

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 16

Term 3 Week 9

16 September 2026



Planner - Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Athletics Carnival Years 1-6 9am - 3pm	September 18
10	September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25 Free Dress Day Last day of term

Principal's Message

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for such a positive and incredibly busy term. From our Parent Open Night and swimming lessons to our athletics events and everything in between, there has certainly been plenty happening at Banksia Park Primary School.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Principal. It has been wonderful getting to know our students, staff and families, and becoming part of the Banksia Park community. Thank you for the warm welcome and support I have received throughout the term.

A big thank you to all families who completed our National School Opinion Survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help us celebrate what we are doing well, identify areas for improvement and guide our planning for the future.

Next term, we will continue the important work of developing and formalising our new Business Plan, ready for the commencement of 2027. I look forward to working closely with our School Board, staff, students and community to shape the priorities and direction for Banksia Park Primary School over the coming years.

I wish all our families a safe, happy and relaxing school holiday break. Enjoy the time together, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4.

Athletics Carnival Rescheduled

Due to the weather forecast, the Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to this Thursday. Friday is currently forecast to reach 18°C, with up to 20 mm of rain and strong winds, while Thursday is looking ideal, with sunny conditions and a maximum of 24°C. Several other schools have also made the decision to reschedule their carnivals.

We understand that many families had previously planned to take Friday off, and we apologise for the inconvenience caused by this change. The decision has been made to provide the safest and most enjoyable carnival experience possible for our students, staff and families.

Term 4 – Pupil Free Day

A reminder to all families that Monday, 12 October 2026, the first day of Term 4, will be a Pupil Free Day.

This means that students will not attend school on Monday, 12 October, as staff will be undertaking professional learning and preparation for the new term.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, 13 October 2026, which will be their first day of Term 4.

Please mark your calendars:

-  **Monday, 12 October – Pupil Free Day**
-  **Tuesday, 13 October – Students return for Term 4**

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.

Kindy 2027 Enrolments Extended!

A reminder to families that Kindy enrolments for 2027 have been extended, and we are still welcoming enrolments for children who will be starting Kindy next year.

If you have a child who is eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2027, we encourage you to get in touch with our school office and submit your enrolment application as soon as possible.

Starting Kindy is an exciting milestone for children and families, and we look forward to welcoming our newest students into our school community. Our Kindy program provides a caring, supportive and engaging environment where children can develop their confidence, independence and love of learning while building friendships and becoming familiar with school life.

Places are still available for Kindy 2027, so if you have not yet completed an enrolment application, please contact the school office for further information or to collect an enrolment form.

We would also appreciate families sharing this information with friends, neighbours and family members who may be looking for a Kindy place for 2027.

We look forward to welcoming our Kindy 2027 students to our school community!

Uniform Shop Opening Times

A reminder to families that our School Uniform Shop is open on Mondays during even weeks from 2:30pm – 3:00pm. Families are welcome to visit the Uniform Shop during these times to purchase or organise any school uniform items their children may require.

For families who are unable to attend the Uniform Shop in person, uniform items can also be conveniently ordered online through QuickCliq. Once an order has been placed, it will be processed and distributed directly to students through their classrooms.

We would also like to remind families that Banksia Park Primary School has a school uniform policy, and all students are encouraged to wear the correct school uniform each day. Wearing our school uniform helps promote a strong sense of belonging, school pride and a positive school community.

We appreciate the support of all families in ensuring that students come to school dressed appropriately and in accordance with our school uniform expectations.



Leeming Senior High School Turns 40!

The Leeming Senior High School community is celebrating a special milestone, and everyone is invited!

Join them on **Friday, 20 November, from 3 - 6pm** for an afternoon of memories, music and community as the school celebrates 40 years of Harmony and Excellence.

There will be plenty to explore, including:

-  Historical displays in the Library, showcasing the school's history.
-  A visit to the Visual Arts building, celebrating the creativity and talent of Leeming students.
-  Delicious food trucks.
-  Performances from talented Music and Dance students throughout the afternoon.

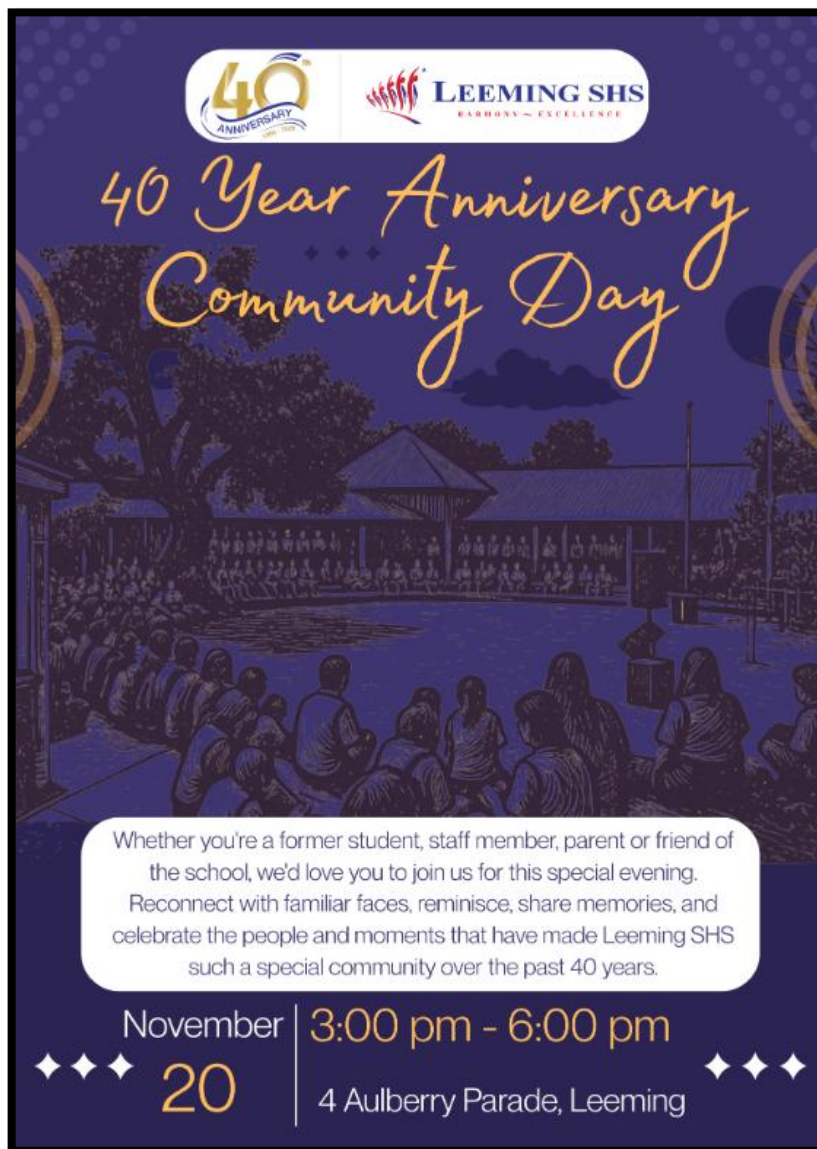
At **3:15pm**, the school will unveil its 40-Year Anniversary Plaque, marking this significant milestone in its history.

Whether you're a former student, staff member, parent, local resident or part of the wider Leeming community, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and teachers, share memories and celebrate the past 40 years of Leeming Senior High School.

We encourage our local community to come along and join in the celebrations!

You can also join the Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1SL9jrpcFy/>

-  **Friday, 20 November**
-  **3 - 6pm**
-  **4 Aulberry Parade, Leeming Senior High School**



Rebecca Lancel
Principal

News from the Art Room

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As promised we have paid homage to the wonderful work of the late David Hockney. Many classes have been immersed in his art as motivation and teaching tool. These works are now on display in our school art room and range from paintings of trees, collages of still life, drawings of landscapes which create a visual explosion of colour on our art room walls. Please drop in for a look on Wednesdays or Thursdays.



News from the Japanese Room

2026 Origami Competition

Get ready to fold, create and amaze! We are excited to announce our 2026 Origami Competition, giving students the opportunity to showcase their creativity, patience and origami skills.



Students are invited to create an origami piece of their choice and enter it into one of our competition categories. Whether you are new to origami or an experienced folder, we encourage everyone to have a go and see what they can create!

There will be awards across the following year levels:

- **Kindy – Year 1**
- **Year 2**
- **Year 3**
- **Year 4**
- **Year 5**
- **Year 6**

There will also be two special categories:

- **Artistic** – for creations that demonstrate imagination, creativity and artistic presentation.
- **Technical** – for creations that demonstrate precision, complexity and excellent folding technique.

Students may choose a traditional origami design or challenge themselves with something more ambitious. Think animals, flowers, insects, objects, decorations and more!

Once your origami creation is complete, please submit your entry to Heald Sensei.

 Entries close: **Friday, 30 November 2026**

We look forward to seeing the wonderful and imaginative creations our students produce. Remember, origami is all about patience, precision and creativity — so take your time, enjoy the process and, most importantly, have fun folding!

Happy folding! 🐉 🌸 🦋

Science Corner



The Year 4/5 classes have been experimenting with laser pointers, water spray bottles and torch beams to see how rays of light move. Light travels in straight lines known as light rays. These rays can change direction by reflection (when light bounces off a surface) or refraction (when light rays bend as they travel from one substance to another). The word 'ray' comes from Mathematics and means a straight line that originates at some point.



Sport Update

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2026

Thursday, Sept 18

This Thursday is our annual Faction Athletics Carnival. It has already been a busy week with the Jumps and Throw events having already been completed on Tuesday and Wednesday. A huge thank you to our team of parent volunteers who gave up their time to ensure that these events ran smoothly. We couldn't do it without your assistance and thank you in advance to all those who have put up their hand to help in any way for the main event this Thursday. We are all looking forward to a great day. Please see program below.

- 9.00am Kindy Race (Joeys)
- 9.00 am – 3:05pm Track & Team Events

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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).

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!

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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.

Now that the weather is starting to dry out and warm up again, keep an eye out for local artist, Jocelyn Hobbs! She will be working around the school to refresh our ground markings and add some new and exciting play activities.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Raffle for \$600 Adventure World voucher closes tomorrow **Thursday 17th at 5pm**. Purchase tickets on Spriggy. The winner will be announced at the sports carnival.

Fri Sept 18th - Faction Carnival Food Hub

- Cake Stall
- Coffee Van
- Lions Club Bacon & Egg Rolls + Sausage Sizzle

Faction Carnival Cake Stall

🦋 Faction Carnival is here September 17th! 🦋

Our ever-popular Cake Stall is back again this year, but we need your donations! Bake something delicious, or grab something from the shops, every donation helps.

Donations can be dropped off:

Wednesday 16th, 2:45-3:15pm, in the Block 3 Wet Area, or
Thursday 17th, from 8am, straight to the cake stall on the oval.

Please label your containers, or use a disposable plate. Please also include a note with the item name and an ingredient list. We still need volunteers to help. Its only for an hour and you can duck off to watch your child compete. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MTPOtv>

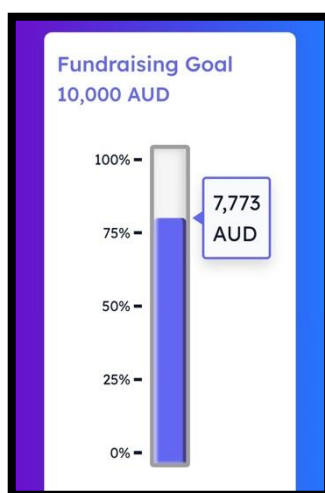
Let's make this year's carnival our best yet! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

\$600 Adventure World Voucher up for grabs!

Raffle ticket sales for the \$600 voucher for Adventure World close **Thursday 17th at 5pm**. The voucher doesn't expire until 2029 so you will have heaps of time to spend the \$\$\$. The winner will be announced at school on **Friday 18th**. 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!



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