

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 19 **Term 4 Week 5** **11 November 2026**

Planner - Term 4

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	November 9	November 10	November 11 Remembrance Day Newsletter	November 12 Year 6 Habitats fo Wildlife showcase excursion	November 13
6	November 16	November 17	November 18 Assembly PP – Area 3	November 19	November 20
7	November 23	November 24	November 25 Kindy 2027 Orientation Day Newsletter	November 26 Thank You Big Breakfast	November 27

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are just five weeks away from the end of the school year! Term 4 is moving quickly, with plenty of learning, celebrations and special events still to come.

Our classrooms are busy with assessments, reporting and preparations for the transition into 2027. We also have a wonderful range of activities planned to celebrate student achievements and bring our school community together. I encourage families to keep an eye on upcoming dates and communications.

Today, our school community acknowledged Remembrance Day with a special reflection led by our Year 6 students over the PA system. Thank you to our students for leading this meaningful acknowledgement and reminding us of the importance of peace, respect and gratitude.

As we approach the final weeks of 2026, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their continued efforts and our families for their ongoing support.

There is still so much to look forward to as we celebrate our students' progress, friendships and achievements and finish the year on a positive note.

Farewell – Melissa Hewitt – Manager Corporate Services

We would like to share with our school community that Melissa Hewitt, our Manager Corporate Services, will be leaving Banksia Park Primary School, with her last working day being Wednesday, 18 November. Melissa has accepted a new position at Darling Range Sports College.

Melissa has been a valued member of our school community for many years, contributing in a variety of roles, including as a parent, Education Assistant, School Officer and Manager Corporate Services.

We sincerely thank Melissa for her dedication, commitment and contributions to Banksia Park Primary School over the years.

We wish Melissa all the very best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter.

IMSS & Treble Makers 2027

The Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) program provides selected students in Western Australian public schools with free instrumental tuition from Department of Education specialists. All Year 4 students complete a music aptitude test, with shortlisted students considered for places based on musical ability, interest, classroom achievement, physical suitability and family support. Places are limited, with final offers made in Term 4.

At Banksia Park Primary School, students can learn Guitar, Flute or Clarinet. Participation requires a long-term commitment, including regular practice, attendance at weekly lessons and involvement in music ensembles.

Students playing flute and Clarinet are strongly encouraged to join the Leeming Senior High School Combined Schools Band – Treble Makers, which rehearses on Mondays at LSHS.

Expressions of interest will be distributed to selected students shortly.

IMSS Music Showcase

Save the date Wednesday December 2 at 8.50am for our wonderful Instrumental Music Showcase. This special assembly will include flute, clarinet, brass, guitar, percussion, ukulele students and our school choir. More information to follow soon.

2027 Booklist Requirements

The student requirements booklists for 2027 have been distributed. Copies of these booklists are available on our school website. For delivery to your home or business you can order online at www.campion.com.au Online orders are due by Friday November 20.

End-of-Year Gifts

As we approach the end of the year, we know some families may wish to thank our wonderful staff with a gift or token of appreciation. While these gestures are always thoughtful, please remember that gifts are never expected. Teaching, supporting and caring for our students is all part of what we do each day. A handwritten card, drawing or simple message of thanks is just as meaningful and always appreciated. For families who do choose to give a gift, please be mindful that Department of Education staff are required to follow guidelines regarding the acceptance of gifts.

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.

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

Warmer Weather

A reminder that with the warmer weather arriving, some of our native wildlife that live in and around the school are more likely to be on the move. Parents/carers are asked to remind children of the importance of leaving our native creatures alone for the safety of all and to please see a teacher if they are concerned and need assistance. We would also like to remind everyone we have a ***No Hat, No Play*** rule, so all students should ensure they have our school hat. These are available for purchase through the office and uniform shop.

Critters up Close

On Tuesday the 3rd of November We were lucky to have a visit from **Critters Up Close**, who brought along a variety of fascinating reptiles for the children to see and learn about. Some students had a great experience handling a large snake. All staff and students had a great time.



















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FRIENDSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE

Save the Date!

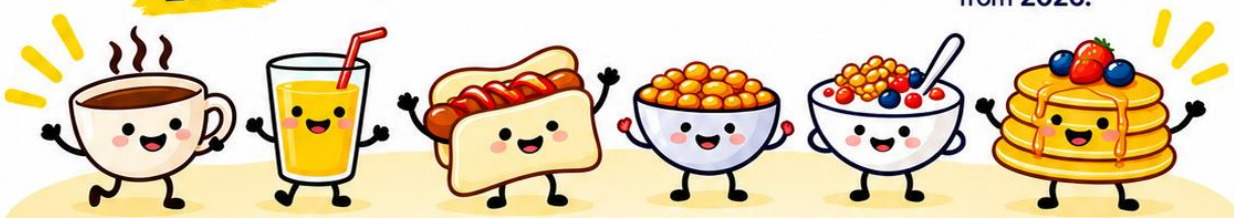
Thank You Community Breakfast

Join us as we say thank you to our wonderful school community and celebrate the year that was.

Thursday 26 November 2026

8.00am – 8.30am
Breakfast in the PAC

8.30am
Brief assembly and PowerPoint showcasing improvements and events from 2026.



Tea & Coffee | Water & Juice | Sausage Sizzle (in bread)
Baked Beans | Yoghurt & Granola | Pancakes

*This event has been kindly supported by **MLA Stephen Pratt** and **OshClub**.*

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Honour Certificates

Congratulations to those students who received Honour Certificates on Wednesday November 4

Area 2 –Micah. G, Shelby. F, Jordan. C
Area 3 – Gardner. J, Lincon. M
Area 4 – Monae. S, Flynn. G, Harrison. L
Area 5 – Liana. P, Kiahn. P
Area 6 – Cassandra. G, Bailey. D, Thejana. D
Area 7 – Eden. W, Sebastian. N
Area 8 – Wyatt. R, Logan. G, Afwa. M
Area 10 – Jordan. M, Sia. M, Riti. B
Area 11 – Kisami. S, Mitchell. C

Area 12 – Max. P, Reagan. J, Jamieson. S
Area 13 – Talon. K, Samluke. W, Elsi. B

News from the Art Room



We are halfway through our most recent school mural!

The gifted and talented students have started painting the wall and anticipate finishing in the next week.

Further congratulations go to our year one artists from area four, who Finished their mixed media owl drawing/collages this week. They are a Total hoot! Featured works can be seen here by Sophia, Hunter, Thea, Alex, Sienna and Sylvia.













News from the Japanese Room

Japanese Matsuri

On Friday 6 November, Banksia Park Primary School held its first Japanese Matsuri, with students enjoying a wonderful range of Japanese language and cultural activities, including taiko, karate, origami and kendama. A very big thank you to our Year 6 students and Year 5 Taiko Club members for their fantastic efforts in running the activity centres and helping make the day such a success. We are also very grateful to the BPPS Canteen for providing the delicious Japanese Matsuri bento lunches, which added to this special celebration of Japanese culture!

Origami Competition

We were very pleased to receive so many entries in this year's origami competition, which are on display in the front office.

The winners are:

Kindy – Year 1: Harrison (A4)
Year 2: Yenn (A8)
Year 3: Kagura (A6)
Year 4: Tacean (A11)
Year 5: Sia (A11)
Year 6: Mikayka (A14)
Parent or Older Sibling: Yu Jin Poh
Technical: Toby (A10), Jeffery (A8), Liz Pearce (Parent or Older Sibling)
Artistic: Arielle (A5), Lucia (A6), Yu Kee (A5)









Ms Cullen's Music Matters



Hi Everyone,

I can't believe 2026 is drawing to a close, but there is still lots going on and quite a few special events coming up.

The choir is performing at our Annual Music Showcase held on Wednesday 2nd of December and at our Award Assembly on Tuesday 9th December.

I have attached some pictures of children playing some of the instruments we have used this year.
Please see pictures from A3, A1 and A8 enjoying themselves













Science Corner

Outdoor Classroom Day has been running every day for the science classes!

We are full swing into our biology units and ready to track the growth of plants in the garden. Thanks for your time and patience Mr Loveland and Lauren Bruce. Hopefully we get some seeds sprouting in no time. There have certainly been mixed reviews on taste testing the broad beans though.











Sport Update



Thank you to all the parents that rocked up to support us at the Interschool Carnival. Again, the students at Banksia Park displayed their excellent resilience, respect and responsibility representing their school.
Results from the Interschool Carnival.

Overall Shield

1st - Rossmoyne (477)
2nd - Bull Creek (371)
3rd - Oberthur (263)
4th - Banksia Park (211)
5th - Riverton (200)
6th - Shelley (146)
7th - Leeming (144)
8th - Parkwood (5

Meritorious Shield: (handicap based on school size and previous results)

Ineligible - Rossmoyne (477)

1st - Bull Creek (436)

2nd - Banksia Park (339)

3rd - Oberthur (269)

4th - Shelley (258)

5th - Leeming (243)

5th - Riverton (243)

7th - Parkwood (207)

Individual Awards:

Year 4 Champion Girl: Ana M

Year 4 Champion Boy: Max P

Year 5 Boy Champion Boy: Carter S

Year 6 Girl Runner Up Girl: Sienna Q

NRL WA:

Thanks to Georgia from NRL WA for coming out and running a lunch time obstacle course with lots of free prizes. The students had a great time practicing their agility!



School Chaplin's Chat



Early Start Screen Smart Program

HEALTHY SCREEN TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY

Top Five Tips for Making Screen Time Healthier



1

If no one's watching, turn it off

- Children find it difficult to focus on what they are meant to be doing if a screen is on around them.

2

Make screen time interactive

- Practice 'interactive co-viewing' where you use the content on a screen to interact with your child and encourage them to engage with the content.

3

Try avoid screen time with mealtime

- Family mealtime and bottle/breastfeeding is an opportunity to build connection and interact with your child.



4

Choose content carefully

- Stick with platforms like ABC Kids that continue to develop age-appropriate and quality educational content.

5

Set boundaries early and follow them yourself

- Boundaries help provide children with predictable routines, ensure they feel safe, and support them in growing in their independence.
- Model healthy screen time behaviours and try to not be on your phone too much around them.

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

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 1st December 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).

REMINDER: All pre-orders for our new polo shirts CLOSE midnight Saturday 14th November.



CANTEEN 🍴

Message from P&C President

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making our Japanese Canteen Special for Matsuri Day such a success last week! JP The beautifully handcrafted boxes were so well received and created an extra buzz with everyone excited to tuck in. An enormous thank you our wonderful canteen committee, particularly Rebecca Chan, who generously gave so much of her own time to help bring it all together and Ashley our amazing canteen manager for taking on the extra work alongside the usual canteen operations. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team. Thank you all!

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		
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'.	**Thursday Dec 10th -** Christmas Cookie delivery. Order info coming soon so stay tuned.

Wildlife Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who Purchased an icy pole last week. We managed to raise $140 that has all gone to the WA Wildlife Hospital.

Parents Night Out

Ticket sales have now closed, and we look forward to a fun night out. Should you have bought tickets and have a dietary requirement please email us ASAP at bppsevents@gmail.com

Christmas Movie Night

🎄 🍿 Tickets on sale now via Spriggy 🎬 ✨
Although you can buy tickets on the night we would appreciate online orders to help with catering numbers.

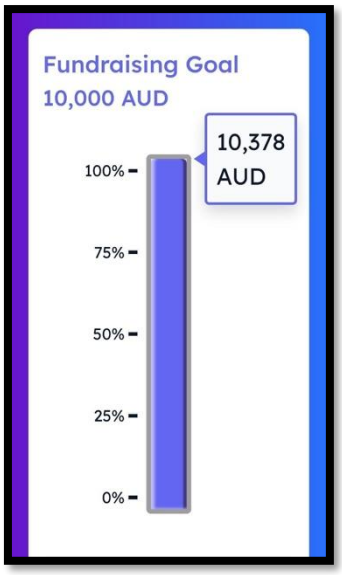


Christmas Cookies

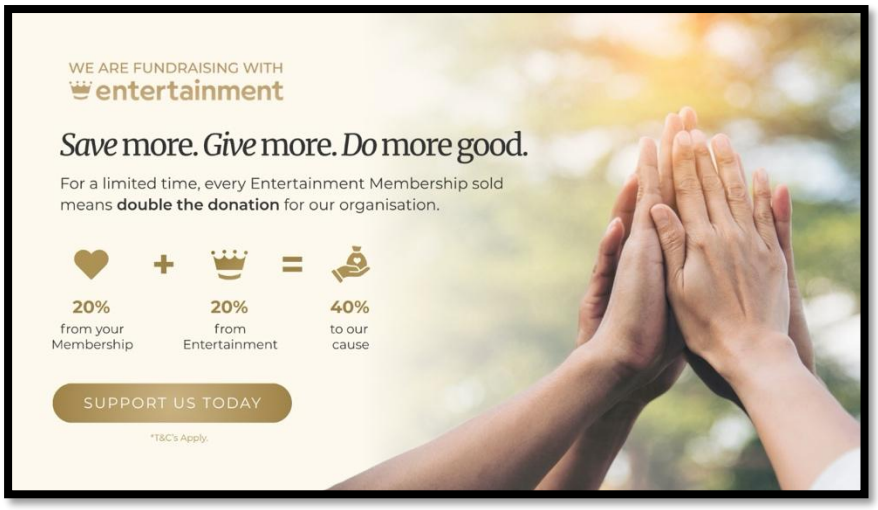
Christmas cookies are coming up again. More details will be shared soon including pics. We are aiming for delivery to classrooms December 10th. Stay tuned for more info.

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!**

16 November – 22 November
14 December – 27 December
Scan the QR code or use the link to purchase:
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