10	November 11 Remembrance Day Newsletter	November 12 Year 6 Habitats for Wildlife showcase excursion	November 13

Principal's Message

It has been an exciting few weeks at Banksia Park Primary School, with some wonderful additions to our school grounds and play spaces!

Thanks to the generous support of our P&C, students are now enjoying colourful new playground artwork, including Snakes and Ladders, Four Square, a maze, an obstacle course and hopscotch. These fantastic additions have brought new life to our outdoor spaces, providing students with more opportunities to play, connect with friends and enjoy their break times.

The school has also invested over $20,000 in new play equipment, particularly for our Early Childhood and younger students. This includes a new cubby house, play hut, easel, bikes and other exciting resources designed to encourage imaginative play, creativity and exploration.

It has been wonderful to see the excitement on students' faces as they discover and enjoy these new additions!
And the good news is, there is more to come! We have further improvements and equipment on the way, so keep an eye out for more exciting changes around Banksia Park.

A big thank you to our wonderful P&C for their ongoing support and commitment to making our school an even better place for our students to learn, play and grow.









World Teachers Day - Shine a Light on Our Amazing Teachers!

Today, we celebrate and recognise the incredible teachers at Banksia Park Primary School!
Every day, our teachers bring energy, enthusiasm, care and dedication into their classrooms, inspiring and supporting our students to learn, grow and achieve their best.

But teaching extends well beyond the school bells. Behind every lesson are hours of planning, preparation, assessment, reporting and countless little extras that often go unseen. Our teachers balance these commitments with their own busy lives, yet continue to give so much of their time, energy and care to our students.

This year's World Teachers' Day theme, *Shine a Light*, reminds us of the difference teachers make, from those wonderful lightbulb moments in learning to the encouragement and kindness that help children believe in themselves.

To our amazing Banksia Park teachers, THANK YOU! We see your hard work, appreciate the extra hours and value the difference you make every single day.

We encourage our school community to *Shine a Light* on a teacher who has made a difference. A simple thank you or kind message can mean so much!

Happy World Teachers' Day! We appreciate you!



Parent Interviews 2027

The Department of Education has introduced a new initiative that provides schools with greater flexibility to allocate dedicated time during the school day for parents and teachers to meet. The aim is to allow more time for meaningful conversations about student learning, achievement and progress, while strengthening partnerships between home and school.

At Banksia Park Primary School, we are proposing to introduce a dedicated Parent Interview Day on Thursday 25 March 2027 (Term 1).

On this day, students would not attend school, allowing teachers to schedule individual meetings with parents and carers during normal school hours. This will provide families with an opportunity to discuss their child's learning, celebrate achievements and identify areas for continued growth and support.

We are currently consulting with staff and the School Board regarding this proposal and would also welcome feedback from our school community.

If you would like to share your thoughts, please email Rebecca Lanzel, Principal, at rebecca.lanzel@education.wa.edu.au.

Interschool Athletics

Our Interschool Athletics Carnival commenced yesterday, with some very enthusiastic students participating. We look forward to another fun filled day tomorrow which will wrap up this years Interschool. Thank you to staff and parents who went along to cheer on our students.







Year 4/5 Kings Park Excursion

On 20th October, the Year 4 and 5 Banksia Park Primary School classes (A10, A11 and A12) enjoyed a fantastic day at Kings Park. Students took part in a range of outdoor and creative activities that helped them learn about Australia's bushland environment and the Aboriginal culture. They explored native plants, discovered survival techniques and learned how people have used natural resources for thousands of years.

Here is a reflection from some of our students:

Firstly, we got to design shelters in the bush and learn how to apply a compression bandage on a snake bite and what to do with the patient. We then made damper over an open fire and got to taste it with honey afterwards, a highlight was poor Luca who had a bird poo in his honey. We also got to do the Boodja Gnarning Walk through Kings Park where everyone got to test if they like heights by crossing the Federation Walkway.

Everyone had the opportunity to work together and improve their problem-solving skills and enjoy each other's company. It was a fun and memorable day, with plenty of learning outside and in the wild. Our day was finished off nicely by resting our tired feet in the Paperbark Creek.

-By Sophia Woloszynska , Eva Coniglio, Everly Findlater, & Jasleen Chahil.

Booklists - Student Requirements 2027

Copies of these booklists are available on the school website. Please read this information carefully. There are different options for ordering:

For delivery to your home or business you can order online at www.campion.com.au using the school code and password on the form and selecting year level.

- Online orders are due by **Friday 20 November 2026**.

Self-service at the shop. * Please be aware the last two weeks of January can be very hectic in the shop so it's best to collect earlier if possible if you choose to collect directly from Campion.



Rebecca Lanzel
Principal

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Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday October 21

Area 2 –Noah. B, Henry. C, Misha.Y
Area 3 – Kai. W, Kobe. C,
Area 4 – Fletcher. D, Amelia. C, Mila. Y
Area 5 – Finlay. A, Arielle. T,
Area 7 – Avalee. H, Austin. D,
Area 8 – Anna. C, Ze. D
Area 10 – Riti. B, Aoife. H, Mateo. E
Area 11 – Lake. W, Abel. B
Area 12 – Jack. B, Harper. M
Area 13 – Xavier. W, Sohan. L, Rosalie. D, Santiago. A



News from the Art Room

Congratulations to our sensational artistic architects of area 13. To co-incide with the classroom HASS topic governments, we took a look at the former Melbourne government office known as the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Combining line, scale perspective & proportion, the students created very impressive results.

















News from the Japanese Room



Konnichiwa everyone!

Entries for the Origami Competition will close THIS FRIDAY (October 30).

On Friday, November 6, our students will be celebrating with a Japanese Matsuri (festival). Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of Japanese culture and language related activities, including taiko drumming, traditional Japanese games, and crafts. The Matsuri will run from 08:50 to 10:50 and be held in the PAC for students from Year 1 to Year 6. Students in Kindy and Pre-Primary will be doing related activities in their classes.

As per previous years, we are also encouraging students to dress in something related to Japan. Suggestions for outfits include - wearing colours related to things in Japan, such as red and/or white (the colours of the Japanese flag), or pink (cherry blossoms), a t-shirt with a character from Japanese pop culture (such as Hello Kitty, or Pokémon), or even cosplaying an anime or manga character. There will be no charge to participate.

Heald Sensei

Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,
Many of our IMMS music students attended the Primary Band Workshop held at Lakeland Senior High School on Wednesday 28 October. It was a great opportunity to work with other local IMMS students and experience working with a range of music teachers.
Don't forget our Annual Music Showcase will be held on Wednesday 2nd of December.

Janis Cullen
Music Specialist

Science Corner



Science has snuck food back into our experiments lately.Year 2/3's found out that popcorn kernels need to be heated to 175 degrees for them to explode into popcorn and we had to do some detailed diagrams and taste observations.
Year 4/5 had trial and error attempts at spearfishing gummy lollies in water to see how light and water perceptions alter our view.
Always finding more ways to add food into our classroom experiences!









Sport Update



After the Jumps and Throws Day of the Interschool Carnival the current standings are:

1st - Rossmoyne 133
2nd - Bull Creek 102
3rd - Oberthur 85
4th - Leeming 83

5th - Banksia Park 78
6th - Shelley 65
7th - Riverton 60
8th - Parkwood 35

Tomorrow, we have Sprints and Team Games. Students are reminded to wear sunscreen, hats and pack lots of snacks and water. All students need to be at school by 8.30. The bus will be leaving promptly by 8.40 am.

School Chaplin's Chat



Celebration-Ronald McDonald House Charities

Thank you to the Banksia Park School community for the wonderful way you have come together with donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Donations received were dropped off to this worthwhile cause by Mrs Lathbury on Tuesday, 20 October. These items will be used to support families with sick kids living in Western Australia. Congratulations to Mrs Lathbury and the student council on their wonderful efforts in collecting these donations.


Ronald McDonald House

Certificate of Appreciation

Thank you for your support

Presented to

Banksia Park Primary School

Richie Longson, Community Engagement Manager 20 October 2026



Family Support Toolkit:

Children's Wellbeing Continuum

Understanding children's emotions

Children learn about emotions over time. When children are young, they often need support from adults to recognise, name and express their feelings.
The Raising Children Network article Understanding and managing emotions explains why emotional development is important and how parents can support children to build emotional skills.



Learn more

Using the Children's Wellbeing Continuum

The Children's Wellbeing Continuum is a simple tool that helps parents and carers understand a child's wellbeing. It shows how children can move between feeling good, coping, struggling or overwhelmed, and can help parents notice when a child might need extra support.



Learn more

Supporting your child's wellbeing

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free tool for parents of children aged 0–12 years. It includes practical tips and activities to support children's social and emotional wellbeing at different ages.
The app also features the Children's Wellbeing Continuum animation to help parents understand their child's emotional experiences.



Learn more

For more information about supporting children's wellbeing:

P&C News
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Find us on Facebook: Parents of BPPS/ BPPS P&C/ BPPS Canteen
Next General Meeting: Tuesday 3rd November 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).

We are excited to share some updates as we prepare to introduce our new navy school polo shirts for 2027! Please see below for more information on ordering as well as info about existing gold polos.



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 **Our goal this year was all about adding colour to the school, encouraging more imaginative play and creating inclusive, engaging spaces for all our kids. Jocelyn Hobbs has now finished painting our new ground markings around the school. It's been so lovely to see the students enjoying all the new play activities. We hope you all enjoy seeing a brighter, more colourful, Banksia Park Primary School.**		
Upcoming Fundraising Events		
Tuesday Nov 3rd - Wildlife Fundraiser. Buy an icy pole for a gold coin donation after school with profits going to Perth Wildlife Hospital.	**Saturday Nov 21st - Parent Sundowner at Coast @ Port Beach. Tickets on sale now.**	**Friday Dec 4th - Save the date for our Christmas movie night! We will be screening the movie 'Elf'.**

Wildlife Fundraiser

We're selling icy poles after school on Tuesday 3rd November for a gold coin donation.
Every dollar raised will go to Perth Wildlife Hospital to help care for sick and injured Aussie wildlife. 🐻 🐧 🦔
So grab a cool treat, beat the after-school heat and help us give our furry, feathered and scaly friends a helping hand!

Parents Night Out

Keen for a night off from the kids, a catch-up with friends and a chance to meet some new faces?
Join us at Coast @ Port Beach on Saturday 21st November from 6pm for a fun night of food, drinks and great company!

🎟 **$30 per ticket includes:**

🍴 **A couple of delicious canapés**

🥖 **Bread and dips to share**

🍔 A chef-selected food bowl (think sliders, fish and chips)
🎁 Entry into the draw for some AMAZING door prizes, including, but not limited to, a $50 Neighbourhood Sauna voucher and a Flight Club voucher for 12 people!
🍷 Drinks are not included, so grab your favourite beverage at the bar!
📣 A few things to know:
✨ Numbers are limited, so get in early to secure your spot.
✨ Have any dietary requirements? Please email bppsevents@gmail.com so we can pass them on to the venue.
Tickets on sale now via Spriggy
We can't wait to see you there!

Christmas Movie Night

🎄 🍿 SAVE THE DATE! 🎬 ✨
Christmas Movie Night is coming to the school oval on Friday, December 4th, screening Elf.
There'll be popcorn, a sausage sizzle, drinks and fairy floss available to keep everyone happy!
Ticket info coming closer to the date 🎄

Fundraising Goal Tracker

We have reached our Fundraising goal for this year. Thank you to everyone for your support. Let's see how much further we can go!



Fundraising with Entertainment Membership



Want to save money for your family while also supporting Banksia Park Primary School?
Buy an Entertainment Membership for only $75 for 12 months and access thousands of discounts across Australia, New Zealand & Bali.
Grab your membership during the below dates and 40% of your purchase will support our school!

19 October – 1 November
16 November – 22 November
14 December – 27 December

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, tissues & paper towel. When you order through our fundraiser, a portion of every sale comes back to the school at no extra cost to you.
Ordering is quick and easy via the Spriggy app under *Events*. Check your supplies at home and place your order before the deadline.
Orders close: Thursday 5th November 8pm
Pick-up from school: Friday 13th November
Our next order won't be until Week 5 of Term 1 next year, so now's the perfect time to stock up on your household essentials and make sure you're covered for the holidays and the start of the new school year!

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS including sports or special group photos!

School Code **NZ4OKX**

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