

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 20 **Term 4 Week 7** **25 November 2026**

Planner - Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	November 23	November 24	November 25 Kindy 2027 Orientation Day Newsletter	November 26 Thankyou Big Breakfast	November 27
8	November 30	December 1	December 2 Kindy Orientation Play session Music Showcase	December 3	December 4
9	December 7	December 8	December 9 Awards Assembly- Class Awards Assembly Newsletter	December 10	December 11 Free Dress Day

Principal's Message

As we move through Week 7, it is hard to believe how quickly the end of the school year is approaching! With end-of-year events, celebrations, assessments, reports and preparations for 2027 well underway, it is certainly a busy time for our students, staff and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing staff we have at Banksia Park Primary School. So much of what happens in a school takes place behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed. From organising events, planning lessons, writing reports and supporting students to maintaining our gardens, cleaning classrooms and managing our office, every staff member plays an important role in keeping our school running.

I am continually impressed by the dedication, care and willingness of our staff to go above and beyond to provide the best possible experiences and opportunities for our students.

I also recognise how busy this time of year is for our families, juggling school commitments, work, family responsibilities and the approaching festive season. Thank you for your continued support, patience and involvement in school life.

As we head towards the final weeks of 2026, I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate those who contribute to our school community. It really does take a team, and we are fortunate to have such a fantastic one here at Banksia Park.

Thankyou Big Breakfast

Our Thank You Big Breakfast is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many ways our families contribute to Banksia Park Primary School. Whether it is volunteering, supporting school events, assisting with fundraising, contributing to our P&C and School Board or supporting your child's learning, we appreciate your time, effort and ongoing commitment to our school community. This is our way of saying THANK YOU!
Join us tomorrow morning, Thursday 26 November, from 8:00am to 8:30am in the Performing Arts Centre, followed by our school assembly. Come along and enjoy a sausage in bread, yoghurt and

fruit, banana bread, tea and coffee. A special thank you to Stephen Pratt MLA and OSHClub for their generous donations, which have made this breakfast possible. We look forward to sharing breakfast with you!

Class Structures for 2027

Class structures at Banksia Park Primary School are carefully planned through collaboration between teachers and the leadership team. A range of factors are considered, including individual student learning and social needs, peer relationships, gender balance, enrolment numbers and staffing allocations. As a smaller school, our enrolment numbers do not always allow for single year-level classes, making composite classes a natural part of our school structure. Composite classes provide opportunities for students to develop independence, build relationships across year levels and learn alongside peers with a range of abilities and experiences. We are fortunate to have experienced and dedicated teachers who work collaboratively, share expertise and are supported by the leadership team. Regardless of the class structure, our focus remains on delivering high-quality teaching, meeting the curriculum requirements of each year level and providing a supportive learning environment that caters for the individual needs of every student.

IMSS Music Showcase

Our instrumental music students at Banksia Park will be performing at a special assembly next week on Wednesday 2 December at 8:50am. The showcase will feature students from our IMSS program, including brass, flute, clarinet and guitar, along with our piano and percussion students. Our school choir will also be performing and we will share some of our whole-school songs. We look forward to welcoming our families to celebrate the musical talents and achievements of our students.



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News from the Art Room

Congratulations to our junior students in year 2/3 classes. Our young and very talented artists have been learning the art of landscapes. Students coloured their way through the scene “without drawing first”. A challenge for the most experience artist. Results were stunning as you can see in these examples.







News from the Japanese Room

Recently we were very pleased to present Year 5 student Charlie Rendell with his black belt in Hiragana Reading. To earn this, he demonstrated that he could read all hiragana characters independently. Well done, Charlie. Having completed the requirements for the Hiragana Reading belts, he will next embark on the Hiragana Writing belt scheme.

Heald Sensei



Ms Cullen's Music Matters







Science Corner

The year 6 biology experiment is almost wrapping up. They have grown clover seeds in vials of perlite, a lightweight volcanic glass commonly used in plant growth experiments. Half of the seeds were germinated aboard the International Space Station, while the other half were germinated here on Earth. Countdown is on for us to remove the stems to measure and compare the growth.







Sport Update

In Phys Ed this term, students begin lessons with skipping activities and are showing excellent progress in developing coordination and teamwork skills. Almost all Year 1 students can now successfully skip with partners turning the rope, while Year 2 and 3 students have extended their skills by running into a moving rope. The main focus of the term was on off-ball movement and passing through modified games of netball, basketball and handball. Students are now transitioning into striking and racquet skills, with a focus on badminton, where they are developing control, accuracy and game awareness.

School Chaplin's Chat



Gelato Club, 2026

At Gelato Club, the Year 1 students had to work together with their team to construct either a house or a vehicle. Students took it in turns to add a certain number of blocks (using a dice) to their creation. Working together in this way was a little challenging at times, especially if someone had specific ideas about the design.









We also discussed some things that we were grateful for. Taking time to remember the good things in our day helps us live more mindfully. We build positive emotions, strengthen relationships and become more optimistic.

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FRIENDSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE

Thank You Community Breakfast

We warmly invite our school community to join us for a special morning of thanks!

Thursday, 26 November 2026

8.00am – 8.30am breakfast in the PAC

8.30am brief assembly and PowerPoint showcasing improvements and events from 2026



A big thank you to our families, carers and community for your ongoing support.

We look forward to seeing you!

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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).

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!

Banksia Primary P&C Fundraising

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.

It's been so lovely to see the students enjoying all the new ground markings. We hope you all enjoy seeing a brighter, more colourful, Banksia Park Primary School.

Fundraising notices

Parents Night Out	Christmas Cookies
Thanks to everyone who attended the	Unfortunately, due to time constraints of

Parents Sundowner at Coast. Even with the poor weather, a great night was had by all! Congratulations to the winners of our door prizes. We hope you enjoy your vouchers!	our parent volunteers, we have had to cancel this year's Christmas Cookie fundraiser. We know this was a popular end of year event and we apologise for any disappointment.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

🎄 🍿 Christmas Movie Night 🎬 ✨

Friday 4th December

Tickets on sale now via Spriggy

Although you can buy tickets on the night we would appreciate online orders to help with catering numbers.

🎟️ End of Term Raffles 🎟️

Drawn 1st and 8th of December

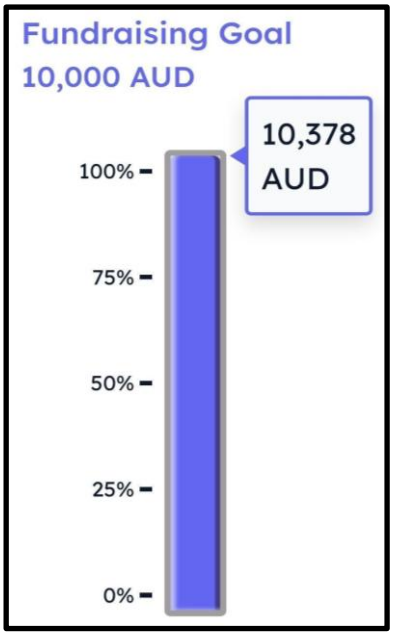
Our end-of-term P&C raffle is back, with five fantastic prize packs up for grabs! From family adventures and kids' activities to a beautiful gardening hamper, there's something for everyone.

A huge thank you to all the businesses who have generously donated prizes. Your support is greatly appreciated! 💛

Tickets are available now via Spriggy, so get in quick for your chance to win!

Fundraising Goal Tracker

Thank you to everyone for your support in our fundraising efforts this year. We have smashed our target! Let's see how much more we can raise with our final few events.




BANKSIA PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
Christmas
Movie Night
Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a Christmas movie on the school Oval.
NOW SCREENING: ELF
Friday 4th December 2026
Food sales start 6:30pm
Movie starts 7:30pm
Sausage sizzle, popcorn, fairy floss and drinks all available to purchase on the night.
Tickets available to purchase now, through Spriggy.
Only $20 per family.

END OF YEAR RAFFLES

1. PARKOUR PACK

Ages 6-14

- 1 term of free parkour classes at The Wilding Project (that's 10 free classes!), valued at $277
- $10 voucher for Patisserie BLEU
- Free bowling at Strike
- 2 for 1 Activities at FunLab
- 2 x $5 credit for Archie Brothers

2. GYMNASTICS PACK

Ages 6-14

- 1 term of free classes at Olympic Fun and Fitness (that's 10 free classes!), valued at $277
- $10 voucher for Patisserie BLEU
- Free bowling at Strike
- 2 for 1 Activities at FunLab
- 2 x $5 credit for Archie Brothers

3. FAMILY FUN PACK

- Fox in a Box Escape Room voucher for 4, valued at $208
- Family Pass to Cohunu Koala Park
- Virtual Challenge Party from AmazingCo
- $10 voucher for Patisserie BLEU
- 2 x Free bowling at Strike
- 2 for 1 Activities at FunLab
- 2 x $5 credit for Archie Brothers

4. GOLF PACK

- Round of golf for 4 people at Melville Glades Golf Club
- 1hr of sim hire for up to 4 people at Big Swing
- $10 voucher for Patisserie BLEU
- Free bowling at Strike
- 2 for 1 Activities at FunLab
- 2 x $5 credit for Archie Brothers

5. ZANTHORREA PACK

- $20 voucher to Zanthorrea Nursery
- Sherpa lined lounge socks
- Native themed mug
- 6 placemats and coasters
- Makeup bag
- Tea towel
- Hand cream duo

this hamper was donated and packed by Zanthorrea nursery

PRIZES 1-3 DRAWN 1 DEC | TICKETS CLOSE 10PM 30 NOV
PRIZES 4-5 DRAWN 8 DEC | TICKETS CLOSE 10PM 7 NOV
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Fundraising with Entertainment Membership



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